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### Floods in West Africa

Around 800,000 people have been affected by floods in 14 countries in West Africa (Mali, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, The Gambia, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Sierra Leone, Benin, Ghana and Guinea)<sup>1</sup>. Among the hardest hit countries are: Ghana (over 332,000 affected), Togo (over 127,900 affected), Burkina Faso (over 92,900 affected), Niger (57,000), Mauritania (53,000) and Mali (over 42,000 affected).

### Highlights

- United Nations agencies and NGOs in **Burkina Faso** launched a flash appeal of 5,9 million USD on 26 October.
- United Nations agencies in **Guinea** have received one million USD from the Central Emergency Response Fund including 362,875 USD for flood affected people.

<sup>1</sup> Breakdown of flood related figures is annexed to the report.

- To date, the 12 million Flash Appeal for **Ghana** has been funded up to 3,071,373 USD, including 2,496,956 USD from the CERF and 574,417 USD from Canada (272,000 USD) and Sweden (302,417 USD).

## Situation and response

### **Ghana**

Flooding in the Upper East Region, Upper West Region, Northern Region and parts of the Western Region have affected 332,600 people and caused the death of 56 according to the Government. Some 35,000 houses and 1,500 kilometers and thousands hectares of crops have been destroyed. On 9 October an appeal for international assistance was launched by the government for the reconstruction of flood devastated areas.

#### *Response*

So far, the flash appeal of \$12,410,000 launched by the United Nations and partners has been funded up to 3,071,373 USD, including 2,496,956 USD from the CERF and 574,417 USD from Canada (272,000 USD) and Sweden (302,417 USD).

Humanitarian organisations have started the disinfection of boreholes in the affected areas, while distribution of water filters and tablets continue. As for food and nutrition, WFP is conducting assessment on the field to make sure that all the relevant needs are taken into account. Distribution of food aid is still on going in the districts.

In order to ensure the functioning of schools in affected areas, the ministry of Education and Humanitarian partners work together to determine the number of temporal shelters needed for the relocation. In addition, education actors are expected to come up with a new temporal classroom design to replace the damaged ones. Funding is therefore needed to add momentum to education in flood affected areas. Health experts from WHO headquarters in Geneva have brought their support at the national level.

IFRC has brought assistance in terms of shelter, relief and public health. The federation is awaiting non food relief items from Dubai to distribute to the already identified families. UNHCR has stock of non food items in the country; the Agency has put its trucks to help move relief items from Accra to the districts.

### **Burkina Faso**

According to the government, September floods have affected over 93,000 people in Burkina Faso and caused more than 28,000 displaced and 52 deaths.

#### *Response*

On 26 October, the United Nations and partner organizations launched a flash appeal for \$5.9 million to assist 93,000 people. Following the floods, emergency humanitarian operations were initiated by the government, the United Nations and NGOs. Despite initial relief assistance delivered by government and humanitarian actors to flood affected people, additional resources are needed to cover remaining needs. Funds from the appeal will support food security, health care, education, access to safe water and sanitation, rehabilitation of basic shelter, and non-food items. Governmental institutions, the United Nations, NGOs and the Burkina Red Cross will undertake these projects. Since the beginning of floods, the government of Burkina Faso has disbursed 1,144,371 USD to assist flood victims.

### **Guinea**

Some 20,000 people are affected by floods in Guinea, notably in the central province of Mamou and the northern provinces of Dabola and Dinguiraye.

#### *Response*

The Central Emergency Response Fund of the United Nations (CERF) has allocated 362,875 USD for 1,200 flood affected households in Mamou, 1,200 in Dabola and 1,000 in Dinguiraye. Funds will be used for an agricultural emergency programme that will be implemented by FAO in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Africare and Concern Universal.

## **BENIN**

Floods victims are estimated at 10,000. The affected areas are the northern provinces of Atacora, Donga, Borgou and Alibori; the southern provinces of Atlantique and Littoral, Mono, Couffo, Ouémé and Plateau; and the central provinces of Zou and Collines.

