

Alert note**Tanzania Floods 06 December 2023****Completed by:** Peter Mwaitege (TCRS). [OBJ]**Date completed:** 07 December 2023**Forum:** ACT Tanzania Forum**Type of emergency:** Floods**Date of emergency (if rapid onset):** 15th October – 4th December 2023

The nature of the emergency
<p>Floods in Manyara (northeastern), Kagera and Mwanza regions in northwestern Tanzania, linked to the El Nino phenomenon characterized by heavy, excessive. continuous rain has triggered floods, landslides that started on 17th October 2023. The excessive rains have resulted in death, injury and destruction of homes, farms, and public property.</p> <p>According to the Tanzania meteorological authority (TMA) forecast, the Vuli rainfall season (October-December 2023) is likely to be influenced by La Nina conditions which are associated with above normal rains over most parts of the regions concerned (FSNWG, Oct 2023).</p> <p>The key dates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 15th October 2023 heavy rains damaged buildings, farms, and roads in Igalula ward affecting 181 families in Sengerema District. 2. On 16th October 2023-heavy rainfall causing floods, accompanied by fierce winds in Karambi and Kasharunga wards affected 250 households and destroyed 20 classrooms in Muleba District. 3. On 16th October 2023 in Karambi and Kasharunga wards 40 households were affected in Muleba District when their houses were destroyed, and farms and livestock affected. 4. On 17th October 2023 – heavy excessive rainfall caused havoc and damage to 211 households in four wards (Kashai, Rwamishenya, Bilele and Hamugembe) in Bukoba District. 5. On 5th November 2023- 40 households were destroyed in Kasarani, Bugwe and Rwome wards when river Kanoni burst its banks destroying property and farmlands in Bukoba Municipal, Bukoba district. 6. Sengerema District in Igalula ward – 181 households were affected by heavy rains which also damaged buildings, farms, classrooms, staff houses, health facilities. 7. On 3rd December heavy rains hit Hanang District and caused landslides around mount Hanange in Manyara region killing 47 people and injuring 85. The heavy rains have left 1,150 households (5.600 persons) without shelter.
The impact and scale of the emergency
<p>The floods emergency would be classified as a medium scale emergency as it has affected four districts of Hanang, Bukoba, Muleba and Sengerema Districts. The current death toll from the floods currently stands at 68 persons. At least 116 people have also been injured according to media reports and rescue operations are ongoing. There are also reports of families that are in high-risk areas and refuse to evacuate.</p> <p>Hanang District, Manyara region In Katesh town, 47 people have lost their lives, 85 are injured while in the same district, Gendabi village, (a mountainous area), an all-night downpour on 3rd December 2023 has swept majority of the houses including livestock and buildings downstream resulting to 116 injured persons (56 male and 60 female) according to the prime minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa during a news briefing (Wasafi Media, 5th Dec 2023).</p> <p>Bukoba and Muleba Districts, Kagera region</p>

According to data provided by the district commissioner of Bukoba Municipal council, the floods have caused one death and injured 3 persons: destroying 211 homesteads. At least 482 households (589F/529M) have been affected, displaced, and currently living under bridges, on the streets and other open safe places. The most affected wards in Bukoba Municipal include Kashai, Rwamishenya, Bilele and Hamugember wards.

Muleba District Flood-related health risks were complex and multifaceted, ranging from hypothermia, drowning, serious injuries to infectious disease escalation and mental health problems.

There was destruction of infrastructure in Muleba District (karambi and Kasharunga- A) where 250 homesteads were destroyed by heavy winds and rainfall which also destroyed 20 Classrooms buildings.

Sengerema District

The district authority issued a state of emergency on 16th October 2023, following heavy rains on 15th October 2023. An assessment conducted by district authorities and ACT Tanzania national member Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania diocese showed that 181 households' homesteads and large acreage were destroyed. (no deaths were reported). In addition, schools (4 classrooms + 3 staff houses), health facilities and churches were also destroyed. As a result of the rains, affected families are left without shelter, food, and other basic items.

The government of Tanzania has established care centres and settled the flood affected and displaced persons. The government has also supported the flood affected persons with food and non-food items. Fire rescue teams have also been mobilized to rescue those trapped.

Region	Kagera	Mwanza	Manyara	
District	Bukoba + Muleba	Sengerema	Hanang	TOTAL
House Holds affected	482	181	1,150	663
No. destroyed houses.	290	4	1,150	1,444
Damaged Classrooms	37	4	TBC after Rapid Needs assessment (RNA)	41
Damaged Health Facilities	1	1	TBC after RNA	2
Teacher Staff Houses	0	4	TBC after RNA	4
Toilets	0	1	TBC after RNA	1
Public Facilities (church, offices etc)	2	1	TBC after RNA	3

Short- and Long-term effects of floods

Flood affected families have been left without shelter, food, safe water, and household items due to the heavy rains and destruction of homesteads and farmland (destroyed livelihoods).

