

Appeal

Moldova

Relief Assistance to Flood Affected – EUM081 Appeal Target: US\$ 57,810

Geneva, 25 August 2008

Dear Colleagues,

From 23-27 July 2008, torrential rains lashed Central and Eastern Europe¹, including the most impoverished areas of Moldova (officially the Republic of Moldova, a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, located between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east and south). There was heavy damage to crops, the principal source of income for the local population. The floods destroyed bridges, roads, transmission lines and other communications, and have affected the most impoverished areas of Moldova.

As a result of the rains, 46 villages were flooded, and 836 houses and 10,500 ha of agricultural land are now covered with water. One third of the wine harvest of the Republic has been destroyed. About 8,000 people were left without a roof over their heads, and some 5,700 people were evacuated by authorities from the flooded areas to temporary shelters in schools, hostels and tent camps.

An ACT Alert was issued on “Heavy Flooding in Moldova” on 8 August 2008 (number 30/2008). The Alert noted that **ACT member, the Russian Orthodox Church (RoC)**, had already begun distributing relief to the most vulnerable of the affected people. Church parishes and organizations in Moldova have started raising donations and supplying food and clothes to those in need. The Russia Round Table (RRT), a special institution of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, dealing with emergencies on behalf of the RoC, plans to provide emergency aid (food, drinking water and sanitary and household packages) to flood victims through its church partners in the region.

The project will be implemented by ROC/RRT with participation and support of the church parishes and organizations in the region. Their participation in the project implementation will also support networks of the local diaconical and emergency initiatives of parishes and will contribute to their capacity building. While preparing this project proposal, ROC/RRT used verified information provided by local social security bodies, local authorities and Moldova Orthodox Church (MOC) parishes. MOC is an autonomous part of ROC.

This Appeal requests US\$ 57,810.46. The goal is to diminish the suffering and offer some hope to the victims of flood in Moldova by providing emergency assistance and developing the capacity of local parishes which are dealing with the flood response. The project’s main objective is to alleviate the need for food, water, hygiene and household items among victims of the flood (910 of the most needy flood victims).

ACT is a global alliance of churches and related agencies working to save lives and support communities in emergencies worldwide.

The ACT Coordinating Office is based with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Switzerland.

¹ Separate Alerts were issued for Ukraine, Romania and Moldova. An RRF was issued on 5 August for Romania, for the amount of US\$ 58,725. An Appeal is under preparation for Ukraine and will be issued shortly.

Project Completion Date:**Reporting schedule:**

RoC Reports due ACT CO	Interim narrative & financial	Final narrative & financial	Audit
Interim narrative & financial	N/A	31 December 2008	31 January 2009

Summary of Appeal Targets, Pledges/Contributions Received and Balance Requested

	US\$
Appeal Target	57,810
Less: Pledges/Contr Recd	<u>0</u>
Balance Requested from ACT Alliance	57,810

Signed by:

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I. REQUESTING ACT MEMBER INFORMATION

- ▲ The Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) and
- ▲ the Russia Round Table (RRT)

The Russian Orthodox Church is an ACT member, implementing emergency projects, using its qualified and experienced staff and infrastructure. The ROC is supported by its dioceses, parishes and church organizations in various parts of the world. In the last 17 years the Russian Orthodox Church has been actively restoring and developing its diaconal service, carried out by numerous parish-based groups and NGOs, monasteries, brotherhoods and sisterhoods. An important area of its social involvement is assistance to people suffering in emergency situations.

The Russia Round Table is a special institution of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate (DECR), dealing with emergencies on behalf of the ROC. The RRT was established in 1992 and has among its main goals: planning and implementation of various social, diaconal, educational and emergency programs, including programs supported by interchurch partners of ROC.

II. IMPLEMENTING ACT MEMBER AND PARTNER INFORMATION

The project will be implemented by ROC/RRT on the territory of Northern Moldova: Shtefan Vode, Brichensky, Drokievsky, Rykshansky, Resinsky, Oknitsky, Edinetsky, Novo-Anensky and Kriulensky. Moldova, officially the Republic of Moldova, is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, located between Romania to the West and Ukraine to the North, East and South.