### *Response*

The government has disbursed over 3,400,000 USD (1,548,786,157 CFA) to respond to floods. The funds have been used among other things to drain stagnant waters and disinfect wells; distribute medicines, clean drinking water, food items and mosquito nets; repair public infrastructures and relocate victims.

OCHA Regional Office in West Africa is centralising existing information and issuing weekly situation reports. Other documents related to floods in West Africa are available in OCHA ROWA website at <http://ochaonline2.un.org/Default.aspx?tabid=10305> and in reliefweb at <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=FL-2007-000141-NGA&rc=1>

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**West Africa Floods Matrix**  
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Country	Localities	Affected	Population			Gvt Appeal	Assessment	Response	Gap	Period of Flood	Status of Request
			Displaced	Deaths	Source						
<b>Benin</b>	Atacora, Donga, Borgou, Alibori, Atlantique, Littoral, Mono, Couffo, Oueme, Plateau, Zou, Collines.	10 000	884	10	gvt			GVT: US\$3,401,693		July	
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	Hauts bassins, Regions Centre-Est, Plateau Central, Centre, Nord, Centre-Nord, Centre-Sud, Boucle du Mouhoun, Cascades, Sahel et Centre-Ouest	92 970	28000	52	Conasur/Gov	<b>Yes</b>	Joint missions 21-29 Sept (OCHA - PAM-UNICEF-FAO-FEWS NET-CREDO CONASUR)	GVT: US\$1,144,371 WAEMU (US\$20,000). Morocco, NGOs, UN, relief items from Brindisi (\$310,000), Red Cross (NFIs and 22 tons of food), ECHO US\$807,212	food + 156 tents + NFI and drugs	August and September	<b>\$5.9 million Flash Appeal launched</b>  <b>4 October:</b> arrival of relief items from UN humanitarian depot in Brindisi  <b>Red Cross: additional 415,000 Swiss francs</b> to the budget for further distribution of emergency relief to 13,000 people in the next six months. <b>Red Cross seeks US\$ 2,5 million</b> , for aid to some 95,000 people in Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso
<b>C. d'Ivoire</b>	Agboville	2 000			IRIN					August	
<b>Gambia</b>	Sinchu Bala	300			FICR					July and	

										August	
<b>Ghana</b>	Northern Region, Upper east, Upper West, parts of Western region	332 600		56	Gov	<b>Yes</b>	UN (UNDAC 14 sept-16 Oct) Red Cross (FACT)  Joint mission 14-27 Sept in Tamale and Upper East Region (UN, DFID, ECHO, NGOs)	UN, NGOs, Red Cross, DFID, USAID, GVT (\$6M), Canada: (US\$272,000) Ghana, CERF (US\$ 2,496,956), ECHO: US\$1,009,015, Sweden (302,417 USD).		August and September	<b>Ghana CERF approved: US\$ 2,496,956 (UNICEF):</b> • Assistance to flood victims \$235,756 • Health sector support for flood victims in the three northern regions of Ghana, parts of western, and Volta Region US\$168,201 • Assistance to flood victims US\$80,765 <b>FAO:</b> Emergency supply of fertilizers for flood-affected farmers US\$252,413 <b>UNFPA:</b> Health sector support for flood victims in the three northern regions of Ghana, parts of western, and Volta Region US\$259,871 <b>WFP:</b> Assistance to populations displaced by floods US\$1,499,950) and <b>Flash Appeal</b> (US\$9,913,136) <b>launched</b>
<b>Guinea</b>	Mamou (Tolo, Dounet) Dinguiraye Dobola	<b>20685</b>			Un/gvt		joint mission 25 to 28 Sept (FAO, WFP, WHO, SENAH/Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Public Health and OCHA) to Mamou and WFP mission 9-12 October in Dinguiraye	CERF US\$362,875	Food, seeds, tools, deworming and anti-malaria drugs, mosquito nets, school supplies.	September	<b>CERF approved: FAO (US\$362,875)</b> Emergency support in agricultural inputs to 3,200 households flood victims in Mamou, Dabola and Dinguiraye prefectures -
<b>Liberia</b>	Monrovia	17000		1	UNMIL		WFP	MSF Belgium, The Ministry of		August	

