

NARRATIVE REPORTING

RRF 09/2016 Hurricane Otto

Country: Costa Rica, Central America.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

List RRF title and number:	RRF 09/2016 Hurricane Otto
Period that is being reported:	November 27 th 2016 to March 27 th 2017
State report status (interim or final):	Final Report
Financial figures:	Appeal Target: US \$100 000.00 Total Income US \$100 000.00

II. OPERATIONAL CONTEXT (maximum half page)

Hurricane Otto, category 2 (in the Saffir-Simpson Scale), hit Costa Rica on November 24th, leaving 9 people dead, more than 50 000 people have lost houses, livelihoods, and the crops, some of them migrants from Nicaragua and more than 5 500 people evacuated. The heavy rains caused rivers overflow, widespread floods and landslides, destruction of agricultural crops, houses, bridges and basic services facilities like electricity, communication and drinking water.

A total of 11 853 people were evacuated, they were damages reports on rural flooding, overflowing of rivers, streams and creeks, as well as landslides.

Relevant national agencies from the government take care of conducting evacuations in vulnerable areas as well as the rehabilitation of primary and secondary roads. This RRF attended families who don't get help from public institutions, due to the big scale of victims and the focus of government activities in areas where people lost their houses.



III. EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

Project structure	Indicators	Means of Verification (MoV)	Assumptions
<p>Goal To alleviate the suffering of people affected by hurricane Otto providing humanitarian assistance in the communities of Upala¹, Delta and Sixaola, of the province of Alajuela, Heredia and Limón, respectively.</p>			The RRF is fully funded and the budget is timely transferred.
<p>Outcome 1. Food Security To provide basic food kits for 285 isolated households.</p>	670 food packages have been distributed to 335 households, a ration per household, twice in a period of 4 months.	<p>Distribution list</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation report.</p> <p>Interview with beneficiaries.</p> <p>Photographic records of deliveries.</p> <p>SITREPS</p>	<p>The effects of the hurricane were managed</p> <p>Good coordination with local authorities</p> <p>Sufficient availability of food on the market</p> <p>Food Prices are stable, the raise of the dollar didn't affect the budget.</p>
<p>Outcome 2. Sanitation & Hygiene Kits To promote hygiene with hygiene kits and sanitation activities to 285 households.</p>	670 basic hygiene kits have been distributed to 335 households, a ration per household, twice in a period of 4 months	<p>Distribution list</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation report.</p> <p>Interview with beneficiaries.</p> <p>Photographic records of deliveries.</p> <p>SITREPS</p>	<p>The effects of the hurricane were managed.</p> <p>Good coordination with local authorities.</p> <p>Sufficient availability of hygiene items on the market.</p> <p>Hygiene items Prices are stable; the raise of the dollar didn't affect the budget.</p>

IV. TOTAL ACT RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY – **COMPILED BY FORUM (maximum 1 page)**

¹ The ACT Alliance Regional Office for Latin America, in El Salvador, authorized the requests of change of one of the communities. See attached document 1.



Total population served.

In the RRF was able to reach in the areas of Food security and Sanitation & Hygiene Kits a total of 335 households, of 285 households targeted.

Community	Families targeted in RRF	Families attended in RRF
Upala	143	151
Delta	71	76
Sixaola	71	108
Total	285	335

Food security

In this area of humanitarian aid, a total of 335 families got benefit, improving the food security of the most vulnerable families affected by the flood, caused by the Hurricane. These households secured the daily food needs of three times a day for a period of four months, allowing them to overcome the most critical months of the year.

Table: Food Security.

Community	Families targeted in RRF		Families attended in RRF	
	Families	Food Security	Families	Food Security
		Food Kits		Food Kits
Upala	143	143	151	151
Delta	71	71	76	76
Sixaola	71	71	108	108
TOTAL	285	285	335	335



Sanitation & Hygiene Kits

In this area, a total of 335 families were benefit with the Hygiene Kits, containing: toilet paper, chlorine, wet towels, antiseptic gel, bandages, toothbrushes, toothpaste and alcohol, sanitary towels, soap and shampoo. This aid help the families with this first hand items, and save money to use in other necessities.

Table: Sanitation & Hygiene Kits

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	Families	Sanitation & Hygiene Kits	Families	Sanitation & Hygiene Kits
Upala	143	143	151	151
Delta	71	71	76	76
Sixaola	71	71	108	108
TOTAL	285	285	335	335



Forum ACT Alliance Coordination

With the implementation of the RRF, the Forum ACT Alliance Costa Rica was reactivated, after more than 2 years of being inactive. During the implementation of the EDAN, the members of the Forum, together with strategic partners in the affected areas, was able to do an adequate identification of the population with the greatest need and who were benefited by this RRF.

As for the monitoring, which was carried out during the execution of the kits delivery, community leaders, police, community government associations and strategic members of the Forum members were present.

The Forum decided to make purchases of the kits in the local markets, in order to boost the local economy, under conditions of very competitive prices. The Forum decided to make the negotiations with national owners, instead of buying in foreign stores.

Visibility of the activities

Photographs were taken from the deliveries of emergency kits in the beneficiary communities. In the same way, several life histories were made on what humanitarian aid means for beneficiaries.

ILCO, as a full member of the forum, will make a publication on its website on the work done in the RRF with the selected communities.

V. LESSONS LEARNED

The actions coordinated by the Forum strengthened its reactivation, after a period of lethargy. The members of the Forum and the sponsored organizations acted jointly against the effects of Hurricane Otto. This strengthened the capacity for coordination with actors in each community to respond to affected families.

The purchase of the kits was done by negotiating with local businesses, achieving lower prices and thus benefiting more families.

The implementation of the RRF also made it possible to initiate trainings on the issue of improving emergency response, as well as the need for an annual operational plan for the future work of the Forum during 2017.

The formulation of the budget was effective, with the understanding that the funds were efficiently executed, including three meetings of the ACT Alliance Forum with presence of support staff from outside the country (Jesús Rodríguez from LWF in El Salvador and Carlos Cárdenas from PDA in Nicaragua.)



APPENDIX 1: Financial report.