Over the past years ROC/RRT has implemented different ACT emergency projects both nationally and internationally:

- ▲ relief aid and rehabilitation projects for flood-affected people in Moldova, Tajikistan and different parts of Russia.
- ▲ support projects for IDPs in Chechnya and North Caucasus (Dagestan, Ingushetia, North Ossetia - Alania, Stavropol Kray).
- ▲ emergency food assistance projects for needy children in different parts of Russia.
- ▲ emergency aid projects for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Serbia.
- ▲ emergency relief projects for the Afghan refugees on the Tajik-Afghan border.
- ▲ emergency and rehabilitation assistance to victims of the hostage crises in Beslan, Republic North Ossetia – Alania, Russia.

Traditionally MOC and ROC/RRT have good and regular working relations on many aspects of church-related social work (diaconia, religious education, HIV/AIDS work, etc.). It is also important to note that ROC/RRT has a direct mandate from the ROC leadership for its activities on the whole canonical territory of the ROC, including Moldova and Ukraine.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY SITUATION

Moldova (as a number of other Central and Eastern European states) is suffering distress caused by the severest floods the country has experienced for more than 100 years. It assailed the region as torrential downpours continued unabated from July 23 - 27. The water in some parts of the River Dniester, the largest in the region, rose 7-10 meters, while the check dams, according to the Ukrainian Emergency Ministry, are designed to withstand five meters at the most. The torrential downpours have caused the rivers, including the Dniester and Prut as well as lakes and water storage reservoirs, to burst their banks. Water has flooded cities and villages, causing tremendous damage to crops, the principal source of income to the local populations. It has destroyed bridges, roads, transmission lines and other communications. The floods have affected the most impoverished areas of Moldova.

As a result of the rains, 46 villages were flooded, and 836 houses and 10,500 ha of agricultural land are covered with water. One third of the wine harvest of the Republic has been destroyed. About 8000 people were left without a roof over their heads, and some 5,700 people were evacuated by authorities from the flooded areas to temporary shelters in schools, hostels and tent camps. Three persons drowned during the floods. The most

affected areas are northern regions of Moldova and Transdneistria. There are no reliable statistics on the extent of damage yet, but the authorities consider it to be in the order of tens of millions of dollars. The Moldova authorities have appealed to the international community for urgent humanitarian aid in coping with the consequences of the floods.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE AREA OF PROPOSED RESPONSE

The people evacuated from the flooded houses have received some help from relatives, neighbors and local communities, but it is not sufficient, as the living standard of the local population is not high and depends to a great extent on agriculture, which suffered catastrophically due to the floods. The local and national authorities are not able to provide the needed assistance to the victims, as Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe. Foreign aid has not been sufficient either. According to the press service of the Moldova government, Lithuania responded to the Moldova Government appeal for help by sending 10 inflatable motorboats, 9 inflatable boats and 150 pair of rubber boots.

The government established a special commission to deal with the consequences of the floods and opened bank accounts to collect donations for the flood-affected population. It is significant that house insurance is not commonly used in Moldova – only about 2 % of what was destroyed has been insured. The regions currently suffer from lack of potable water, food shortage, lack of blankets, bed linens and hygiene items. The Moldova Ministry of Economics and Trade states that the flood-affected population especially need wheat, sugar, oil and other food stuffs that do not rot in a hot climate.

The affected regions first register victims of infectious diseases. To combat Hepatitis A epidemics, the local authorities decided to vaccinate 10,000 persons in the affected regions in North Moldova. The Moldova Ministry of Health purchased 7,000 tons of disinfectants for sanitization of wells and potential sources of infection in the flooded areas.

The parishes and church-related organizations in Moldova addressed the RRT asking for emergency assistance – food aid, hygiene and household items for the 910 most needy victims of the floods. This aid will help them to survive and preserve human dignity. An emergency rapid needs assessment was carried out by Moldova Orthodox Church/MOC. Starting from the first days of the flood, the MOC provided emergency assistance to the flood-affected people (food, water, and clothing) and initiated collection of money for the victims. MOC parishes in the flood region have only modest means. Therefore MOC addressed not only its own parishes in other parts of Moldova, but also other parts of the Russian Orthodox Church (MOC is part of ROC) i.e. ROC/RRT.

In general terms, the reaction of the MOC and of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church to the floods in Moldova and Ukraine was similar – both of them are taking assistance to the flood affected population very seriously. Their respective leadership addressed their own parishes on the territory of their countries to collect assistance and also all-church institutions in Moscow. The data in the ROC/RRT Appeal were received from MOC, that used its own information from the field and data of the local social security bodies and authorities.

V. TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries of the project will be the 910 (see the table below) most needy flood-affected persons, living in small villages and settlements in North Moldova: Shtefan Vode, Brichensky, Drokievsky, Rykshansky, Resinsky, Oknitsky, Edinetsky, Novo-Anensky and Kriulensky. They are currently staying in temporary shelters for flood victims or with their relatives and friends. Their houses are practically destroyed and unsuitable for living in. The affected persons do not have an resources to fall back on or relatives who can help them. They are part of socially vulnerable population (retired elderly people, disabled, one parent families, families with many children or with small children, low income families).

Data collected by local authorities, social security bodies and MOC parishes will be used. The final composition of the beneficiary list will take into account the aid, which by the time of project implementation might be already delivered by other organizations or local authorities, as well as the scale of needs in the flood-affected

communities. So the final list of beneficiaries might be slightly different, depending on the situation of the families at the time of the distribution.

As families vary in size (from one individual only to several children and adults), the number of parcels distributed to each needy family will depend on the number of family members.

<i>Name of sub-project</i>	<i>Number of beneficiaries</i>
Sub-project ? 1	
Providing of individual food and hygiene packages	700
Children`s sanitary items	90
Women`s sanitary items (sanitary towels)	280
Sub-project ? 2	210 persons
Providing of individual household kits	
Total	910 persons

Based on the information received from the parishes, local authorities and social services, below is a preliminary gender/age table of those affected by the floods:

<i>Age</i>	<i>Male (%)</i>	<i>Female (%)</i>
Under 5 years old	48	52
6-17 y.o.	48	52
18-65 y.o.	40	60
Over 65 y.o.	35	65

VI. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & IMPLEMENTATION

Goal: To diminish the suffering and offer some hope to the victims of flood in Moldova by providing emergency assistance - basic life sustaining aid; and to develop the capacity of local parishes which are dealing with the flood response.

Objective: The project`s main objective is to alleviate the need for food, water, hygiene and household items among victims of the flood (910 of the most needy flood victims).

The project will also have the following impact:

- Support the network of the local diaconical and emergency initiatives of parishes.
- Develop the capacities of the parishes to respond to emergencies.
- Support the local economy through the local purchase of food and non-food items.

It is planned to implement this project at the same time with the ROC/RRT project of emergency relief to flood victims in Ukraine. This will minimize the administrative costs (there will be 1 translator for 2 projects, and local and regional staff travel will be lower).

The project will be implemented in conformity with the ACT rules and regulations, Code of Conduct and Sphere standards.

Activities: The affected population lives in small villages that specialize mainly in agriculture – this is their main source of income. The flood destroyed not only this source of income but also the harvest (food) that these people could live from. It was confirmed that that the project is still highly relevant for the affected population, i.e. “food packages” component of the project. If the situation changes (which is unlikely) by the time of the project launch, ROC/RRT will immediately submit to ACT a proposal for necessary project modifications.

The food items and water will be composed of the following items:

Flour	2 kg.
Sugar	1 kg.
Salt	1 kg.
Buckwheat (is a traditional food, consists in dark brown seed from which porridge is made)	1 kg.
Rice	1 kg.
Macaroni	2 kg.
Vegetable oil	1 l.
Caned milk	2 p.
Tea	1 p.
Drinking water	10 l.

The shelters are equipped with kitchens that the persons can use to prepare the food.

The non-food packages will be composed of the following items:

Shampoo	1 p.
Toilet paper	2 rolls
Soap	3 p.
Washing powder	1 p.
Tooth brushes	1 p.
Tooth paste	1 p.

The flood affected persons will also receive:

- ▲ 280 female hygiene sets (2 packs of sanitary pads each)
- ▲ 90 kids hygiene kits for children under 5 (2 packs of diapers).

Items to be purchased and distributed as an individual household kit:

Blanket	1 p.
Towel	2 p.
Mattress	1 p.
Pillow	1 p.
Bed linen	2 sets

Supplies: The lists of items for distribution have been prepared in co-operation with the local authorities, social security bodies and MOC parishes in the region, using ROC/RRT experiences in implementation of relief aid projects for flood-affected people.

