1. OVERVIEW

Torrential rainfall in July and August of 2022 has caused catastrophic flooding in central Appalachia. In eastern Kentucky, the floods have caused 39 confirmed deaths, injuries, and property and infrastructure damage that has left hundreds of people without their homes and many residents without power, water, and other necessities. Cleanup efforts continue across the affected counties as relief organizations begin to pivot toward long-term recovery initiatives.

2. CORE'S RESPONSE

CORE is working with local leaders and partners to address the critical needs of those affected by the floods in eastern Kentucky. Its current activities include:

- Providing emergency relief supplies necessary for debris removal to communities devastated by the flooding, including hygiene kits, debris removal kits, baby supplies, pet supplies, and water filtration devices
- Arranging mobile resource coordination units with computers to bring hotspot connectivity and access to FEMA applications
- Assessing and sharing locations of homes that need muck and gut services with local partners
- Managing and training local volunteers to assist in providing hot meals and distributing flyers with information on accessing basic needs and debris removal

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Activities

- Identifying communities in need of volunteer work with assistance from local partners

3. ACTIVITIES

Highlights:

August 6
- CORE coordinates with Tennessee Baptist Church to plan muck and guts in Letcher County
- CORE distributes 200 LifeStraw Pitchers, 100 water bottles, and 285 personal straws to flood victims in need of drinkable water

August 8
- CORE partners with the Raceland High School football team to help with food distribution and trash pick-up in the community
- President Joe Biden tours flood damage in Breathitt County and attends briefing at Marie Roberts Elementary School
- CORE interviews with local news companies to discuss how CORE is helping flood victims and what future plans for relief efforts are

August 9
- CORE distributes 108 gallons of mold removal solution donated by Good360 to flood victims
- CORE continues to distribute donated goods from distribution centers

August 10
- CORE connects with a local donor with 8 tractor trailers of cleaner, coordinates distribution with disaster relief organizations

August 12
- CORE delivers LifeStraw water filtration pitchers to residents in Fleming-Neon who are affected by a sewage break
- CORE assists local volunteer in door-to-door assessments in towns outside of Letcher County by providing needs assessment forms

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**August 14**
- CORE coordinates with volunteers to access previously inaccessible hollers with ATVs – distributing supplies, FEMA information, and medical and emotional support information
- CORE assists Mercy Chefs in delivering hot meals to McRoberts, Neon, and displaced survivors who are camping

**August 16**
- CORE distributes gift cards in hollers of Neon and LifeStraw pitchers
- CORE coordinates with Tide Loads of Hope trailers to set up in disadvantaged locations to provide free laundry services to flood victims
- CORE continues to distribute donated goods to various local PoDs

**August 19**
- CORE assists flood victims in filling out needs assessments forms to better supply survivors with the most helpful items
- CORE distributes an additional 100 gallons of mold removal solution to flood victims whose homes have been water damaged
- CORE strategizes recovery phase of disaster and plans to move in long-term relief efforts
Resource Coordination

CORE is distributing the following resources to support those most impacted by the floods and vulnerable populations.

- Cleaning Supplies – gloves, buckets, trash cans, trash bags, sponges, cleaning solution
- Debris Removal – shovels, rakes, tarps, protective eyewear
- Basic needs – coolers, feminine hygiene products, water filtration, baby kits, pet supplies

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4. NEXT STEPS

CORE’s immediate priorities for the response are:

- Pivot toward long-term recovery programs for hardest hit areas
- Continue to work with county officials and identify long-term funding sources
- Assess evolving needs of flood victims and adapt support measures accordingly
- Assist flood victims with FEMA applications and provide other necessary informational resources
- Continue to work with partners to operate local volunteer program in Fleming-Neon County