



San Calisto, March 2015

Dear Representative of Religious Congregations and Catholic-Inspired Organizations engaged in the Catholic Church Response to Ebola Virus Disease:

It is with ongoing concern about the deep impact of Ebola Virus Disease on the people of coastal West Africa that I write to inform you a special initiative launched by the Holy See and entitled: ***Expanding the Catholic Church's Commitment to the Ebola Emergency Response.***

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has called for solidarity with those affected on many occasions, including, most recently, during his 2015 address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See. He decried the present “throwaway culture” that is predominant in many parts of the world and said, *“I think in the first place of the way the sick are treated; often they are cast aside and marginalized like the lepers in the Gospel. Among the lepers of our own day we can count the victims of the new and terrible outbreak of Ebola which, especially in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, has already taken over six thousand lives. Today I wish publicly to praise and thank those healthcare workers who, alongside men and women religious and volunteers, are caring in every way possible for the sick and their families, especially orphaned children. At the same time I renew my appeal to the entire international community to provide adequate humanitarian assistance to patients and to make concerted efforts to combat the disease.”*

In order to offer tangible witness to its prioritization of the Ebola Response, the Holy See has granted 500 000 Euro to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, with a specific mandate from Pope Francis to advance the above-mentioned initiative. I have attached a full description of the activities for which the Initiative will offer funding as well as an application form. While we are presently seeking additional donors to this initiative, please be aware that funds are limited. Thus we ask you to keep the amounts requested to a maximum of 30 000 Euros with any requests for additional funding, should such funds become available, limited to an overall total maximum of 50 000 Euros. For larger projects, please secure matching funds in advance and indicate, in your application, the sources and amounts of such matching funds. Last, all applications require that a letter of recommendation be attached from your local Bishops Conference, or with consent of your local Bishop, or from your Nuncio. For greater efficiency this letter may be submitted separately to our office and any funding that is approved for your request will only be provided once this letter is received.

This application package can be found on our website (www.iustitiaetpax.va) for immediate download and please note that all applications are received and reviewed by a committee of five people, four of which are from outside the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, to advise on which requests best align with the purpose and objectives of this expanded commitment.

With continuing prayers for those directly or indirectly affected by this epidemic, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson
President

**EXPANDING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S COMMITMENT
TO THE EBOLA EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

- Application for Funding-

Name of Church Entity /Organization & Full Contact Details (address, telephone and fax numbers Principal Contact person, e-mail address):

Title and Description of the Project (please be specific, not more than half a page in length):

Geographical focus (1 paragraph):

Main Target Population: Who will benefit from this project?

Needs analysis: Why do the beneficiaries need this project? (not more than half a page in length)

Project Methodology: How will you assist the beneficiaries (approach, specific actions to be taken, duration of project [start & end date], etc.)? (not more than half a page in length)

Project Goal: How will this project contribute to the response to the Ebola Virus and strengthen social and health systems to address the ongoing impact of this epidemic and prevent future wide-scale outbreaks?

Project Objective: What will this project achieve?

Main Activities: What are the main activities? (Please be specific, and provide quantities and quality of activities to be carried out and in what timeframes)

Reporting: Please indicate the reporting that you can provide about your project and how you intend to measure results, as a requirement of receiving funding is your agreement to provide a thorough report on the accomplishments of you project (not more than one page in length)

Budget:

NOTE: Since available funds are limited, we encourage you to secure matching funds for larger projects and to limit your requests to this fund to amounts of up to €30,000 – if you have secured matching funds please indicate the source of the funding and the amounts that have been confirmed in writing.

Activity Costs – list activities below and add rows as necessary:	Projected Expenses
Management and Administration Costs (add rows as necessary), include running costs, rent, electricity, telephone, transportation, etc.:	
Personnel Costs	
Staff Salaries – Indicate the number of staff salaries to be paid	
Payroll Taxes to be paid by the employer	
Employee Insurance (Health and other) – add rows in needed	
Total Funding requested:	

Budget narrative: provide details regarding costs associated with major lines of expenditure

Please return **an electronic copy** of your proposal to: pcjustpax@justpeace.va

If required, you may send a copy of your proposal by mail to:

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Palazzo San Calisto
00120 Città del Vaticano
Attenzione: Ufficio del Presidente