



Malawi

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During the night of Wednesday the 11 April 2018, the district of Karonga in Malawi, was affected by severe floods when Karonga experienced sudden heavy rains for 7 continuous days. Floods have caused displacement of 3,570 people with three lives lost livestock killed and crops and houses destroyed.

NEEDS

The floods have put Karonga district in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital emergency needs such as access to sufficient food, need for safe water and replacement of non-food items; a task which has become difficult due to suspended livelihood activities

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food
<input type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items
<input type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protection services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities specifically, for women and children. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize deterioration of health and loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are addressed first.

STAKEHOLDERS

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Department of Disaster Management Affairs in Malawi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UNICEF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	ACT-NCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Malawi Red Cross
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Salvation Army
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Foundation for community support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	ACT Alliance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Present

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the government through the Department of Disaster Management Affairs in Malawi. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the Malawi ACT forum will take part in sector meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (Coordination meetings) 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 type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Karonga through Evangelical Lutheran Development Service implementing long term interventions since 1991. Soon after the occurrence of floods, ACT Alliance through Norwegian Church Aid has provided tents (which were already stocked in preparation for situations like this) and released when floods occurred to support those in need. In addition, ACT Malawi have other members working on the ground already, supporting displaced households with Shelter, and helping /planning to help people affected by floods
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Malawi forum works in areas affected by these floods and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities of affected communities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Malawi Forum 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 type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Malawi Forum 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 type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, ACT Malawi forum has identified a gap in food security, nutrition, psycho social support and WASH and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap in identified sectors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The ACT Malawi forum will be submitting an funding proposal (RRF) to provide food, psycho social support, nutrition and WASH to ensure that flood affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Food, WASH and nutrition and psychosocial support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Malawi Forum is ready to respond, providing necessities to affected households in the coming days.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Alliance Malawi Forum 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)

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