



KENYA Situation Report #2 – FLOODS & LANDSLIDES – November 10^h, 2008

This situation report is based on information received from the Government, UN Agencies, other humanitarian partners in the field and local media.

Highlights

- **Severe flooding started in Bulangi district on 10 November after water burst through the dykes on the Nzoia river; over 20,000 families are at risk.**
- **At least five people were killed, including two children, due to flooding in the Ukambani Region between 6-10 November.**
- **Landslides killed 12 people, ten of whom were children, in Pokot Central district on 8 November; 27 houses are at risk of future landslides.**
- **At least 22 families were displaced by floods in Meru Central district on 22 October.**

SITUATION OVERVIEW

1. Severe flooding is occurring in Budalangi district, Western Province where water burst the dyke on the Nzoia River on 10 November. Water began overflowing from the Nzoia river dyke at 05:00 on 10 November. Some households are already marooned and community-members in the floodplain are urgently trying to create temporary embankments using gunnysacks.
2. The Nzoia River in Budalangi district is prone to annual flooding. More than 28,000 families were affected by floods in Budalangi in 2007: 6,000-8,000 were displaced by the floods and 2,000 were marooned.
3. At least five people were killed due to floods between 6 - 10 November in the Ukambani Region (south-eastern Kenya), according to local media. Two children were swept away by a flooded stream in Kitui District and three people were swept away in Kangundo district while attempting to cross the flooded Kalala River. At least twenty houses were reportedly flooded, recently planted crops were submerged and roads in Ukambani have reportedly been extensively damaged.
4. The Kenyan Red Cross Society (KRCS) reported that landslides killed eight children in Chesegon Division and three others (two of whom were children) in Ptirap sub-location, Pokot Central district on 8 November. Fifteen other children were injured and are now hospitalised. The DC reportedly noted that a total of 200 people were displaced in Chesegon division for whom the Government was making temporary shelter arrangements. Roads in the district were also damaged and the Wei Wei Bridge collapsed due to floodwaters.
5. Local authorities advised approximately 27 families located in landslide-prone areas of Pokot Central district to relocate to safer areas. There have been five other landslides in the district since 3 November, according to the KRCS.
6. On 22 October, Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) reported that at least 22 families were displaced by floods in Thimanjiri Village, 3kms from Meru town, Meru Central district.
7. In response to the Budalangi floods, the Ministry of State for Special Programmes (MoSSP) is mobilizing food assistance and is sending 5,000

RESPONSE

blankets from their stores. OCHA has dispatched an emergency team to support inter-agency coordination and rapid needs assessment.

8. In response to the Pokot Central landslides, the KRCS distributed NFIs to 20 families, including blankets, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, soap, kitchen sets and PUR sachets.
9. In response to the Meru Central flooding, KRCS distributed blankets.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

10. The needs identified for the Budalangi area include:

- NFIs including tents, tarpaulins, blankets, cooking sets and family kits.

11. In Pokot Central, KRCS noted that the following was needed in the immediate and longer term:

- NFI stocks to meet the needs of displaced households and those who may be displaced by future landslides.
- Rehabilitation of the roads and reconstruction of the Wei Wei Bridge.
- Establishment of early warning mechanisms to inform communities of impending hazards.
- Environmental conservation efforts to reduce landslides in the area

12. In the Ukambani region the following is urgently needed:

- An assessment of needs, specifically for the 20 households reportedly affected by the floods and the damaged roads.
- Identification of NFI stocks to respond to identified needs.
- Inputs for those who lost their crops due to the floods may also be needed.

COORDINATION

13. The Permanent Secretary for the MoSSP will survey the damaged area in Budalangi on 11 November, accompanied by OCHA. OCHA is working with partners at the Eldoret and Kisumu hubs to assess available stock and will support the national and district authorities to establish a

single aid pipeline to ensure a coordinated response to emerging needs. A temporary OCHA presence may be established in Budalangi to facilitate response to the rapidly evolving situation.

14. A meeting is being organized with key stakeholders to improve flood early warning systems.

15. An outline is being produced of all ongoing river water monitoring, the early warning systems in place for residents, and a summary of the channels through which early warnings are disseminated to aid agencies.

