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Act Alliance

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

ACT Alliance is a coalition of 152 churches and church-related organisations working together in over 125 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalised people regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality in keeping with the highest international codes and standards. ACT Alliance is supported by 25,000 staff from member organisations and mobilises about \$3 billion for its work each year in humanitarian aid, development and advocacy. ACT Alliance is deeply rooted in the communities it serves. The Alliance is a coordination mechanism, which helps improve coverage and minimise gaps and allows members to share coordination responsibilities outside the alliance and it takes learning seriously.

ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together was created in January 2010 bringing together 2 alliances that originally stem from the World Council of Churches (WCC): ACT International (humanitarian alliance since 1995) and ACT Development (development alliance created in 2007). It is composed of 143 member organizations working in over 100 countries across the world. Members include a range of churches and church-related organizations who work in humanitarian assistance, long-term development and advocacy.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Humanitarian aid
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Advocacy

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

ACT members respond to sudden-onset emergencies such as natural disasters, large-scale/global emergencies, complex emergencies and protracted crises. ACT Alliance views advocacy as a critical and complementary means of ensuring effective protection for communities in emergency contexts. Advocacy in emergency is a means to implement the humanitarian imperative. ACT Alliance supports, coordinates and facilitates long-term sustainable development activities around the world. ACT Alliance has redoubled its commitment to ending gender-based violence and violence against women and girls. ACT Alliance celebrates the comprehensive contribution of woman and girls to community development.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

ACT Alliance has a General Assembly of all members which meets every 4 years. The

Assembly elects a Governing Board of up to 19 representatives which meets annually. The Governing Board is supported by an Executive Committee of up to 7 persons from the Governing Board. The Secretariat of the ACT Alliance (ACT Secretariat) has a mission of global coordination, collaboration and facilitation and to further this aim, it is decentralised. The ACT Secretariat receives recommendations, support and guidance from seven advisory groups. ACT also hosts 10 communities of practice around themes such as DRR, gender equality, and protection. In joining the ACT Alliance, all members commit themselves to “actively participate in national and regional forums where they exist and work with and strengthen other ACT members”. ACT forums are shared platforms, without legal existence, comprising of ACT members and observers who are engaged in a particular country or region. ACT Alliance has approximately 59 forums.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Altogether, ACT Alliance is a network whose members employ more than 30,000 staff and volunteers, and mobilize around \$2.5 billion a year, the vast majority of which is implemented independently by members. Financial flows through the ACT Secretariat (\$42.5 million in 2015) are mostly channelled through appeals: a system which allows members of the Alliance to fund a coordinated ecumenical response through other members (and through them local partners) who provide humanitarian assistance in disaster affected areas.

PUBLICATIONS

Operational resources and annual reports are available at <https://actalliance.org/resources/>

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