

Rapid Response Payment Request No. 01/2011

Funds Sent To: Lutheran World Federation

Amount Sent: US\$ 49,572

Date: 18 February 2011

Details of Response

Emergency: Cambodia/Thai border conflict – displaced people

Date of Emergency: 4 February 2011

Implementing Member(s): Lutheran World Federation, Department of World Service (LWF/DWS) associate member Life with Dignity, Cambodia

DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY:

The armed clashes between the Cambodian and Thai military started on 4 February and continued until 7 February. Artillery and heavy weapons were used by both sides killing soldiers, civilians and damaging the Preah Vihear temple (a world heritage site). Four Cambodian soldiers, one police officer and two civilians were killed while 30 people were injured, according to Cambodia Daily Newspaper dated 12-13 February, 2011. The situation remains tense and there is no solution so far. The UN Security Council has called on both sides to display maximum restraint and requested the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to mediate a peaceful solution. The ASEAN will meet on 22 February 2011. However, the clashes so far have forced many civilians, mainly rural villagers, including women and children to flee their homes and seek refuge.

The assessment team led by the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) joined by civil society groups (CARITAS, OXFAM, World Vision, Save the Children and LWD) carried out a needs assessment on 9 – 10 February and the summarised results are as follows:

- About 2,664 families (10,508 people - 40% women and 40% children) living in and near the conflict areas have fled their homes. Among them are 1,730 school-age children who have since been unable to attend school. They had settled in temporary safe shelters in six different locations within Choam Ksan (Choam Ksan pagoda and Thmor Thum military base) and Koulén districts (Tekoeung School, Thnol Bek pagoda, Thmey School and Takeoung military base). About 90% have settled in shelters equipped with tents, 7% in school rooms and 3% in pagoda rooms. About five families (25 people) had settled in a tent shelter with dimensions of 4m x 6m.
- Access to safe drinking water remains a challenge. People have access to water from wells, ponds, rivers and streams provided by CARITAS and OXFAM. However, the water is consumed without boiling it first. Consequently, there are frequent cases of diarrhoea and fever, particularly in children who are more vulnerable to the bacterial diseases in the unclean water.
- There are no latrines and no provisions for solid waste management, which poses a significant challenge concerning sanitation and possible spread of disease.

- o While the staple food item (rice) has been distributed by CARITAS, Cambodian Red Cross and government authorities, nutritious food items such as oils or proteins have not been provided.

ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS:

Emergency response taken

- CARITAS provided 1,000 tents, 2,000 kits (blanket, mat and mosquito net) and bags of rice (25kg) to 2,000 families. CARITAS has also provided six large water tanks with a capacity of 600 litres and transported water from rivers, ponds and streams to fill these tanks. One electricity generator was also provided.
- OXFAM has provided 789 water tanks with an 80-litre capacity and 820 water tanks with 16 litres capacity.
- The Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) and Government authorities have provided 4,000 25kg bags of rice to affected families.
- On 10 February 2011 LWD, on behalf of the ACT forum in Cambodia, distributed 15,000 tins of canned fish to 1,500 families (10 tins per family) and 80 small water tanks of 30 liters¹. The government authorities, in consultation with civil society, have relocated all people from four camps in Koulen district to one big camp located in Takoeung military base that they can manage the camp and its displaced people more effectively and efficiently. About 1,500 families have moved to the large camp and have been there already for a couple of weeks according to NCDM.
- The local authorities have provided security for the camps by drafting in 200 police.
- NCDM and the Provincial Committee for Disaster Management have offered two electricity generators.
- World Vision has provided 40 latrines and 2,000 kitchen kits and sanitation materials.
- The Provincial Department of Rural Development has offered 10 latrines to improve sanitation in the camps.
- The Ministry of Health has constructed mobile health posts and provided medicine to treat the sick.

Unaddressed Emergency Needs

- According to NCDM, the rice offered by CARITAS, CRC and the government should be sufficient for 15 to 20 days. However, in most cases only rice is being provided, leaving a challenge regarding nutritious food for children and pregnant and lactating women.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- To provide nutritious supplementary food items (especially protein, oils) to children, pregnant and lactating women.

OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

TARGET POPULATIONS

Approximately 7,500 displaced people (40% women and 40% children) in Takeoung military base, Koulen district, Preah Vihea province.

Criteria for assistance: families with many members, pregnant women, children and the elderly. A list of registered displaced people will be consulted.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE

¹ LWD has pre-financed internally to buy canned fish and 80 small water tanks of 30 litre capacity.

Activities

LWF, through its local implementing partner LWD, will buy supplementary food such as canned fish, vegetables and oil so that affected people can access nutritious food. Vegetables (2 kgs of pumpkin, 3 kgs of dried radishes, 2 kgs of cabbage, 2 kgs of onion, and 2 kgs of pattypan); canned fish, cooking oil and sauces (40 tins of canned fish, 2kgs of cooking oil, 4 bottles of soy and salty sauces, and 1 kg of dried salty fish), sufficient for a period of two weeks.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

LWD will be the implementing partner of LWF, who will coordinate with ACT members DanChurchAid (DCA) and/or Church World Service (CWS) as Cambodia ACT forum members to set up a procurement committee to buy supplementary nutritious food items as mentioned above in the capital Phnom Penh and transport them to the IDP camps located in Takeoung military base, Kolen district, Preah Vihear province. LWD will work together with NCDM and civil society groups to distribute food items to the affected population.

COORDINATION

LWF/LWD in consultation with DCA and CWS, members of the ACT forum, will coordinate with civil society groups active in the camps, as well as the NCDM and local authorities to implement the emergency response.

COMMUNICATIONS

An LWF/LWD communication coordinator will join the team during the response period to capture human interest stories to facilitate LWD/Cambodia ACT Forum visibility in the local and international media.

PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The RRF will be used to provide supplementary nutritious food for a period of one month.

BUDGET

Description	Type of Unit	No of Units US\$	Unit Cost US\$	Budget US\$
Vegetable and fruit				
Pumpkin	Kg	3,000	0.38	1,125
Dried Radishes	Kg	4,500	0.88	3,938
Cabbages	Kg	3,000	0.63	1,875
Onion	Kg	3,000	0.75	2,250
Pattypan	Kg	3,000	0.25	750
		16,500		9,938
Canned and cooking species				
Canned Fish	Can	60,000	0.27	16,200
Cooking Oil	Bottle	1,500	3.17	4,755
Salty fish	Kg	1,500	5.00	7,500
Soy Sauce and Salty sauce	Bottle	6,000	0.45	2,700
				31,155
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE				41,093

Activities Related support cost				
Transportation				
Truck hire charges	Truck	6	500.00	3,000
Mileage charges	Vehicle	1,484	0.25	371
Large plastic bags for packaging of household ration	Bags	1,500	2.70	4,050
Loading and unloading charges	Person	10	20.00	200
				7,621
Project Coordination & Administration Cost				
Accommodation and lodging 6 staff with 4 nights	Room/night	24	20.00	480
Daily supplementary allowance staff and volunteers	5 days	6	63.00	378
				858
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				49,572
	1,500			

ACTION

The ACT Secretariat has approved the use of **US\$ 49,572** towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to totally or partially replenish this payment.

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