Procurement: Purchases will be made locally depending on availability – either in the distribution areas or in the neighboring regions. The purchases will be made after a detailed market assessment and collection of information from several potential suppliers. Quantity and quality of products will be controlled by ROC/RRT.

Distribution and Accounting: ROC/RRT will distribute aid items in places agreed with the local authorities. Project staff in co-operation with the local authorities will carry out the distributions. Beneficiaries will sign special relief reception forms developed by ACT/ROC/RRT. To enhance transparency and open character of distributions, local authorities will verify distribution documentation.

Visibility: Communities, local authorities, the press and public will be informed in advance about the time and place of the distributions. ROC/RRT will hold meetings with beneficiaries to inform them about the plans and tasks of the project. In addition, special information sheets and the ACT logo will be posted at distribution

places to keep the public informed about the work of ACT/ROC/RRT, aims of the distributions and components of the aid distributed.

Implementation Methodology : The project will be implemented by ROC/RRT with participation and support of the church parishes and organizations in the region. This project implementation will support efforts of church parishes and organizations in Moldova, that already have started raising donations and supplying foodstuffs and clothes to those in need. Their participation in the project implementation will also support networks of the local diaconical and emergency initiatives of parishes and will contribute to their capacity building.

While preparing this project proposal, ROC/RRT used verified information provided by local social security bodies, local authorities and Moldova Orthodox Church (MOC) parishes. MOC is an autonomous part of ROC. The experience gained in previous ACT/ROC/RRT relief aid and rehabilitation projects for flood-affected people will be utilized as well. While implementing this project ROC/RRT will work with full support and in cooperation with the MOC and its parishes in the flood zone. MOC does not have enough experience in organizing emergency work in project form. Therefore, ROC/RRT thinks it is necessary to conduct a short training prior to the implementation for the local staff and MOC parishes in the flood zone.

Staff: From the ROC/RRT staff:

- An ROC/RRT emergency expert will direct the project. He will be responsible for providing a short training for all the staff (people hired and volunteers) that will work on the project.
- The ROC/RRT accountant will be responsible for the accounting and preparation of documentation for financial reporting.
- A translator will be responsible for translation of reports and documents for both ROC/RRT flood projects, in Moldova and in Ukraine.

The following persons will be hired: -

- ▲ One logistician and two transport monitors, who will be in charge of technical aspects of the work. In particular, they will assess the situation, organize the purchases (including looking for suppliers and the preparation of tenders), organize the transport and the work of the volunteers, and help to compose the relief packages and organize their distribution. They will cooperate with the local authorities, the social authorities and the local churches.
- ▲ A driver with a car for travel to the project area.

Additionally, the ROC volunteers, parishes and church structures will support project implementation.

All the staff and volunteers will take part in a short training which will include logistics, organizing the implementation, purchase, distribution, as well as ACT policies, standards and principles.

ROC/RRT representatives in the project will receive their salaries (part-time) for 2 months. Their salaries during the month when they will prepare the reports, as well as a part of communication expenses and stationery can be covered from ROC/RRT own means. At the same time the local staff expenses (organizing purchases, transportation and distributions and the related transport costs) are included.

Implementation period: The implementation period of the project is two months. It is planned to finalize the implementation by 31 October 2008, if the funds are transferred by the end of August 2008.

VII. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Finance: ROC/RRT will be responsible for finances and reporting to the ACT CO. An independent auditor licensed by the Russian Federation Finance Ministry, member of the Russian Auditors Union, will audit accounts and financial reports.

Office: ROC/RRT will establish a field office in Oknitsa (Oknitsa region, Moldova) on the base of a church-related organization. This office will coordinate the work. Rooms for staff accommodation will be in placed in the office.

The project will use the ROC/RRT office equipment. It is also planned to purchase one photo camera, one laptop, one printer and two mobile phones for the field office.

VIII. MONITORING, REPORTING & EVALUATIONS

Monitoring: ROC/RRT will carry out monitoring of the project. An expert from ROC/RRT will be present in the project area and direct the project. The ROC/RRT accountant will be responsible for accounting and reporting documentation.

Reporting: ROC/RRT Moscow Headquarters will be responsible for reporting to the ??? CO. Two weeks after the project finalization, the final reports will be prepared (narrative and financial). They will undergo an internal audit in the ROC/RRT and independent external audit and will be submitted to ACT within two months after project accomplishment, before 31.12.2008.