School classrooms and health structures destroyed, and this may disrupt access to education and health services. There has also been a rise of infectious diseases as the flood water is infected.

Due to the heavy rains, some communities remain isolated due to the increase in the flow of rivers and streams.

If the rains continue, more death, injury and destruction could continue. The heavy rainfall will continue to cause disruption in the sectors of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, tourism, wildlife, transport, energy

and other socio economic activities according to the Tanzania Meteorological Authority climate outlook ([KilimoKwanza](#)).

The areas affected are prone to waterborne and communicable diseases and due to contaminated water sources and limited access to basic services for evacuees, there is an increased risk of waterborne disease outbreak risk.

1. Local and national capacity

Even though the UN cluster system including working groups have not been activated, government authorities in the affected districts of Bukoba, Sengerema, Hanang and Muleba have declared the flood situation as a state of emergency.

In Bukoba municipality and Muleba district, the authorities have established an emergency committee, and the government has settled people in temporary shelters including schools.

Through the support of various stakeholders including community leaders and civil society organizations in Bukoba and Muleba District², 20 shelters are currently available and have been distributed to 50 people (this is still not sufficient and supports only 1.7% of the affected population).

To support the floods disaster, the affected community, municipal, departmental, various agencies, and national structures such as the Government Ministries, Tanzania Red Cross Society, ECG (Emergency Coordination Group), IASC (Inter Agency Standing Committee), LECs (Local Emergency Committee), MEC (Municipal Emergency Committee), and COPECO have a national emergency response plan which requires technical and economic resources.

There is an El Nino Contingency Plan and Anticipatory Action that is updated from September 2023-June 2024 that the government is following. The national government has set up 3 official shelters, evacuated 1,118 people, and provided the affected families with food rations, 20 mattresses, and 50 blankets. However, in some communities where the response from the government is not enough or inexistent, communities have set up shelters in churches.

The Humanitarian Network within the country is coordinating with the affected Regions who have each established emergency committees. Humanitarian organizations with a presence in the flood areas are conducting or planning to conduct needs assessments as soon as access is made possible and updated information is updated upwards from district to regional levels.

The needed support is in the areas of shelter, safe water, food, psychosocial support, medicine, and protection according to governmental guidance of the Prime Minister Office.

In Sengerema District, the emergency responses are coordinated by the Emergency Coordinator under the District Commissioner office. So far, the district has provided food and emergency shelter to the most impacted families. Moreover, the District has consulted a mining company (Nyanzaga) which has volunteered to rehabilitate 2 classrooms at Sota Primary School.

Furthermore, the District Government authorities have presented a request to ACT Tanzania Forum member Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania – East of Lake Victoria Diocese in Mwanza and other international organizations present to support the affected households with food, Non-Food Items

In Hanang District, the Ministry of Health, PMO-Disaster Management Team, Regional and District Governments and disaster management partners, are on the ground for rescue operation and emergency work.

2. Key needs and gaps

The Sengerema district council and ACT Tanzania forum member Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT Mbulu Diocese) have conducted a rapid needs assessment to establish the extent of the disaster (Taarifa ya maafa kata ya Igalula Sengerema November 2023). During the assessment, they found homes, school buildings, village dispensaries damaged by the floods. According to rapid needs assessment reports from Bukoba and Sengerema Districts as developed and submitted by the Office of

the District Commissioner, the major gaps among all the affected are food, non-food items (mattresses, blankets, mats, kitchen kits, wheelchairs, tents, stretchers, and evaluation efforts).

Please indicate whether you are considering:

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Rapid Response Fund	
Appeal	X

Capacity details of forum members with the intention to respond are given below. Three national members from ACT Tanzania Forum are responding in three different geographic locations depending on their local presence.

ACT Members	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise	Support required	Estimated Budget range
Council of Churches of Tanzania (CCT), and Tanganyika Christian Refugee Services (TCRS).	Serengerema district, Mwanza region	Food/Nutrition, WASH, Shelter, Psychosocial support, livelihoods	Financial support	TBC
Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS).	Kagera, Muleba districts, Kagera region.	Food/Nutrition, WASH, Shelter, Psychosocial support, livelihoods	Financial support	TBC
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT)	Hanang district, Manyara Region	Food/Nutrition, WASH, Shelter, Psychosocial support, livelihoods	Financial support	TBC

3. Potential responses

ACT Tanzania Forum have an updated EPRP, and members of the forum have individual EPRPS. Several members of the ACT Tanzania forum have experience to responding to floods in the past. ACT forum members are present in most of the affected areas through their local dioceses for example within Bukoba Municipal and Muleba District.

ACT members are planning to respond to meet the gaps in the response through a regional appeal. The requesting members have experience in distribution of food and non-food items, shelter, gender, livelihoods, and psychosocial support.