



Floods in Kenya: Relief Aid

Thursday, 14th January 2010

Many parts of the country recorded minimal rains this week. However, the impact of heavy rains and floods experienced from December 2009, has been severely in North Rift, South Rift, Nyanza, parts of Nairobi and Lower Eastern regions.

The Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) continues to provide relief aid to flood affected people across the country. KRCS has received relief support from the Government, donors and various stakeholders to assist the floods affected populations countrywide.

The International Federation of Red Cross/Red Crescent has donated to KRCS Ksh28 million under the floods appeal. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded KRCS a grant of US\$200,000 to purchase 3,000 family kits and related costs for distribution of relief aid to 3,000 households, among them those affected by floods.

Floods Situation

South Rift

At least 197 households received non-food items within the region, as follows: Junction centre (23), Duka Moja (64), Namcha village (32) and Suswa (78). The items distributed were kitchen sets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, blankets, collapsible jerricans, aqua tabs and soaps.

In Naivasha, KRCS personnel distributed aqua tabs to 175 households in Kihoto estate in Central Division of Naivasha District.

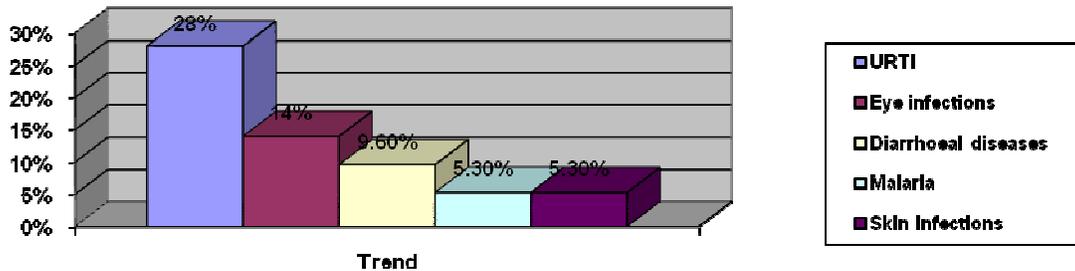
In Marigat, some 603 persons in Eldume camp received relief items. Two women delivered babies on 10th January 2010 while 10 pregnant women are receive pre-natal services in the camp. The affected populations have been moved from a primary school to stay in a nursery classroom. In *Longewan Apostolic Church* only four people are in the camp, the rest have returned to their homes.

In Mogotio, the Ministry of Health and Public Sanitation officers conducted health education in two camps - Kures and Athinai. The digging of toilets was completed.

North Rift Region

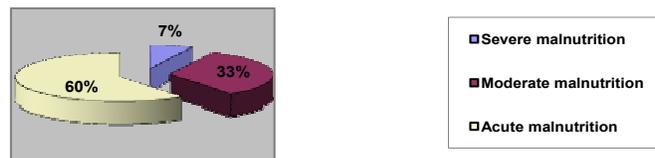
This week, the KRCS personnel distributed relief aid and conducted a medical outreach clinic that benefited 874 households in Lokwii area in Turkana East District.

Disease Trend in Lokwii



The team also screened children under five years old and provided nutritional services to patients with severe, moderate and acute malnutrition, most of them were given multivitamins and Amino acid syrup.

Malnutrition in children <5yrs



Water treatment tablets (aqua tabs) were distributed to 656 households in Lopedru, as indicated below:

Item	Quantity distributed	Location
Aqua tabs	14,000	Lopedru
PUR (satchets)	8,640	Katilia
PUR (satchets)	960	Lokorkor

West Kenya Region

In Nyakach District, people displaced by floods are still in three: St Alloiye Primary (280) Kanyalwal (310) and Rae (169).



Floods in Nyakach

The most affected areas in the district are Nyakach north and West Nyakach. In Nyando District, Wawithi Location is the worst hit especially Magina Sub-location , Kokul where 14 households have been displaced. Nyang'oma area in Muhoroni District has also experienced flooding. During the past two days, this week, West Kenya region has experienced minimal or no rainfall. Flood waters have reduced in most areas, apart from areas close to rivers Awach and Nyando.

Kenya Red Cross Society is undertaking assessment to profile a full report. At St Alloiye Primary School, KRCS distributed to the displaced persons 100 blankets, 100 water jerry cans, 50 tarpaulins, 360 bar soaps, 100 mosquito nets and 1,500 water purifiers.



Registration of people displaced by floods in Nyakach District

Coast Region

The Kenya Red Cross Society personnel today assessed the impact of flash floods that have displaced 53 households in Dalgamra in Marafa in Malindi District. River Sabaki has changed its course, and submerged over 100 acres of green maize crop that was almost due for harvesting. Farmers, who were expecting a bumper harvest, are now harvesting the green crop, in order to dry, instead of losing it entirely to the floods.

- ***Flood updates as at 14th January 2009***