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Our Partners

**RE: URGENT APPEAL TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS
EMERGENCY IN KENYA.**

Dear brothers and sisters, receive greetings in the name of Christ the savior.

Several weeks of heavy rainfall have triggered deadly floods, mudslides, lightning strikes and hailstones that have affected thousands of people in Kenya. According to reports from our Dioceses, the Kenya Meteorological Department, Humanitarian Agencies and the media, the areas affected by flooding so far include: *Marsabit, Wajir, Mandera, Tana River, Turkana, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kitui, Meru, Kajiado, Nandi, Kwale, Garissa, Muranga and Busia* Counties.

In the Catholic Diocese of Lodwar, the floods have displaced over 8,000 people and swept away thousands of livestock. St. Teresa pastoral Centre in Lodwar town lost property worth 10,000,000 KES (100,000 USD). The floods have further damaged agricultural lands and the extent of the damage is expected to increase once floods have receded. Power and telecommunications are also reported to be down in some locations.

In the Diocese of Kitale, at least 29 people died as a result of severe weather affecting the villages of *Nyarkulian and Parua* in West Pokot county, in addition 17 people died in a mudslide in the village of *Takmal* in the Pokot Central district, while 12 others lost their lives in mudslides in the villages of *Parua and Tapach* in Pokot South. The road network in the Diocese has also been severely affected, more than 300 vehicles are stuck on the Kitale-Lodwar highway as the key bridges at *Sebit and Ortum* have been washed away. These figures provide a snapshot of the effects of heavy rainfall in the affected counties and experts have predicted more heavy rain and flooding in Kenya following the temperature rise in the Indian Ocean which has left Kenya and its neighboring countries extremely vulnerable to flooding.

INCORPORATING: THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

1.) Commission for Doctrine, 2.) Commission for Liturgy, 3.) Commission for Missions, 4.) Commission for Pastoral and Lay Apostolate, 5.) Commission for Ecumenism, 6.) Seminary Episcopal Commission, 7.) Commission for Clergy and Religious, 8.) Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue, 9.) Commission for Education and Religious Education, 10.) Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, 11.) Caritas Kenya, 12.) Catholic Health Commission of Kenya, 13.) Commission for Social Communications, 14.) Commission for Refugees Migrants and Seafarers 15.) Council for Economic Affairs 16.) Ad Hoc Commission for AIDS Relief 17.) Canon Law National Office 18.) Family Life National Office-19.) Apostolate to the Nomads (A.N.A)

"You shall be my Witnesses", (Acts 1:8) for the Sanctification and Salvation of all People.

The Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops is appealing to all Christians, partners and people of goodwill to support our emergency response initiatives to the flooding in our Dioceses. The emergency operation will provide to the affected population core relief items such as: mosquito nets, sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, jerrycans and buckets. Assistance will also include water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions through distribution of sanitary materials, soap and Chlorine for water treatment and disinfection of latrines. The affected population are also in need of health support following exposure to water-borne diseases.

We kindly request you to support this initiative by donating funds, food and non-food items to save the lives of the affected population. In-kind donations (dry food and non-food items) can be channeled through our Parishes, Diocesan and National offices and other church institutions. Caritas, the development and humanitarian arm of the church, will coordinate this initiative.

For financial support, kindly send your contributions to either of the following:

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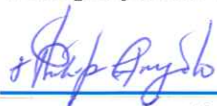
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MPESA PAY BILL:

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While we thank you for your continued support, we assure you of our prayers.

With prayerful best wishes,



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