

**ALERT****FLOODS****actalliance****South Sudan****Nairobi, 13 November 2019****SITUATION**

The South Sudan States of Upper Nile, Jonglei, Unity, Northern Bahr el Gazal and Eastern Equatoria have been seriously affected by flooding, caused by heavy continuous rains.

On October 27, 2019, the government of South Sudan declared the flooding situation a state of emergency in most affected areas. The floods have affected over 900'000 people with estimated 420'000 people displaced and in need of immediate emergency assistance.

In addition, the floods have destroyed 20,000 metric tons of food, caused houses, water points, pit latrines, and school shelters to collapse. Infrastructure damage has been caused, and livelihoods (crops and livestock) have been swept away. Affected populations are hindered access to basic services by the floods (UN OCHA-Report November 5, 2019).

The Government, United Nations and Non-governmental organizations are responding to the immediate needs of affected persons and coordinating a response in affected locations.

According to OCHA and Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MHDM), the floods are disrupting access due to damaged airstrips, roads & bridges, resulting in huge humanitarian access constraints. which has severely disrupted access due to damaged roads & bridges, airstrips, including displacements,

Affected communities face problems of access and availability of food, safe shelter & Non Food Items. Diseases like malaria and water-borne diseases are a threat due to the breeding of mosquitoes and contamination of water because of submerged pit latrines and poor sanitation.

**NEEDS**

The floods have put the people of Jonglei, Upper Nile, Unity, Northern Bahr el Gazal and parts of Eastern Equatoria region 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: Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, safe shelter and basic non-food items, food security & livelihoods, basic health services, adequate nutrition, education and protection services.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe shelter and basic non-food items- (Shelter & NFIs)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foods Security activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure (WASH)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Livelihood activities- (Early recovery support)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education & protection services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adequate nutrition

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	Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs & Disaster Management (MHDM) helping with access and coordination of assessments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UN OCHA, UNMISS, WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR helping with coordination, assessment and provision of basic services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Helping in provision of basic services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Assist in rescue and access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Providing access and rescue

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Providing access information, assessment and basic services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Influencing government, UN agencies and NGOs to support the flood affected populations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Providing safe shelter in churches and mosques
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Providing in kind support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Hosting and providing safety information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Supporting with construction of temporary shelters

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by UNOCHA and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MHDM). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT South Sudan Forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (UN agencies, Government, NGOs, Faith Communities, CSOs) 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 type="checkbox"/>	ACT South Sudan Forum has been working in South Sudan since 1980's, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT South Sudan 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 South Sudan 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 South Sudan 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, the ACT South Sudan forum has identified a gap in Safe shelter/NFIs, WASH, Health & Nutrition, Food Security & Livelihoods, Education and Protection services requiring a funding gap of 61.5 Million USD as estimated by UNOCHA needed to support 420,000 people in need of immediate assistance and the forum has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT South Sudan forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide Safe shelter/NFIs, WASH, Health & Nutrition, Food Security & Livelihoods, Education and Protection services to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to immediate lifesaving assistance and livelihoods support for early recovery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT South Sudan forum is ready to respond, providing Safe shelter/NFIs, WASH, Health & Nutrition, Food Security & Livelihoods, Education and Protection services to 120,000 flood affected population in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Unity, Northern Bahr el Gazal and Eastern Equatoria in the coming months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT South Sudan 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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