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## Burkina Faso

# Floods in Burkina Faso

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### 1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Burkina Faso has been struck by heavy rains and strong winds since the beginning of the raining season. Significant damage has been registered. As of 28 August 2015, 8 of the 13 regions of Burkina Faso have been affected. Homes, personal property and livestock have been destroyed and hectares of fields flooded. The current situation is 8 dead, 54 injured, 26'885 victims and more than 3'699 people homeless. In Ouagadougou area, the majority of homeless people are hosted in public infrastructures, like schools or worship places. This housing is not suitable for all affected, especially the vulnerable groups (children, pregnant or lactating women, people with disabilities and elderly). The housing arrangement could also increase the spread of diseases like malaria, dengue, diarrhoea, Ebola, tuberculosis, cholera and HIV. Besides, the beginning of school year is close (in mid-September). The weather service announces more rain during the coming days. This could increase the number of victims.

### 2. Why is an ACT response needed?

The homeless have mostly lost their homes, personal property, personal items and the provision of food. Temporary shelters and sites do not offer optimal living conditions. The government, through humanitarian coordination and risk management mechanism and CONASUR (the national committee for emergency relief and rehabilitation) has conducted assessments and highlighted the gaps between the needs and response. UNOCHA and the CONASUR urged humanitarian actors for timely response to preserve the lives and dignity of the affected people.

### 3. National and international response

The government has conducted a rapid needs assessment. This has allowed to guide, design and deliver the response. Local organizations (community based and faith based organisations) are also responding. However, this response remains limited compared to the needs. The international response is currently also limited. The humanitarian country team and other international humanitarian organisations are mobilized to search for solutions.

### 4. ACT Alliance response

The Burkina ACT Forum met on Thursday August 20, 2015 in Ouagadougou to discuss the situation, to start monitoring the developments and to prepare for decisions on action required. Some intervention

areas of ACT members were flooded. ACT Forum members agreed on the need to respond to the emergency. The mobilization of internal resources is underway, but may not cover the all the gaps.

## **5. Planned activities**

The following planned activities are based on the needs assessments conducted:

- The distribution of first aid and NFI material (mats, blankets, mosquito nets, buckets, lamps, bottles, clothing), food aid (maize, millet, rice, sorghum, oil, sugar) for children and adults, school supplies, hygiene kits, and women's kits.
- Awareness activities to prevent diseases.

## **6. Constraints**

Access to some areas could be a challenge if the rains continue as indicated by the meteorological services.

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