

**Alert note**

*Nigeria, Flood Disaster Humanitarian Emergency, 18th June, 2025*

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**Forum:** Nigeria

**Type of emergency:** Floods emergency

**Date of emergency (if rapid onset):** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

1. The nature of the emergency
A devastating flood disaster has struck Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State, Nigeria, causing widespread destruction and displacement. We urgently need support to provide life-saving assistance to the affected communities. The flood disaster, which occurred on May 29, 2025, has resulted in over 200 deaths, thousands displaced and widespread destruction of homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods in Mokwa, Niger State, in north-central Nigeria, according to State authorities. Many people, among them children, are reportedly missing.
2. The impact and scale of the emergency
<p>On May 29, 2025, Mokwa in Niger State, Nigeria, experienced one of the most catastrophic flash floods in the nation's recent history. Triggered by intense overnight rainfall, the flood rapidly overwhelmed local infrastructure. The situation worsened when a nearby dam collapsed, amplifying the flood waters and devastation across the region.</p> <p>The human impact was severe: 159 people were confirmed dead, 98 reported missing, and at least 11 hospitalized with various injuries. Approximately 3,018 residents were displaced, many seeking shelter with relatives, friends, or in host communities due to limited emergency housing. Infrastructure damage was extensive. The collapse of the Mokwa bridge and two others 2 severely hindered access and emergency response. Two major roads were destroyed, isolating affected areas.</p> <p>Over 250 homes and businesses were lost, and the agricultural sector suffered heavily, with more than 10,000 hectares of farmland destroyed—affecting livelihoods across Niger and neighboring states. This disaster highlights the growing threat of extreme weather events linked to climate variability and underscores the urgent need for effective early warning systems, resilient infrastructure, and comprehensive disaster risk reduction strategies in Nigeria.</p> <p><a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/unicefhumanitarian-situation-report-flash-floods-mokwa-lga-nigeria-update-period-3rd-june-2025">https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/unicefhumanitarian-situation-report-flash-floods-mokwa-lga-nigeria-update-period-3rd-june-2025</a>) More than 3,000 people have been displaced, according to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). This includes over 1,600 children under the age of 12 and about 380 lactating mothers, according to UNICEF. Flooding has affected key roads and bridges, disrupting transport and economic activity. Mokwa is a transit hub, linking traders from southern Nigeria with food producers in the north.</p> <p>The town plays a strategic role in regional commerce and transportation. Priority humanitarian needs include emergency shelter, clean water and sanitation hygiene and psychosocial support for children and other vulnerable people.</p>
3. Local and national capacity
The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) had, prior to the incident, issued multiple early warnings regarding likely flooding in flood-prone regions like Niger State. In collaboration with NiMet and NIHSA, NEMA's early warning systems involved: Disseminating seasonal climate predictions and realtime flood alerts via radio, television, social media, and town criers. Organizing community sensitization programs to educate residents on flood preparedness, safe evacuation routes, and environmental practices like clearing blocked drainage and refraining from building in

waterways. Engaging traditional rulers, religious leaders, and community-based organizations to broaden the reach of these campaigns.

Despite these efforts, the scale of the disaster revealed the limits of national-level warnings without sufficient ground-level implementation. In the aftermath of the flood, NEMA mobilized quickly to deliver relief and coordinate rescue efforts. Key actions included: Deployment of search and rescue teams in collaboration with the military and civil defense units. Provision of emergency relief materials, including food, mattresses, blankets, mosquito nets, cooking utensils, and medical supplies to affected communities. Setting up temporary shelters for displaced persons.

Rapid assessment missions to determine the scale of destruction and prioritize urgent needs and Engagement with local authorities to ensure the fair distribution of aid and identify at-risk populations needing urgent attention. NEMA also emphasized the need for increased local preparedness to ensure that early warnings lead to actionable responses at the community level. (<https://ikonallah.com/2025/05/31/flash-flood-in-mokwa-niger-state-nemas-early-warning-responseefforts-and-the-role-of-state-local-governments-in-flood-prevention/>)

#### 4. Key needs and gaps

The living conditions for flood survivors in Mokwa, Niger State remain inadequate. Issues such as insufficient shelter, limited access to clean water and sanitation facilities, and inadequate healthcare services further compound the challenges faced by these displaced individuals. This dire situation emphasizes the urgent need for comprehensive humanitarian interventions aimed at addressing the immediate needs of the flood survivors and laying the groundwork for sustainable solutions.

The affected Households require immediate support, including:

1. Food and non-food items (NFIs)
2. Shelter and temporary housing
3. Clean water and sanitation facilities
4. Healthcare, medical supplies and psychosocial support
5. Livelihood support and economic empowerment

Please indicate whether you are considering:

	Indicate your intention with an <b>X</b> below
Rapid Response Fund ( <i>intended for small and medium scale emergencies</i> )	<b>X</b>
Appeal ( <i>intended for large scale emergencies</i> )	

#### 5. Forum Capacity and members intention to respond

ACT Member	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise and experience
Christian Council of Nigeria	Mokowa, Nigeria, West Africa	Health, Protection and Psychosocial Support, Cash support

#### 6. Potential responses

The National Council of Churches in Nigeria is planning in the flood affected area of Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State, Nigeria. CCN based on the needs is planning to extend urgent emergency assistance in the flood affected areas in the sectors of WASH, Health, NFIs, Cash

Assistance and Psycho-social support. CCN is requesting support from the rapid response fund to provide immediate assistance to flood affected people.