

## Alert note

*Zambia, Storm Ana, 02/02/2022.*

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**Type of emergency:** Cyclone Ana (Strong winds and floods)  
**Date of emergency (if rapid onset):** 25 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### The nature of the emergency

Tropical storm Ana made landfall in Namwala, Itezhihitezi, Choma and Monze districts, in Southern province of Zambia between on 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The storm came westwards and subsequently headed Southwards to the borders of Zimbabwe (Gwembe and Livingstone districts), then Botswana (Kazungula district), Namibia (Sesheke, Samoa districts) and Angola (Shang'ombo district) significantly affecting Southern and Western provinces of Zambia.

There have been damages to public infrastructures and private homes, widespread floods, displacements, as well as interruption of basic services reported. These heavy rains and strong winds continue being experienced from Mozambique to South Westwards of Zambia. The ACT Alliance Zambia Forum is concerned of this storm as these rains have persisted which has placed on highly women, girls and the aged vulnerable, already affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the affected regions. This is what has led the ACT Alliance Zambia Forum seek further support to cover the basic needs of the affected people.

### 3. The impact and scale of the emergency

According to the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) through the Disaster Management & Mitigation Unit (DMMU) and the offices of the District Commissioners, the following Provinces CENTRAL (Itezhihitezi district), Province of SOUTHERN (Namwala, Monze, Kalomo, Choma, Gwembe and Mazabuka districts while in WESTERN province, the districts that are affected are Kaoma, Mwandwi, Lukulu, Kalabo, Sikongo and Shang'ombi displaced.

Districts	FHH	MHH	Total
Mazabuka	301	110	411
Monze	399	178	577
Gwembe	231	112	343
Lukulu	293	103	396
Namwala	234	72	306
Choma	102	120	222
Mwandwi	83	69	152
Itezhihitezi	321	248	569
Shang'ombo	411	91	502
Sikongo	122	149	271
Kalomo	145	60	205
Kalabo	322	81	403

Several households in these communities highlighted above are displaced. There are only three

(3) camps which have been set up between Namwala and Monze districts assisted with them with tents. Most of the infrastructures in the affected districts have been destroyed compromising the communities' livelihoods. Young people alike are affected as they cannot access their Schools to markets, roads have become impassable, and bridges washed away. people include women and children.

So far, the government of the Republic of Zambia has established three (3) Camps between Namwala and Monze as the worst hit area where the people displaced are being evacuated to and receiving supplies from Government and well wishers. The roads to 2 camps (Malundu and Mbeza) are accessible by road but supplies to Chilumino Camp is being airlifted by the government. However, the ACT Members are using motorbikes to reach out to these hard-to-reach areas using motorbikes by partners. As regards supplies, the Forum will use the same government agencies to airlift the commodities to this camp.

#### **4. Local and national capacity**

The local and national government authorities have the experience and skills providing psychosocial support, protection besides the food items as a way of ensuring that displaced persons become resilient to the climatic conditions they are facing. The people rush to high grounds (if available) and use public infrastructure like Schools and Churches to seek refugee and asking for emergency relief.

Churches and Schools grounds are available for affected community members to set camp. Several families are hosted at community level and taking care each other (Ubuntu) before external support is received. Several affected families have also reduced the number and quantity of meals due to insufficient food stocks available. The government has continued spreading the Early Warning System (EWS) messages to ensure safety during the flooding period.

Yes, the government through the Disaster Management & Mitigation Unit (DMMU) which falls under the Vice President's Office has a contingency plan and some early warning systems. These systems help some of the communities who adhere to such warnings from the Ministry of Green Economy through the department of Meteorological Services. However, our local communities do not adhere to such messages and rely more on their Indigenous knowledge experienced before. In 75% of the districts affected have received some tents from the government for shelter in the interim.

The ACT Alliance Zambia forum has prepared a rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) tool to quickly obtain the data in the field which will show the plan and work of international organizations since the forum has only received information from World Vision who are waiting for the situation to deteriorate for them to assist.

No, these clusters are yet to be activated but the Rapid Needs Assessment will inform/confirm of these details once confirmed.

#### **5. Key needs and gaps**

There will be need for food, clothing, shelter on the short term. There is a need to rebuild, rehabilitate and renovate some of the bridges, classrooms, roads, and health facilities. Affected families will require psychosocial support and protection at their places of displacement.

It is still not clear how many displaced households are affected since not all areas can be assessed. The extent of destroyed infrastructure and quantity of food and NFI required is still unknown and the duration of the crisis. Government officials in the field are conducting assessments to verify information and support the persons in need. ACT Zambia Forum members from Council of Churches of Zambia, United Church of Zambia and is conducting a rapid Needs Assessment to confirm the findings.

ACT Zambia forum is planning to submit a rapid response fund request.

Capacity details of forum members with the intention to respond are given below.

ACT Member	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise	Support required	Budget Size
United Church of Zambia	Countrywide	WASH, Food security & Nutrition, Livelihood restoration, DRR, Protection, PSS	Financial Resources	USD150, 000 (RRF)
Council of Churches of Zambia	Countrywide	WASH, Food security & Nutrition, Livelihood restoration, DRR, Protection, PSS	Financial Resources	USD150, 000 (RRF)

#### 6. Potential responses

Both requesting members (UCZ, CCZ) have other projects in the affected areas while World Renew, has partners in Eastern, Southern and Western Provinces, Swedish Diakonia has partners in Lusaka, Copperbelt and Northwestern Provinces and the Joint Country Program [JCP] (NCA and Dan church Aid) has partners in Luapula, Copperbelt, Lusaka, Eastern and Southern provinces. The Zambia Forum has to drought before (RRF.17/2019) and RRF.1 /2018). Over and above, the members of the Zambia Forum have managed various projects costing over USD500, 000 which shall enable the forum to prudently manage the resources.

Since the UCZ and CCZ are the only local members of the ACT Alliance, the Zambia Forum is beefed up by the presence of the World Renew, Swedish Diakonia and the Joint Country Program [JCP] (NCA and Dan church Aid) with YWCA, Health Education Program- Zambia, Reformed Church in Zambia, Caritas, Tearfund are also involved as observers. The members of the ACT Alliance have adequate skills to respond to this request. The proposed tasks include Food Items distribution, NFIs and protection and Psychosocial support amounting to USD300, 000

The forum requires financial assistance to procure and supply Food and non-food Items to affected communities.