Evaluation: At the close of the project an evaluation meeting will be held at the ACT/ROC/RRT field office. ROC/RRT representatives, project staff, local authorities and social institutions, church parishes and organizations in Moldova will participate. The meeting will provide analysis of the project implementation and discuss future rehabilitation plans.

IX. COORDINATION

The project implementation will be coordinated with the local authorities, social security bodies and other governmental institutions, that are responsible for evacuation of the flood victims and emergency relief, as well as with NGOs to avoid any kind of duplication of efforts.

X. BUDGET

Description	Type of unit	Number of units	Unit Cost MDL	Budget MDL	Total in USD
I. DIRECT ASSISTANCE					
Food packages	package	700			
Flour	kg	1400	6.30	8,820.00	919
Sugar	kg	700	9.40	6,580.00	685
Salt	kg	700	5.30	3,710.00	386
Buckwheat	kg	700	14.60	10,220.00	1,065
Rice	kg	700	17.90	12,530.00	1,305
Macaroni	kg	1400	10.20	14,280.00	1,488
Vegetable oil	liter	700	22.90	16,030.00	1,670
Caned milk	pack	1400	11.50	16,100.00	1,677
Tea	pack	700	12.10	8,470.00	882
Drinking water	liter	7000	1.57	10,990.00	1,145
Subtotal food packages					11,222
Non food items					
Hygiene kits	kits	700			
Shampoo	bottle	700	17.70	12,390.00	1,291
Toilet paper	rolls	1400	2.00	2,800.00	292
Soap	bar	2100	4.10	8,610.00	897
Washing powder	pack	700	31.20	21,840.00	2,275
Tooth brush	unit	700	22.80	15,960.00	1,663
Tooth paste	unit	700	26.90	18,830.00	1,961
Sanitary items					
Kids sanitary items (diapers)	pack	180	225.00	40,500.00	4,219
Womens` sanitary items (sanitary pads)	pack	560	19.20	10,752.00	1,120

Household kits	kit	210			
Blanket	unit	210	180.00	37,800.00	3,938
Towel	unit	420	29.00	12,180.00	1,269
Mattress	unit	210	145.00	30,450.00	3,172
Pillow	unit	210	38.00	7,980.00	831
Bed linen	set	420	130.00	54,600.00	5,688
Subtotal non food items					28,614
Direct Project Related Costs					
Logistics (1 pers.)	month	2	5,280.00	10,560.00	1,100
Transport monitors (2 pers.)	month	2	6,720.00	13,440.00	1,400
Driver with a car	month	2	6,720.00	13,440.00	1,400
Subtotal direct project related costs					3,900
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE					43,736
II. TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING, LOADING					
Transport food (to warehouse & to distrib. points)	lumpsum	1	24,000.00	24,000.00	2,500
TOTAL TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING, HANDLING				0.00	2,500
				0.00	
III. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT				0.00	
Photo camera	Camera	1	5,280.00	5,280.00	550
Mobile telefon	Mobile	2	1,440.00	2,880.00	300
Printer	Printer	1	1,920.00	1,920.00	200
Laptop	Laptop	1	8,640.00	8,640.00	900
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS					1,950
IV. PERSONNEL, ADMIN, OPS					
<i>Staff salaries</i>					
Director of programm (part time)	month	2	5,760.00	11,520.00	1,200
Translator (part time)	month	2	5,760.00	11,520.00	1,200
Book-keeping (part time)	month	2	2,400.00	4,800.00	500
<i>Staff travel</i>					
Local®ional travel	month	2	2,640.00	5,280.00	550
<i>Office Operational costs</i>					
Field office rental & utilities	month	2	4,800.00	9,600.00	1,000
Stationary & supplies	month	2	1,500.00	3,000.00	313
<i>Communication</i>					
Tel, fax, internet, mobile telephones	month	2	4,000.00	8,000.00	833
TOTAL PERSONNEL & OPS					5,596
AUDIT	<i>lumpsum</i>				400
BANK FEES	<i>lumpsum</i>				579
MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT	<i>lumpsum</i>				2,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE					56,760
Exchange rate: 1 USD = 9,6 MDL (local currency)					
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