

ALERT**FLOODS****actalliance****Liberia**

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SITUATION

On the morning of Friday the 19 July 2019, the region of Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Bomi and Lofa counties in Liberia, received an extremely heavy downpour of rain causing flash floods, which has left many towns around Monrovia and surrounding counties flooded. Because of the flood, at least 187 homes have been damaged when rooftops were blown off leaving many homeless. Several teams of first responders in Liberia including NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) are conducting field assessments and working with government agencies and international partners to support affected persons and communities. Initial reports show that approximately 25,000 people are affected (NDMA, July 2019). Many of the affected areas are the towns of Joe Blow, Unification, Duwo and Duazon towns and other areas surrounding Monrovia. Additionally, information emanating from the Meteorological Service indicate that the rains are expected to continue, and this may be seen as posing a serious threat of exacerbating the flooding situation and causing more damage and harm.

NEEDS

The flooding situation has put the affected region in a state of crisis. The flood-affected persons/communities find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to Shelter, WASH, Early recovery/livelihoods, food security, and Protection/Psychosocial

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

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood-affected people with vulnerabilities. More specifically for people living with disabilities, women and children, elderly pregnant women and school-going children. 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	National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)& Liberia Refugees Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	Is conducting needs Assessments within affected communities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Various INGOs are conducting needs assessments.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	The Liberian National Red Cross Society is assisting to the vulnerable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Providing security to the affected people
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Providing safe drinking water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Providing safety information to the public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith-based groups	Providing safe shelter in churches
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Providing foods and water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Assisting communities with safety information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Providing manpower to rebuild their damaged shelters

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is currently coordinating the response. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complimentary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders. The forum in Liberia 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 Alliance Liberia Forum (currently with 7 members) has been working in Liberia since 1997, is now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Liberia 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 Alliance Liberia Forum is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and a better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Liberia Forum is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/prepared 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 Liberia forum has identified a gap and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to support the most vulnerable and affected.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT Liberia forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide shelters Early recovery/livelihoods, food security, and Protection/Psychosocial to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to WASH.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance Liberia forum is ready to respond, providing assistance to affected persons and affected households in the coming months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Liberia 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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