

**Liberia**

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SITUATION

In Liberia, since the beginning of this year, there have been constant storms and floods resulting in damage and losses around the country. On Tuesday August 31, it was reported on the National Radio Station, ELBC Super Morning Show that a heavy storm had occurred in Bong County (Central Liberia) which caused the destruction of houses thereby leading to the displacement of hundreds of local community dwellers. There are presently 5,244 people who are affected and 118 structures destroyed in Suakoko Town. Many of them are without shelters, according to reports received from the National Disaster Committee based Gbarnga, Bong County. Other impacts of the storm and floods include the destruction of schools buildings, offices, sign boards, etc. The rainy season is at its peak in Liberia, more flooding and storms are expected.

NEEDS

The floods have put the counties in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sufficient food.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe shelter and basic non-food items.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basic health services and facilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency education facilities as the school infrastructure has been destroyed.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Ministry of Internal Affairs and County Authorities in Bong and Grand Cape Mount counties respectively
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Liberian National Red Cross
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	ACT Alliance Liberia Forum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Communities in Bong and Grand Cape Counties

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Liberia National Red Cross Society. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Liberia since 2000, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the floods, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in Food and Non-Food Items and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide adequate food rations and distribute Non-Food Items to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Shelter and Food.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing rice and oil to affected population in the coming 3 months
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the floods are amplified.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org) and Senior Finance Officer (Lorenzo.Correa@actalliance.org)

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