



Tanzania

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SITUATION

During the night of Sunday 26 January 2020, the district of Kilwa in Lindi region, Tanzania was hit by floods caused by heavy rainfalls which continued for three days from 23rd to 25th January 2020. These floods affected 13 villages of Kilwa district namely Njinjo, Kipindimbi, Kisimamkika, Mitole, Kikole, Ruhatwe, Mavuji, Mchakama, Nakiu, Nakangaga, Nanjirinji B, Kiranjeranje and Likawage. Njinjo village is the most badly affected as compared to other villages. More than 4,500 people and livestock have been displaced with 3,000 currently living in school buildings. Other affected members have no residence after their houses and farms were destroyed and some family members are still missing. Furthermore the flood damaged infrastructure and public services. According to the local District Commissioner's office, at least 7 persons have lost their lives. Rescue teams are using boats to save lives by relocating affected families to temporary camps mostly in school buildings (Kipindimbi, Mitole, Nakiu and Nanjirinji B primary schools).

NEEDS

The floods have put the district in a state of crisis. The flood affected population find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to:-

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

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities, more specifically women and girls, children and people with disabilities are living in difficult and unhealthy environment in the camps. Also women and girls are at higher risk of gender-based violence. 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 responding to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	The local government authorities are working on behalf of the central government. For example, rescue boats were sent to the affected area. Auxiliary guards were tasked to provide security of the established 5 centers of about 3500 people for 24 hours.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in Tanzania have sent a team of twenty (20) people to join the rescue exercise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Police officers from the field force unit are at the site rescuing people using local boats and are assisting in the construction of temporary washrooms in the area of placement.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Kivinje jogging club has contributes 10 bags of maize flour.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Tanganyika Christian Refugees Service (TCRS) is conducting a rapid assessment. Also is cooperating with the District Commissioner's officers to avail the needed Data. TCRS plans to distribute used clothes to the affected population.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	People from Kilwa District are donating food and water to the affected community members. They are also using their fishing boats to rescue the affected population.

✓	Affected communities	Participating in the assessment of the disaster
<p>The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the Prime minister's office through the District Commissioner of Kilwa. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well-coordinated and complimented, ACT Tanzania 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.</p>		
ACT Alliance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania Forum has been working in Tanzania since 1986, and is now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania Forum works in areas affected by the floods and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania Forum is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and a better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania 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 type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide food, non food items, WASH, psychosocial support and nutrition food to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Tanzania Forum is ready to respond, providing food, hygiene kits, counselling, non food items and WASH to more than 4,500 people affected persons in the coming days.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Tanzania 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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