								Public Works, UN, IFRC, USAID (US\$ 35,000 to the Liberia Red Cross)			
<b>Mali</b>	(Régions de Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Segou, Mopti)	42 662	4576	9	DPC/Gov	<b>Yes</b>	Joint mission 9-10 August in (OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, UNDSS, DGPC, UNFPA), in Ségou (Diouna, Sié, Niono, Bla)	GVT: US\$2,996,781 (including US\$2,741,496 for repairs of road infrastructures) WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, USAID (US\$50 000 to CRS), relief items from Brindisi (US\$370,000):	WFP expressed need for US\$1 million	July & August	<b>CERF approved USD1,017,103</b> <b>UNICEF:</b> Assistance to flood victims (US\$476,029) WFP: Assistance to flood victims (US\$541,074) <b>17 October:</b> arrival Relief items from Un humanitarian Depot of Brindisi
<b>Mauritania</b>	Tintane, Hodh Charbi, Hodh Chargui, Gorgol, Tagant, Brakna, Trarza and Assaba Guidimakh a	<b>53 620</b>			WFP	<b>Yes</b>		GVT: US\$794,603, UN, NGOs, Red Cross Movement, ECHO, USAID, and partners	US\$1.2 million (WFP)	August & Sept	WFP have appealed for donors to contribute US\$3.8 million or 4,440 metric tons of food to head off a three-month break in supplies for the benefit of flood victims and expected repatriated Mauritanian refugees from Senegal.
<b>Niger</b>	30 localities in all regions of Niger	57 264		7	Gov			BCPR (US\$75,000), WFP (271 MT of food), NGOs, Red Cross Movement, GVT (US\$37, 715), Canada (US\$200,000),	112,715 USD + 21,862 blankets + 21,862 mosquito nets	Need of USD 53579 (4921 blankets and 3493 mosquito nets	No indication of either a Flash Appeal or a CERF at this time. Needs of blankets and mosquito nets have been revised downwards to allow a repartition per household instead of per individual.

								WAEMU (US\$53000)			
<b>Nigeria</b>	Plateau, Borno, Lagos, Kebbi, Taraba, Sokoto, Nassarawa	50 000		68	IRIN			Action Aid, Red Cross Movement		August & Sept	
<b>Senegal</b>	Saint Louis, Diourbel, Thies	5300		8	IFRC			GVT: US\$83,170, 103,600 kg of rice for 1045 households, 2432 mattresses, sheets, blankets, bottles of bleach water, soaps, mosquito nets, tempest lamps, Red Cross Movement		August & Sept	
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Kroo Bay area (Freetown)	4 500			SC			SC,		August	
<b>Togo</b>	Regions Maritimes et Plateaux North eastern region Savanes (Oti, Tone, Kpendial, Tandjouare	127880	13764	41	Gov/UN	<b>Yes</b>	18-22 sept inter-agency assessment mission in te Savanes region	GVT: US\$1,385, 281, Red Cross, ECHO (US\$1,066,673) , WFP, UNICEF (US\$100,000 in kits) WHO: (US\$229, 440) UNFPA	Estimated at US\$2,653,92 9 of which WFP needs US\$ 1.4 million (2,300 MT) for 2 months rations to	August & Sept	<b>Togo CERF approved:US\$1.415.26 0 UNICEF:US\$ 225,770 for assistance to Flood Affected Areas in Northern Togo FAO : US\$ 210,790 for assistance to flood</b>

, Cinkasse) with alarming rate of malnutritio n							(US\$85 000) Togo CERF US\$1,415,260	60,000 people	affected areas in the Savanes Region <b>WFP- US\$ 1,000,000</b> for food assistance to flood victims in northern Togo”
<b>Total</b>	<b>816781</b>	<b>47 224</b>	<b>252</b>						