

Integral Disaster Response Alert Raised for the Central African Republic

Immediate Release



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Integral has raised a Disaster Alert for the growing humanitarian crisis in Central African Republic (CAR) - Integral Members met together on Wednesday 5 March 2014 to plan their response.

Integral has already been monitoring the worsening situation in CAR since December 2013, and has facilitated sharing of information amongst its Members with work in the region. Integral Member Tearfund (UK) sent a needs assessment team to Bangui in January 2014, and has since established a base for operations in the country.

Now that an Alert has been raised, the Integral Disaster Response Process will be followed allowing all Integral Members to consider how they can come together to respond to this crisis. Four Members have committed to this Integral Response so far – SEL France, Tearfund (UK), World Renew and Tear Fund Switzerland, with a number of others exploring how they can become involved - either through direct operations, seconding staff or by fundraising.

Thousands have been killed as the political crisis has worsened over the last year, and around a quarter of the country's 4.6 million people have been displaced, as 6,000 African and 2,000 French peacekeeping troops struggle to rein in the militias terrorising the population. The International community has declared CAR a Level 3 emergency: the highest level of crisis response. On Sunday 2 March 2014 a UN official warned that a Central African food crisis was looming with only a fifth of the \$500 million (360 million euros) pledged by donors coming in so far. 60% of the 480,000 uprooted in the capital, Bangui, are children.

Janet Whalley, Tearfund UK's Programme Officer for CAR, says, "We are making every effort to face into this complex political emergency as Tearfund through raising our voice so are advocating and committing time, energy, prayer, people and finances to build up trust, peace, livelihoods and communities within CAR together with the people of CAR. The Integral DR process has facilitated discussion between Integral Members and has enabled information from Tearfund to be shared more widely, giving access to both funds and people from across the alliance."

All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 19 Members.

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Integral has 19 Members who work in over 85 countries and currently fund over 1100 projects in more than 30 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$675m USDs and are:

[Baptist World Aid Australia](#) – **Australia**

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**

[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**

[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**

[MAP International](#) - **USA**

[Medair](#) – **Switzerland**

[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**

[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**

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[TEAR Fund](#) – **New Zealand**

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[Tearfund](#) – **UK**

[World Concern](#) - **USA**

[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**

[World Relief](#) – **USA**

[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

In disaster situations Integral Members have previously collaborated in:

2014: South Sudan, CAR

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters

2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods

2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis

2006: Indonesia Earthquake

2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

Integral Vision:

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.

- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.
- Integral is committed to working with the Micah Network and the World Evangelical Alliance to ensure that excellence is championed and collaboration encouraged within our wider constituencies.

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