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Situation Report on Floods in Kenya as at 25th November 2019

1.0 Background information

Situation Overview

Several weeks of heavy rainfall have triggered flooding in Kenya. According to the Kenya Meteorological department, cases of flooding have been reported in *Wajir, Marsabit, Mandera, Kwale, Kitui, Kilifi, Garissa, Busia* and *Turkana Counties*. This has led to loss of animals and Human lives. Flash floods have affected parts of Turkana Central, West and South. These areas are neighbouring river Turkwell, River Tarachi and small Rives in Turkana South. Turkana County department of trade concluded their assessment report on losses incurred by the business community, this amounts to 900,000 USD. Affected areas in Turkana are on high alert for a possible cholera outbreak in the affected counties. Public Health Officials are also on high alert to check on possibility of the sale of dead animals which is being sold to unsuspecting individuals.

Mudslides have been reported in *Muranga, West Pokot* and *Elgeyo Marakwet Counties*. Lightning strikes were experienced in *Teso South* and *Busia County* killing people and livestock. *Busia* and *Narok* counties reported hailstones which led to destruction of crops.

Actors have received requests for food, Non-Food Item Kits, Mosquito Nets and shelter from the affected counties. Damaged shelters are yet to be ascertained in some areas as the flooding has not yet subsided. There are reports of malaria and possibility of water borne diseases. The floods have damaged agricultural lands and the extent of the damage is expected to increase once floods have receded. Power and telecommunications are reported to be down in some locations.

2.0 Key Figures

- At least 29 People died as a result of landslides caused by severe weather affecting the villages of *Nyarkulian and Parua* in West Pokot County. In *Psigor*, 7 children from the same family were killed by the land slide. In *Tamkal* village 17 people are confirmed dead. In *Parua and Tapach* 12 people are dead while 7 people died at *Sebit*. 15 bodies have been recovered while 22 bodies are still missing. The exact number of those who have died and those who are missing has not been confirmed yet as the death toll is projected to rise. Many people are still missing. More than 300 vehicles are stuck on the Kitale-Lodwar highway as the key bridges at *Sebit and Ortum* have been washed. The road network in the County has collapsed and rescue teams are finding it hard to reach the victims. Eight Key bridges across the county have been swept away by the floods. The toll rose due to the only

permanent river within the county; *River Muruny* bursting its banks.

- 200 households were displaced in Marsabit County as a result of heavy rainfall.
- According to media reports, as of 24 October, Nine people have died as a result; Four in Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Four in Wajir County and One in Turkana County. Thousands of people have been displaced and roads and houses have been damaged.
- In Turkana County, 8,000 people have been displaced, 6,413 sheep and goats died, 63 camel and 67 cattle. Animals are the main source of livelihood for pastoralist communities. 3,700 hectares of irrigated land has also been destroyed. St. Teresa Pastoral Centre in Lodwar Town lost property worth 100,000 USD
- Four children drowned¹ on Tuesday in *Eldas*, *Wajir* County as they attempted to swim in a swollen stream. Two of the victims were in Standard Five, one in Grade One and another in Grade Three. The deluge has resulted in the death of one female in Gurar, with 1654 households affected and 1616 livestock, especially sheep and goats (sheeps) lost.
- 950 latrines collapsed in *Griftu*, *Aden*, *Awale* and *Arabajan* in *Wajir* County, five schools closed due to floods and lack of access; and boreholes 1 and 2 submerged in *Buna* while *Bute* hospital has been inundated for five days and a hospital toilet damaged.

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/kenya/floods-wreak-havoc-wajir-mandera-locals-call-help>

3.0 Priorities

According to October 2019 report by the Turkana County Government and *Partners response to floods affected families*, a number of government, NGO and civil society actors have responded through provision of:

- Non- Food Items Kits
- Jerricans and buckets for household use
- Water treatment tabs such as Aqua-tabs, chlorine powder and purr powder.
- Hygiene promotion and sensitization is ongoing through local FM radio stations.
- Kenya power are working to restore electricity
- Plans are underway to offer psycho social support to communities, institutions and individuals.

4.0 Coordination of Response efforts

Response by Caritas Lodwar

- Supported the local department of water to flush the silted boreholes
- Set aside relief food commodities to support St. Kevin's and other flood affected communities.
- Supported data collection exercise to consolidate data necessary for proper targeting of floods affected families.
- Donated the following food and non-food commodities:
 - 50 bags of white maize (50kgs)
 - 20 bags of beans (50kgs)
 - 10 jerricans of vegetable oil (20ltrs),
 - 3 bales of assorted clothes to affected families through respective parishes,
 - All Parishes within the Municipality (St. Michael, Christ the king, St Augustine and the Holy family are open to host needy families in the event of floods.

5.0 Immediate Needs

Kitale Diocese – West Pokot County

No food given so far. Families are in need of shelter, food, clothing, medicine and mosquito nets. This is the worst natural disaster ever to have hit the county in the recent past. All roads to the villages have been cut off. Most people died while sleeping. Caritas Kitale has asked the people in the neighborhood to support affected families with food, shelter and clothing through the affected parishes.


Lodwar Diocese- Turkana County

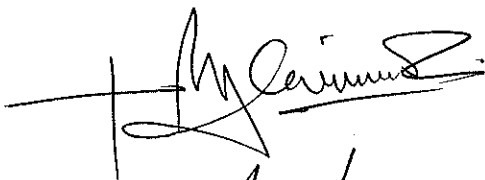
- Repair of existing boreholes – Accessories such as dosers, pumps, control panel, solar systems and stand pipes are needed.
- Livestock drugs are needed

- Restocking
- Rehabilitation of livestock market
- Rehabilitation of irrigated farmlands
- Rehabilitation of Lodwar fresh produce and fish market
- Cash transfers and relief food to affected families
- 1,110 traders need loans to revive their businesses. They include: 245 vegetable vendors, 155 livestock traders, 320 fish Mongers and 390 retail and wholesalers.
- 2000 students and pupils need dignity kits
- Government institutions and offices such as the administration office, lands office and Prison facilities have also been affected and need revamps.

Garissa Diocese – Wajir County

- Food and non-food items
- Water treatment
- Hygiene sensitization on water borne diseases
- Restocking


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