



**Tanzania**

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<b>SITUATION</b>		
<p>During the night of Wednesday the 30th May 2018, the town of Marwa, Ruvu Mferejini and Ruvu Jiungeni in SAME District, Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania, was severely hit by overflow of river Ruvu and Nyumba ya Mungu Dam. On this night an overflow caused displacement of households, interrupted communication, swept away termed animals and crop fields. According to the RVA done by two members of ACT Tanzania Forum (ELCT and TCRS), the overflow caused floods that displaced 450 Households that had a range of between 10 to 20 persons in each household making a total number of 5,780 homeless people. One person was reported to have been killed by a strange crocodile species (whitish) and one person was left injured. Findings indicate that 890 acres of farmed land (tomatoes, onions, maize and beans) submerged in water, 300 houses were swept away and or covered with mud and about 135,000 kilograms of foodstuff from the registered 450 households were swept away. Number of domestic animals and birds died was not yet established as all men and youths with their animals vacated the area leaving behind their wives and children unattended. According to the SAME District Commissioner's report, nine primary schools and one secondary school from the ward had to be closed before the term end and therefore interrupted school calendar.</p>		
<b>NEEDS</b>		
<p>The floods have put the town 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: food, safe drinking water, school and scholastic materials, housing, washrooms and other sanitary services</p>		
<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	
<p>The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities especially woman and girls that are at higher risk of gender-based violence and wild animals in area where they have sought shelter (open shrubs), pneumonia for the U5 as they have no clothes and blankets to cover with, water borne diseases and tetanus from thorns as they sleep on uncovered land. 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.</p>		
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>		
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	<p>The regional and District commissioners of Kilimanjaro Region, Same and Mwanga Districts through their structured response divisions are closely working with the displaced families. Through the evacuation team, the Government has shifted the affected families to safer areas and have provided land for residential construction (each family given a plot of size 15X25 meters). The Government has also provided Water guard tablets to cleanse water. A team scouts and police are helping in putting in place temporary latrines.</p> <p>The District Commissioner (SAME District) issued an alert for the local government and public to respond</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	<p>Norwegian Church Aid has committed TZS 22 million for purchase of water purification tablets, water storage facilities per each of the registered 450 households.</p>

		Felm, CoS, LWR and World Church Service are looking on possibilities of participating through the RRF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Provided 6,000 water guard tablets for water cleansing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Police from the Field Force Unit and the Scouts are at the sight rescuing people using local boats and are assisting in construction of temporary washrooms (pit latrines) in the area of placement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) allowed its heavy Tractors to assist in transporting evacuated persons to safe areas.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) conducted the RVA, availed accommodation for women with U5 children in its nearby church premises. Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service donated 340 boxes of youth clothes, 15 bales of baby blankets and 10 bales of quilts. Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) through its WAMA offices in Dar es Salaam are sorting out how to engage /participate on the movement/activity.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Bonite Company (Coca Cola company) donated 10 metric tons of cereal (maize) and more than 200 box/cartons of safe drinking water.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	People from SAME council are donating food and water to the affected community members. They also used their fishing boats to rescue the affected community members.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	At least each Household managed to select a bush to relocate itself and, in most cases, each selected shrub has been officiated by the Government for each household to put up its structure for permanent residence with no cost.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the office of the prime Minister through the District Commissioners of SAME and Mwanga Districts. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (in the resilient and implementation planning 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Tanzania since 1986, 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 access to food and non-food items, safe shelter, WASH 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 food and non-food items, WASH and Psychosocial service to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to sphere standards (quality food, WASH, counselling etc.).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing Food and Non-food items, Hygiene kits, to 5700 affected persons in the coming days.
<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.

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