

# Alert

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## Ghana

# Floods in Ghana

Geneva, 8 June 2015

### 1. Brief Description of the Emergency and Impact

Heavy rains for the past week have left most parts of the capital, Accra, its suburbs and other cities flooded. Assessment carried out so far indicates that about 10 districts have experienced the effects of a severe flooding. Affected districts include Accra Metropolis, Ga South Municipal, Adentan Municipality, Cape Coast, Ashaiman Municipal, Kumasi Metropolis and Ketu South Municipal. On June 4, a fuel station in Accra exploded as a result of the floods, leaving an estimated 150 people dead. Deaths have also been confirmed in Adentan, Mallam, Glefe, Kumasi and Odorkor. Many communities have been affected leading to heavy restriction of movement of people. The Achimota sub-station has been affected by the floodwater, leading to an emergency cut in power supply to a number of communities. Damaged personal property has been reported in areas heavily affected. The severe floods-induced disaster has left in its wake the destruction of both public and private buildings and road infrastructure, resulting in a sever disruption to the lives of thousands.

### 2. Why is ACT response needed

Significant numbers of people have been displaced and are accommodated temporarily in areas where water, food supply and sanitation access are poor due to crowded conditions. The government has declared the situation as a national disaster and has called the people to remain calm and limit their movement as much as possible as they work to address this national emergency. The government has directed personnel of the Ghana Armed Forces, the Ghana Police Service, the Ghana National Fire Service and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) to intervene and provide emergency services to affected persons. The Government of Ghana is appealing to development partners and philanthropists to support the disaster victims with food, non-food items and other essential materials to minimize the impact.

### 3. National and International response

At the National level, the government through NADMO is coordinating logistics, planning, social action, communication, relief supplies, water and sanitation. Rapid Respond Requests have been prepared for food and non-food supplies to support the affected people.

### 4. ACT Alliance response

A meeting held by the forum members has agreed on the need to issue this Alert to be followed by Rapid Response Request.

## 5. Planned Activities

The main activities will include provision of food and non-food items to the most affected people, particularly female-headed households. The requested amount for intervention will be about USD 60,000 through an ACT Rapid Respond Request.

## 6. Constraints

The main constraints are inaccessibility of project areas due to the poor nature of roads to the most affected communities as a result of the situation. The Forum, however, has a strong collaboration with NADMO to ensure that they get the needed support.

**Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel ([Line.Hempel@actalliance.org](mailto:Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)).**

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