**Scope of Work**

***NAME Emergency Response – Operational Support***

**Reference Number: XXX**

**Summary Information:**

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# **Purpose**

# To provide operational support to humanitarian response activities being undertaken by CRS India and partners in response to Cyclone Phailin.

# **Background**

One of the worst storms to hit India in 14 years moved from the Bay of Bengal across the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in the evening of October 12th and into the morning of the 13th. According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), wind speeds of about 200 kmph (130-137 mph) were felt in many areas with reports of wind speeds hitting 240 kmph in Ganjam district of Orissa. The tidal waves rose up to 3.5 meters with reports of strong winds uprooting trees and disrupting electricity lines and telephone communication. Extensive flooding in many areas also caused the disruption of rail and road traffic with widespread damage to agricultural crops.

Prior to the cyclone making landfall, the local government and multiple NGOs coordinated the country's biggest evacuation in 23 years with more than 900,000 people moved from low-lying coastal areas in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh to nearly 250 emergency shelters in schools and government offices. The Odisha Government is acknowledged for doing a commendable job in evacuating people leading to only a few reports of lives lost to date.

A total of 99 blocks and 14,515 villages were affected by the storm. Of which 1,500,000 are from Ganjam district alone. The total population affected is 8,053,000 and damage is estimated at $2.3 billion. The district administrations started assessing the damage and estimates crop loss at over 300,000 hectares. The actual figures may be available by tonight.

For latest information on impact and planned response see accompanying SitRep.

# **Objectives**

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# **Activities**

**Given that this is the early stages of a humanitarian response the objectives and deliverables of the SOW may be changed to ensure the most efficient use of resources in meeting the needs of the affected population.** Potential activities include**;**

* Support the design, implementation, and analysis of assessments to identify needs of affected populations.
* Support the development of an emergency response strategy to enable CRS and partners to effectively respond and leverage funds. This includes identifying the most efficient and effective ways to transfer relief support and services to the affected population – market based vouchers or cash or/and direct distribution.
* Provide technical advice on content of relief packages and procurement options.
* Provide technical support on logistical options in getting relief goods to target sites.
* Provide technical support to field teams as requested by HOP. This could include setting up field offices, identifying and contracting office space and warehousing, identifying and contracting transporters, vehicle leasing, and other operational support tasks as needed.

Identify operational staffing needs to meet program demands and ensure donor and CRS policy compliance.

Assist CP in recruitment of operational staff.

* If required represent CRS at relevant cluster, donor and partner meetings.
* Provide updates to be included in the Situation Reports.
* Observe and identify emergency response capacity needs to improve the country program’s and partners’ ability to effectively respond to this emergency.

# **Deliverables/Outcomes**

Ensure CRS operations are in line with Sphere Guidelines and in compliance with CRS and Donor policies. Provide an end of deployment report highlighting actions taken to date, ongoing activities, and recommendations for ensuring continued effectual operational support.

# **Place of Performance**

Indian states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, most likely based out of CRS’ operational base in the city Bubaneswar. Frequent travel within the affected area to protect target communities as required.

# **Period of Performance**

# For 21 days commencing around19 October to 8 November. Actual performance dates will depend on when visa is obtained and travel arrangements completed.

# **Reporting to:**

Head of Programming.

# **Tentative Schedule**

To be determined upon issuing of visa.