



Uganda

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SITUATION

In the afternoon of Thursday the 11 October 2018, the mountainous eastern district of Bududa in Uganda was hit by a series of landslides which also caused massive flooding following torrential heavy rains. As a result, 5 villages have been washed away in Bududa and confirmed reports indicate that 40 bodies have been found. Rescue teams have been deployed to search for missing persons. The landslide in Bududa triggered boulders (huge rocks) to fall into River Suume which rolled to Bukalasi health Centre; in the process washing away buildings/structures; injuring many people and causing much damage. In addition, the boulders blocked the river channel; causing the river to burst its banks and cause flooding in the nearby trading centre. Bududa district which lies on the foothills of Mount Elgon, at the Uganda and Kenya border is a high risk area for landslides.

NEEDS

The landslides have put Bududa district in a state of crisis. The persons affected by the landslide find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to food, shelter, need for health care as an effect of water borne diseases, and other basic essentials.

<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 type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for women and girls in this crisis situation, who are often affected more. 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Evacuation and recovery of survivors and dead bodies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Rescue and first aid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Recovery and rescue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Providing shelter to displaced people in the Church structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Helping in rescue

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Office of the Prime Minister. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector clusters 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 member Church of Uganda has been working in Uganda since 1979 and is now helping/planning to help people affected by the landslide under its department household
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	and community transformation directorate. Church of Uganda Uganda has been a member of ACT Uganda Forum since ACT Uganda Forum was formed in 2010.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the landslides, 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, shelter and basic household items and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Forum member Church of Uganda is planning on submitting a Rapid Response Fund (RRF) proposal to provide humanitarian response to ensure that the landslide-affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Shelter and livelihood support.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing Food, household items, shelter to 1,500 affected persons in the coming 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 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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