

**Alert note**

*Malawi Flash Floods. 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025*

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**Forum :** Malawi Forum

**Type of emergency:** Flash floods

**Date of emergency (if rapid onset):** 25/03/2025

<b>1. The nature of the emergency</b>	
Flash Floods 25 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Karonga district Malawi.	
<b>2. The impact and scale of the emergency</b>	
<p>The impact of the flash floods is small/medium scale emergency affecting one district (Karongo) in the Northern region of Malawi.</p> <p>According to a recent needs assessment, by Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS) in Malawi, 1,398 persons have been affected by flash floods in Karonga, and majority of the affected are currently displaced from their homes due to continuous heavy rains.</p> <p>Houses and farmland have been damaged/destroyed, and more information will be gathered as some of the affected areas have not been accessible due to the flood waters.</p> <p>The affected have lost homes and crops that were at maturing age, and this may result in poor food security as many do not have alternative sources of income/food sources due to poverty and the floods may leave them more vulnerable to future shocks.</p>	
<b>3. Local and national capacity</b>	
<p>Many of the affected are displaced in camps, schools and other public infrastructure while others have integrated within communities. The district is mobilizing resources outside the district to support food, shelter and other needs.</p> <p>Local disaster committees are managing camps, and search and rescue operations by local communities are operations continue. The district has mobilized tents to support households without shelter, the tents are enabling them to move to temporary shelter and relocated from classrooms.</p> <p>The Country has a national emergency response plan with is being followed and the affected district has a district disaster contingency plan which has been activated to respond.</p> <p>In addition, the district has the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and clusters at district level have been activated.</p>	
<b>4. Key needs and gaps</b>	
<p>According to a recent need assessment, the major gaps are in the area of WASH, Shelter, Non-Food Items and addressing protection issues. There are some capacity gaps in data collection awaiting submission by Disaster Relief Committee members.</p> <p>Please indicate whether you are considering:</p>	
	Indicate your intention with an <b>X</b> below
Rapid Response Fund ( <i>intended for small and medium scale emergencies</i> )	X
Appeal ( <i>intended for large scale emergencies</i> )	
Capacity details of forum members with the intention to respond are given below.	

ACT Member	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise	Support required	Estimated Budget range
Evangelical Lutheran Development Services	Karonga	Cash transfer, Food security, WASH, Livelihood	Financial support	50,000 USD

**5. Potential responses**

The Evangelical Lutheran Development Services (ELDS) operates in the Karonga district and have previous experience of emergency response in Cash / Voucher assistance, in kind and shelter support. For this response, ELDS plans to respond to the affected and would require financial support.