

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

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.

	Families targeted in RRF		Families attended in RRF	
Community	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

	Families targeted in RRF		Families attended in RRF	
Community	Families	Sanitation & Hygiene Kits	Families	Sanitation & Hygiene Kits
		Sanitation & Hygiene Kits		Sanitation & Hygiene Kits
Upala	143	143	151	151
Delta	71	71	76	76
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Forum ACT Alliance Coordination

Con la ejecución del RRF, el Forum ACT Alliance Costa Rica fue reactivado, luego de más de 2 años de permanecer inactivo. Durante la realización del EDAN, los miembros del Foro en conjunto con socios estratégicos en las zonas afectadas, posibilitó una adecuada identificación de la población con mayor necesidad y que fueron beneficiadas con este RRF.

En cuanto al monitoreo, que se llevó a cabo durante la ejecución de las actividades de entrega de kits, se contó con la presencia de líderes comunales, Policía, Asociaciones de Desarrollo Integral (community government), y socios estratégicos de los miembros del Foro.

El Foro decidió realizar las compras de los insumos para los kits en los mercados locales, con la finalidad de dinamizar la economía local. Lo anterior además bajo condiciones de precios muy competitivos.

Visibility of the activities

Se tomaron fotografías de las entregas de los kits de emergencia en las comunidades beneficiadas. De igual manera, se realizaron varias historias de vida sobre lo que significa la ayuda humanitaria para las personas beneficiarias.

La ILCO como miembro pleno del foro, realizará una publicación en su página web sobre el trabajo realizado en el RRF con las comunidades seleccionadas.

V. LESSONS LEARNED

Las acciones coordinadas por el Foro potenció su reactivación, luego de un periodo de letargo. Los miembros del Foro y las organizaciones auspiciadas actuaron conjuntamente ante los efectos del Huracán Otto, lo que potenció las capacidades de coordinación con actores de cada comunidad para dar respuesta a las familias ante afectadas

La compra de los kits se realizó negociando con los comercios locales, logrando obtener precios más bajos y de esa manera beneficiar a más familias.

La implementación del RRF también posibilitó que se iniciaran capacitaciones iniciales en el tema de mejoramiento de respuesta a emergencias, así como también la necesidad de la realización de un plan operativo anual para el trabajo futuro del Foro durante 2017.

La realización del presupuesto fue efectiva, en el entendido de que los fondos fueron ejecutados de manera eficiente, incluso posibilitando la realización de tres reuniones del Foro ACT Alliance con presencia de personal de apoyo de fuera del país.

ANEXO 1: Informe financiero.

