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Concurrent emergencies in Europe

Albania, Georgia, Turkey

Update for Caritas Europa and wider Confederation members

Update II

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During last week the region of Europe was hit by several small and medium scale emergencies which happened concurrently in Albania, Georgia, and Turkey. With this information Caritas Europa would like to update both European and wider Confederation members on how the European region is responding to / supporting the further development of the response to these emergencies.

More information on these emergencies can be found by accessing the following website: www.reliefweb.org

Caritas Europa in agreement with Caritas Internationalis is coordinating the emergency response and appointed Caritas Germany as being the focal point organisation which maintains direct contact with all the Caritas Members in the affected countries.

For Caritas Europa members:

Caritas Europa members are kindly requested to follow the advice and instructions provided under each section.

For the wider Confederation members:

For the wider network this update is simply for the purpose of information sharing as the events have received considerable media coverage. At this stage Caritas Europa is not asking to mobilise wider Confederation support for its affected members as it is assumed that any response program can be financially covered by members of the region of Caritas Europa.

Albania

Caritas Albania developed a proposal for the first phase focusing on 150 families (750 people) which are left without food, medicines, tents, clothes, furniture, bed linen or other necessities of personal hygiene. The total amount of this proposal is 25.000 EUR which was covered by Caritas Germany (DCV).

Caritas Albania would like to extend these activities to more families and is starting to prepare a second appeal for the relief phase which would absorb another 20-25.000 EUR.

Thomas Hackl, Emergency Coordinator of Caritas Romania, is going to visit Albania between 16th and 20th September and will assist Caritas Albania to also elaborate a proposal for reconstruction.

In order to give Caritas Albania security whether or not they shall go in this direction and to allow appeals to be based on realistic funding levels, **member organisations in Europe are kindly requested to indicate their funding possibilities and concrete amounts** for any of these activities outlined to CE, DCV, and Caritas Albania. This should be done as soon as possible but **no later than 18th September**.

Caritas Albania is kindly requested to let Caritas Europa and Caritas Germany know with whom they are in contact with and from whom they receive offers for assistance.

Any forthcoming appeal shall be sent first to Caritas Germany and will be then communicated via Caritas Europa to all its members in due course.

Georgia

Caritas Georgia has distributed 100 tents and 200 sleeping bags to the people affected in Oni district (Racha region) and Sachkhere district (Imereti region) on Saturday, 12th August. The Government asked for another 200 tents and sleeping bags. Caritas Poland is ready to cover these costs.

Currently, Caritas Georgia is investigating possibilities for setting up an appeal for a rehabilitation phase shall there be sufficient funding available in the network. Potential activities under consideration are two kindergartens: one in Sachkhere and another one in Oni. An engineer visited the region of Sachkhere on Tuesday, 15th September in order to assess the damages.

In order to give Caritas Georgia security whether or not they shall go in this direction and to allow an appeal to be based on realistic funding levels, **member organisations in Europe are kindly requested to indicate their funding possibilities and concrete amounts to CE, DCV, and Caritas Georgia**. This should be done as soon as possible but **no later than 21nd September**.

Caritas Germany would potentially co-finance an appeal around rehabilitation activities with an amount between 25-50.000 EUR under the condition that the

project is meeting the required standards and criteria for funding and that a substantial amount is reached by contributions from the network members.

Caritas Georgia is kindly requested to let Caritas Europa and Caritas Germany know with whom they are in contact with and from whom they receive offers for assistance.

Any forthcoming appeal shall be sent first to Caritas Germany and will be then communicated via Caritas Europa to all its members in due course.

Turkey

Caritas Turkey and another partner organisation of Caritas Germany (DCV), and DCV consultant Karl Ammann, were conducting yesterday a fact finding mission in the most heavily flood affected site of Silivri.

Currently Caritas Turkey is looking at the issue whether it is possible for them to join forces with this partner organisation of DCV for developing a joint proposal with joint implementation of the activities in the area of household items distribution.

A potential forthcoming appeal would be in the range of 50.000 EUR. DCV would be willing to cover between 20-25000 EUR, and is looking for other network members to cover the rest. **CE members are called to indicate their interest to such an approach with concrete figures for funding to CE and DCV no later than 21nd September.**

Caritas Turkey is kindly requested to let Caritas Europa and Caritas Germany know with whom they are in contact with and from whom they receive offers for assistance.

Any forthcoming appeal shall be sent first to Caritas Germany and will be then communicated via Caritas Europa to all its members in due course.

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