

## Rapid Response Payment Request No. 14/2010

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**Funds Sent To:** Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Uganda

**Amount Sent:** USD60,000

**Date:** 12 October 2010

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### Details of Response

**Emergency:** Assistance to people affected by floods in Teso sub-region, North Eastern Uganda

**Date of Emergency:** 12 October 2010

*Katakwi district in Teso sub-region of Uganda has been seriously affected by above-normal rainfall of 47% since April. As a result, the situation is slowly but steadily worsening.*

**Implementing Member:** Lutheran World Federation

#### **DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY:**

From data collected by district authorities, the abnormal rainfall has seriously affected Katakwi District in Teso sub-region for more than five months. As rains continued, the situation slowly worsened.

Run-off water from neighbouring districts flows into Katakwi through rivers and streams towards swamps making the situation there worse than in the nearby districts. Swamps have swollen, roads destroyed and bridges collapsed. The soils are saturated, causing vast areas to be water logged.

Houses are collapsing easily. There is serious seepage into water sources from flooded latrines and waste floats into water sources and houses. At least 517 latrines have collapsed in four sub-counties of the nine in Katakwi and Amuria, according to preliminary data.

At least 17 schools in six of the nine sub-counties are seriously affected. Buildings have collapsed and latrines flooded.

United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS) reported a collapsed bridge on 11 October near Soroti on the main Soroti – Mbale – Kampala road. The main water-pumping station in Soroti has submerged into the swamps. Since then, there has been no clean water pumped into Soroti, Kaberamaido, Katakwi and Amuria.

It has been reported that some people have moved back to IDP camps where they used to live, as these are on “higher ground” and so far are less affected. At least 724 houses have been destroyed, and 4000 gardens damaged in one sub-county alone.

Figures from Katakwi district reveal that at least 6600 acres of cassava have been affected, 900 acres of sweet potatoes, 1600 acres of groundnuts and 3100 acres of sorghum. Also several acres of green gram, beans, maize and millet are affected. At the moment, people eat food harvested in the last season, but stores are also affected and will soon be empty unless parts of the harvest can be rescued. Cassava and sweet potato are being uprooted in an attempt to dry them on the ground and save some of the harvest.

**ACTIONS TO DATE, AND EMERGENCY NEEDS:**

UN OCHA has made an assessment and will decide on allocation from their Emergency Reserve Fund (ERF) during the week of October 11-15. No interventions have been made as yet.

Uganda Red Cross has intervened in Kapujan sub-county, by training communities to assess the situation, collect and verify data. The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has distributed food in Ngariam. FAO has distributed some tarpaulins in Ngariam for drying of cassava uprooted from the ground to prevent it rotting.

LWF has assessed the situation and continues assisting households it already worked in with post-harvest handling, storage and minor assistance on practical issues.

**PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE:**

The intervention will be in 90 villages in the five most affected sub-counties of Magoro, Ngariam, Katakwi, Ongongoja and Palam.

Beneficiary selection is based on:

- Worst-hit areas as assessed by Katakwi district authorities (damage to roads, houses, latrines, farms and schools)
- Parishes and villages that are hard to reach, cut off from health services and therefore aren't reached by government, district officials or other NGOs
- Households with children under five, pregnant and/or lactating women, physically challenged and/or elderly people will be prioritised.
- Gender consideration focusing on different exposure and effects to the vulnerable.

*Proposed emergency response:*

**OBJECTIVES OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE:**

- a) To save lives by reducing incidences of cholera, dysentery, typhoid and hepatitis through provision of clean water, disinfection and safe storage.
- b) To provide latrines to replace those flooded and/or collapsed.
- c) To mitigate food shortages in the near future by assisting people to dry harvests before they are spoiled.

**TARGET POPULATIONS:**

For this response 4500 households are targeted (approximately 27,000 people). Targeting, selection and listing is ongoing. It is estimated that response will cover 15,120 children (7712 girls and 7408 boys) and 11,880 adults (5821 men and 6059 women) based on age and gender.

**PROPOSED ASSISTANCE:**

The response will provide tablets for water treatment, safe water storage cans, mobile toilets, tarpaulins for drying of food and provide soap for personal hygiene. A total of 460 households in areas that are cut off by the rains will be provided with 460 tarpaulins for drying food to mitigate the risk of food shortage later in the year.

A total of 20 latrines will be constructed. One school with the most severe problems of latrines will get 16 latrines (six for boys, nine for girls and one for teachers). Schools will be trained to maintain and empty the latrines, and to dispose off the waste. Four latrines will be installed at community meeting places. A total of 4500 households will receive one bar of soap for personal hygiene.

Sensitization and training of community members will be done during distribution, thereby capacitating communities with knowledge and skills to treat and store water

**IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS:**

Distribution will be done through LWF office in Katakwi, using existing LWF vehicles and staff. Training of households on how to use water purifying tablets and latrines will be done during distribution. Monitoring and reporting will be continuous during implementation. At the same time, staff will monitor how the situation develops, as there is risk for more rain. The food situation will also be closely monitored. Since the rains have destroyed a lot of crops, food shortage is very likely later in the season.

The intervention will be made in an area where LWF is presently working. The area, communities and households are well-known to LWF, and LWF is well-known to them. Cooperation with groups, community leaders, schools, district authorities and individuals is expected to be smooth, as there is a well established relationship already. LWF will carry out all implementation with its own staff and community volunteers.

**COORDINATION:**

LWF Katakwi office is in close cooperation with the district authorities and will coordinate all relief with the district emergency coordinator. LWF is a well-known organisation in Katakwi and Amuria. Coordination with other members of ACT Alliance is to be done through the ACT network in Kampala.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication to ACT secretariat and ACT members in Uganda will be continuous. A human interest report will be prepared for ACT Alliance to use. Local media will be informed about the intervention and invited to cover it. Both LWF and ACT Alliance will be visible in all communications.

Communication will be through the LWF office and focal person for communication in Kampala.

**PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:**

Implementation will start immediately upon receipt of funds and one month thereafter. For water, implementation is continuous until safe water sources have been restored through wells, boreholes and other sources.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:****Budget**Exchange rate used in budget: **2,200** UGX/US\$

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Unit Cost UGX</b>	<b>Budget UGX</b>	<b>Budget US\$</b>
Water guard/ (water treatment)	Tablets	405,000	29	11,745,000	5,339
Mobile latrines	Latrine Jerri	20	1,100,000	22,000,000	10,000
Water storage & treatment	can	4,500	5,000	22,500,000	10,227
Tarpaulins for drying food	Piece	460	51,000	23,460,000	10,664
Soap for hygiene	bar	13,500	2,500	33,750,000	15,341
<b>Sub Total Material Support</b>				<b>113,455,000</b>	<b>51,570</b>
Fuel/costs for transport/distribution	Ltr	250	2,500	625,000	284
Fuel/costs for motorcycles	Ltr	500	3,000	1,500,000	682
<b>Sub Total Transport</b>				<b>2,125,000</b>	<b>966</b>
Local staff, management/supervision	Month	3	1,000,000	3,000,000	1,364
Local staff, distribution, monitoring	Month	9	750,000	6,750,000	3,068
<b>Sub Total Local Staff</b>				<b>9,750,000</b>	<b>4,432</b>
Communication	Month	3	100,000	300,000	136
Coordination, reporting, internal ctrl	Month	3	800,000	2,400,000	1,091
Finance and administration	Month	3	800,000	2,400,000	1,091
Office costs	Month	3	500,000	1,500,000	682
<b>Sub Total Other Costs</b>				<b>6,600,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<i>Contingency</i>					32
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>131,930,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>