



Kenya

Nairobi, 11th November 2019**SITUATION**

Kenya has experienced heavy rains in the recent months across the country, affecting over 144,000 people in 25 counties.

According to preliminary findings by the Kenya Red Cross Society, the floods have claimed the lives of 48 persons and left at least 17,000 people displaced, according to the Government's National Disaster Operation Centre (NDOC), including affecting 200,000 refugees living in settlements in Dadaab. The most affected counties include Turkana, Wajir, Mandera, and Marsabit and Tana River, causing massive displacement of families, sheep, goats, cattle and camel. Villages and farms are submerged, exposing affected communities to lack of food, shelter safe water and water borne diseases.

Crucial livelihoods are destroyed of undetermined acreage of farmland and livestock, according to NDOC, which will heavily affect the food security situation across the country.

With the current weather forecasts, which predicts heavy rains until the end of November, the NDOC expects these numbers to rise.

NEEDS

The floods have put the affected counties 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, basic shelter and non-food items, basic health services and facilities, safe drinking water as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, livelihood activities, protection services

<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 the flood-affected people with vulnerabilities. Children, pregnant and lactating women, people with disabilities; more specifically for the elderly who cannot easily relocate in flooded waters to safety or to access to essential services. 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 crisis¹:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Governments in affected counties are responding supported by the Kenya National Drought Management Authority,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP are supporting the affected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Oxfam, Save the Children, World Vision, DanChurchAid, ECHO, Concern Worldwide, and others are supporting to meet immediate needs of the affected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Kenya Red Cross Society is conducting assessments and providing assistance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	National NGOs are planning to respond.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Are responding, for example, Caritas Lodwar are supporting the affected

¹ TCG, 2019: Stakeholders Response to Flood Affected families, Turkana County Government, October 2019

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Are displaced and living in makeshift camps.
<p>The county governments of the most affected counties are coordinating the response together with the National Disaster Management Unit. To ensure that humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, ACT Kenya forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (County Steering Groups) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>		
ACT Alliance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum has been working in Kenya since 1998, and is now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum members work 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 Kenya Forum members are currently monitoring the situation and preparing rapid needs assessments to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum members are monitoring the situation and emergency teams are preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, ACT Kenya forum has identified a gap in food security, safe water sanitation and hygiene, non-food items, livelihood activities, protection activities and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya forum is planning to submit a funding proposal to provide food, shelter and non-food items, WASH, livelihood and protection activities to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met concerning food, shelter, WASH and protection provision.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Kenya Forum is ready to respond, providing food, non-food items, water, sanitation and hygiene, livelihood activities, protection services to 2,000 affected households in the coming months.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Kenya Forum members 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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