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## Malawi

# Floods Emergency

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

Malawi is experiencing La Nina weather phenomena since onset of the rainy season and many districts have received normal to above normal rainfall triggering flash floods in some of the Districts. Between 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 heavy rains caused the worst flooding in Salima District in four Traditional Authorities of Ndindi, Pemba, Kambwiri and Maganga. A total of 35,304 people have been affected. 7,216 people have been displaced and are homeless and are dwelling in school blocks.

A total 1,827 hectares of land under crops (maize, rice, cowpeas, cassava and sweet potato) have been washed away together with livestock such as goats and chickens. Household belongings such as food, clothing and kitchen utensils have also been washed away. No death cases have been reported so far but scores have been injured. The displaced population have no food, shelter, sanitary materials, clothing, blankets and kitchen utensils.

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

ACT response is needed as the affected population have no food, shelter, clothing, sanitary materials and kitchen utensils. The government is requesting stakeholders and humanitarian agencies for more support to the displaced and affected population.

### 3. National and international response.

Malawi Government through Department of Disaster Management Affairs, Malawi Red Cross and COOPI have provided some food, tents, buckets, blankets, sanitary materials and solar lamps to only 2,200 people leaving out 5,016 people without food, tents, buckets, clothing and sanitary materials.

### 4. ACT Alliance response

ACT Alliance in Malawi is planning to respond through its members Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD) and Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS) through a Rapid Respond Fund (RRF) in Salima District.

### 5. Planned activities

The planned activities include provision of Non Food Items (NFIs) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene facilities (WASH).

### 6. Constraints

ACT Malawi Forum main challenge is funding for implementation of life saving interventions.

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