

ALERT**FLOODS****actalliance****KENYA****Nairobi, 7 May 2018****SITUATION**

During the night of Friday 2 March 2018, Nairobi county was severely flooded. On this day, flooding caused displacement of households, interrupted transport, swept away bridges and caused the death of 11 people nationwide. According to OCHA Flash update #1 of 25th April 2018, floods have displaced more than 211,000 people and reportedly killed 72; injuring 33 across Kenya since March 2018. Other sources confirm that floods have disrupted livelihoods with at least 8,450 acres of farmland submerged in water and more than 6,000 livestock killed in addition to destroying houses and damaging infrastructure (health facilities, schools and learning materials). Floods have interrupted opening of schools in several counties as some school buildings are submerged or totally cut off.

NEEDS

Floods have put Kenya in a state of emergency. Flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to food, safe water, school and health services.

<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"/>	livelihood activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protection services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for flood affected people with vulnerabilities, more specifically for woman and girls who are at a higher risk of gender-based violence in areas where displaced persons have sought shelter such as school's compounds and other community centres. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	The County Steering Groups, Office of the County Commissioner and the National Drought Management Offices in various counties are closely working with county government departments such as offices of respective Governors, county departments of health and county disaster management teams.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	OCHA has issued the first flash update on floods in Kenya. UNICEF has issued a Kenya Humanitarian Situation Report for March 2018 in which the flooding situation has been highlighted.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	German Agro-Action, World Vision, Christian Aid, Church World Service and World Renew are supporting Kenyan government and Kenya Red Cross teams in assessments in some counties. Christian Aid is supporting START network agencies in areas that are worst affected (Garissa and Kilifi counties) as well as supporting Christian Aid partners in the management of cholera cases in Isiolo and conducting cash transfers in Marsabit.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	The Kenya Red Cross Society, in various counties, is participating in assessments (Kenya Inter-Agency Rapid Assessment-KIRA) as well as

		in the provision of emergency assistance to persons displaced by the floods.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Kenya Defence Forces have released choppers to assist relocation of persons isolated by flood waters.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Click here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Click here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Kenya Anglican Church of Kenya and Kenya National Council of Churches (NCCK) are actively monitoring this flood emergency and providing updates by mobilizing congregations to support persons affected with food and non-food items.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	In Kilifi and Kisumu counties, private companies have donated food and non-food items to persons displaced by the floods.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Households in safe areas are hosting displaced persons and community centres are sheltering displaced persons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Many have relocated to safe areas often found in school buildings and community centres.

Kenya flood emergency response is currently being coordinated by respective County Steering Groups. To ensure that this humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary. Kenya ACT forum members will engage in sector coordination meetings, County Steering Group meetings, emergency working groups and other sector meetings and structures at national level. ACT Kenya Forum will 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 Kenya Forum has been working in Kenya since 1997, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum 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 Kenya 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, ACT Kenya Forum has identified a gap in food and nutrition, provision of non-food items, psychosocial support, and assisting persons affected by floods rehabilitate their livelihoods and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT Kenya forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide food and non-food items and other essential needs to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum is ready to respond, providing food and non-food items to 1,300 HHs in Kisumu, Tana River and Kilifi counties to affected households in the coming weeks.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Kenya Forum will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the floods are amplified.

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