



Ethiopia 4 June 2018

## **SITUATION**

In the evening of Saturday the 26 May 2018, the district of Gamo Goffa zone and Sidama Zone in SNNPR and Oromia Regions in Ethiopia, was affected by a landslide which caused 34 deaths (20 female and 14 male) and seriously injured 6 people. At least 21 houses were destroyed, and more than 50 livestock are reported dead. The landslide has displaced 654 persons (380male/274 female) and disrupted vital livelihoods area of 95.6 hectares of land. Affected communities and seek urgent life-saving assistance of relief food, shelter, WASH and NFIs.

## **NEEDS**

The landslides have put Chire district in a state of crisis. The affected population find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: food, shelter, and WASH

$\boxtimes$	sufficient food								
$\boxtimes$	safe shelter and basic non-food items								
$\boxtimes$	safe	drinking	water,	as	well	as	sanitation	and	hygiene
	infrastructure								

The dire situation is further aggravated for affected HH more specifically for woman and girls as well as children who have been further exposed to increased risk of health by the harsh rainy outdoor conditions and poor sanitation of temporary settlements. 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 doing their best to respond to the crisis:

$\boxtimes$	National government	The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the
		Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR)
		regional disaster risk management Bureau and district
		administrative office.
X	Host communities	Households residing in the vicinity who are further away from the
		mountain area are hosting affected communities by sheltering
		displaced persons

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the <u>Southern Nations</u>, <u>Nationalities</u>, <u>and Peoples' Region</u> (SNNPR) regional disaster risk management Bureau and district administrative office. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (respective clusters on food, WASH and shelter and NFIs) 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**

$\boxtimes$	ACT Alliance has been working in Ethiopia since the 1970s, now helping/planning to help			
	people affected by the landslides			
$\boxtimes$	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the landslides, and is assessing the impact of the			
	disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities			
$\boxtimes$	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.			
$\boxtimes$	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.			



$\boxtimes$	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in Food, Water and NFI and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
	The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide relief food, water trucking, water purification substances and essential non-food items such as (cooking utensils and sanitation materials) depending on the availability of RRF fund to ensure that the landslides affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Food, Water and NFI.
⊠	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing relief food, water trucking, water purification tablets and essential non-food items such as (cooking utensils and sanitation materials) to 300 affected persons in the coming months.
	Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the landslides 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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