

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

Title of emergency project: Canton Missional Network Local Farmer's Assistance	Diocese: Western North Carolina
Organization name (if different): St. Andrew's Epis. Canton, NC Grace Epis. Waynesville, NC	Organization contact: Todd Donatelli
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Reporting period: 12/6/21	Date received: 9/10/21

1. During this reporting period, did you meet the milestones outlined in your program planning worksheet? If not, why not, and what will be the new date for completion?
Yes. Funds and supplies to local farmers were dispersed quickly after they were received.
2. What were your main activities during this reporting period?
 - a. Please complete the following table.

Church/ Institution name	Activity/ Response	Total number of <u>people</u> served ¹	Does the church/ institution have a disaster plan? Y/N
St. Andrew's Epis., Grace Epis.	Work in coordination with WNC Communities to provide needed emergency supplies and funds	Over 100 per WNC report	No

¹ Don't worry about double counting folks. We'd like to know if you know, but we don't want you creating barriers to people receiving services. If you don't know the number of people, please put the number of services provided (like meals served, shelter nights provided, etc.).

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3. What went well with the assistance you provided?
WNC Communities has been working with local farmers for decades. The knowledge and relationships they have developed over those years created an efficient and relationship based response that assisted not only the farmers but also the people they employ. Many migrant workers were able to remain in the area and help with restoration of the farms due to these funds.
4. How did you involve the gifts and skills of the church/institution?
The discretionary accounts of both St. Andrew's and Grace along with other Canton Missional Network churches helped another local organization provide an additional \$10,000.00 to local farmers.
5. What did not go well? Were there obstacles? Is there any additional information/assistance you would have found helpful? What would you do differently next time?
Again, working with WNC Communities and their already existent network and grant processes made this a completely efficient process which quickly put supplies and funds directly into hands of farmers without any administration costs being taken by WNC.
6. How were the participants involved in project design and implementation?
N/A
7. What did you learn about the community as a result of this program?
We learned about the network of local organizations and farmers which work year round to support the current and future presence of local farms.
8. How did you work in conjunction with community groups and/or the government?
Beyond this direct project we have been involved with federal, state, county agencies as well as many local community groups to provide housing assistance, the assembling of many local groups working with hispanic communities, a local site in the heart of Cruso (the hardest hit area) that provided supplies, meals, served as the office site for social workers serving the local area, served as a gathering site for volunteer work crews, provided assistance in applying for FEMA and other grants, as well as serving as a community center where people could simply come in to talk with others about what they had and were facing. We continue to provide case workers who are following up about the gaps people are facing now that they are learning what their insurance, FEMA, and other sources are covering and not covering.
9. How did you help the church and/or the community become better prepared and more resilient to future disasters? What did you learn? What more could be done?

The structures that have and are still being created to serve the community are being recorded for future possible emergencies. Where and how people are rebuilding, the reality of weather patterns in the local community are issues being addressed and studied.

10. Please briefly tell us one story about someone served by this program.
Please read the story included in the attached letter from WNC Communities.

Expenses

Please see the attached letter from WNC Communities.

Budget Item**	Description (i.e. quantity of units, price of unit & one-time or recurring costs)	Diocesan Support (US\$)	Episcopal Relief & Development (US\$)	Other External Support (US\$)	TOTAL (US\$)
TOTAL					

**If item was directly related to COVID-19 response, write COVID-19 next to it in the chart (e.g., Face masks – COVID-19).

11. If there are remaining funds, please indicate for what purpose they would be used and when that will be completed. You will need to submit another report when the funds have all been spent.
All funds have been dispersed.