



Community Reconstruction Fund

Goal: To help women and low income families to take the first step to rebuild their lives after the tragedy of the floods in Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Context:

The intense rain which fell in Santa Catarina in the last month has caused extensive damage destroying houses and whole communities. The floods have caused more than 100 deaths (the number of victims increase daily!) and thousands of people are homeless. Emergency squads are working intensively and are receiving in kind donations from all over the country. The Reconstruction Fund aims to provide low income families, particularly those led by women, with initial resources to start rebuilding their homes. We strongly believe that financial support, which can be used to cover specific needs of different families, plays an important role to encourage victims to take the first step to rebuild their lives.

Target beneficiaries:

Families led by women
Low income families with children
Community NGOs

Actions:

- a) **Selection of potential beneficiaries:** Women and families in community shelters and local ONGs.
- b) **Identification of needs:** professionals from ICom will visit families to identify the priorities and specific needs.
- c) **Elaboration of plan of investment:** deciding together with the families how the resources are going to be used.
- d) **Reconstruction Fund:** Donation of up to US\$ 2000 for each women/family

Follow-up

Women and families who receive resources from the Fund will be oriented to account for the use of the resources through a simple report. Professionals from ICom will also provide other types of support to the beneficiaries, in a one to one basis. All identifiable investors in the Reconstruction Fund will receive a report about the impact of their donation.

Initial target for the Reconstruction Fund: US\$ 50 thousand in order to benefit 25 families in Santa Catarina.

How to Participate:

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