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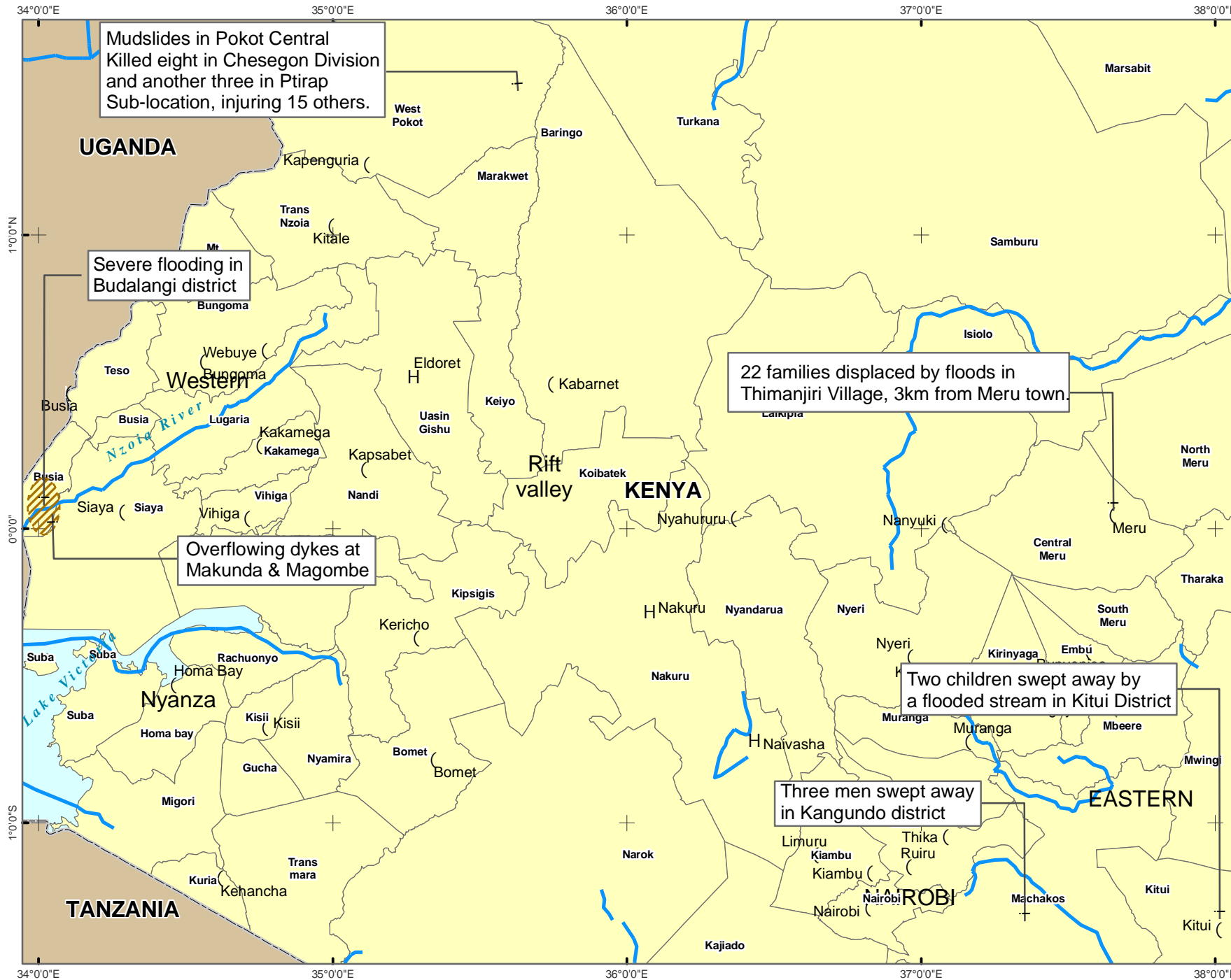
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Current Emergencies in Kenya



Mudslides in Pokot Central
Killed eight in Cheseгон Division
and another three in Ptirap
Sub-location, injuring 15 others.

Severe flooding in
Budalangi district






Overflowing dykes at
Makunda & Magombe

22 families displaced by floods in
Thimanjiri Village, 3km from Meru town.

Two children swept away by
a flooded stream in Kitui District

Three men swept away
in Kangundo district

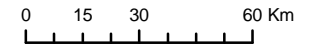
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-  Lakes
-  Kenya Districts
-  International Boundary
-  Flood Affected Area

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