

Situation Update

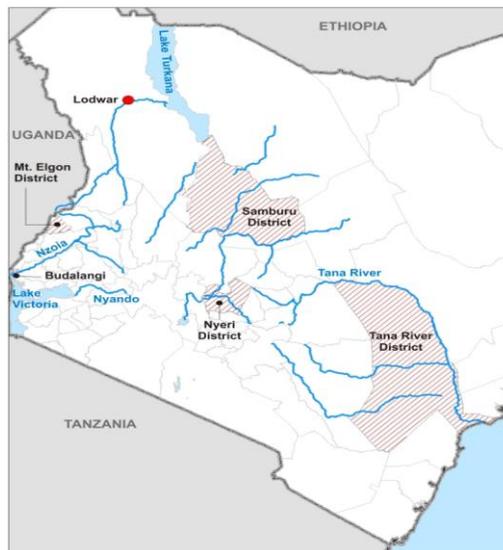
Lodwar - 700 families displaced as River Kawalathe breaks its banks

Nine deaths due to floods and landslides in Samburu, Mt Elgon and Nyeri

River Nyando breaks banks; 180 people temporarily displaced as crops are washed away

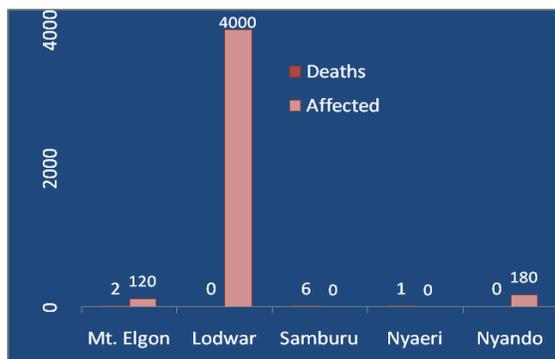
Release of water from Kiambere dam expected to displace 1500 – 2000 people and affect thousands in the Tana Plains

Budalangi – River Nzoia water level over 5.10 meters



Nine people were confirmed dead and an estimated 4,200 displaced due to floods and landslides around the country in the past two weeks. A further 2000 people in Garissa living adjacent the Kiambere dam may be displaced when the dam is opened to spill excess waters.

In Lodwar, River Kawalathe broke its banks and displaced about 700 households. They were relocated into three churches where they received emergency food and NFIs items. Medical checkups were conducted and medications given by the district hospital team. The Kenya Army trucked water to the displaced community. This population has returned but still requires assistance in terms of food and NFIs including tarpaulins. The district administration has plans to identify a site to relocate them from the flood prone area, meanwhile the army and police are on alert for emergency deployment.



A child drowned in the flash floods in Mt Elgon and another one died in the landslide in the same area on Monday (10th May night). During the landslide, one house was destroyed and four family members were injured.

The Kenya Army facilitated their transportation to hospital where they were treated and discharged. 21 affected families in the same area were provided with food and tarpaulins by the Ministry of Special Programme and KRC.

In Samburu, six people died in the floods, five bodies were recovered but one is still missing. Efforts for rescue and assessment are hampered by difficulties in accessing this area because of main roads being cut off by the flood damage. While in Nyeri, a pupil returning from school on Friday drowned in the flood waters. No other casualties or displacements related to this incident were reported.

In Nyando district, River Nyando broke its banks and displaced 180 people and swept away 7 houses. They are currently all living with relatives. The Ministry for Special Programmes provided food while UNICEF and KRC are organizing to distribute NFIs. In Kisumu East, 600 people were displaced and are also living with

relatives. There is urgent need to provide this people with water purification chemicals, disinfectants, drugs for malaria and antibiotics to prevent disease outbreaks.

Humanitarian Needs
 Food, Water
 NFIs: Tarpaulines, Blankets,
 Nets, Kitchen Sets
 Water Treatment Units
 Disinfectants
 Malaria care medicines
 Antibiotics

In Garissa/Masinga District, Kiambere dam was to be opened on Saturday morning to release excess water. About 1,500-2000 people would be displaced due to the amount of water that will flow into their habitation. In addition, this release of waters is expected to cause more havoc in the Tana plains due to the vastness of the area right through to Lamu.

There are concerns that the resultant flooding would last longer than if it were simply rained and this would have cascading humanitarian consequences for displacement, disease spread and lost livelihoods.

The Provincial Administration has issued alerts - and the Government through the Ministry of Special Programmes is prepared to provide food. UNICEF has pre-positioned NFIs including drugs and WASH items for an estimated 7500 people. UNICEF has also positioned staff for emergency response while the Government has established a rapid response team.

In Budalangi, there was consistent increase but fluctuating water levels in River Nzoia River due to the steady rainfall in Nzoia Basin. The water level has reached alert at 5.5M, however due to the River Training Works, (cutting of meanders on the river) discharge capacity to Lake Victoria has tremendously improved and water is being discharged very fast. The water level has moved from 4.68M on Friday, May 13th evening to 4.38M on Saturday, May 14th morning and down to 5.10M on Saturday evening at 4.00pm. Latest reports indicate that waters are already seeping through the Siging and Rwamba dykes.

Humanitarian Response

Sector	Response
Food	GoK through MoSSP provided food to the affected and continues pre-positioning food stocks in districts around the country
Transport and logistics	Kenya Army and Police are standing by with choppers for emergency deployment and for Search and Rescue operations
Emergency shelter and NFIs	GoK through MoSSP, UNICEF and KRC distributed tarpaulins, nets, blankets and kitchen sets. Pre-positioning of these items continue for expected flooding especially in the Tana Delta (plains) Population displacements in Kisumu, Nyando and Mt. Elgon have been hosted by relatives while those in Turkana stayed in churches
Health	MoH/Kenya Army provided drugs and water. Pre-positioning efforts for medicines, water and water chemicals continue

Assessment and Coordination

The Crisis Consultative Forum will meet on Monday, May 17th for comprehensive planning and mapping of occurrences and expectations regarding the needs/gaps in floods and landslides in the country.

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Other useful information

Space-based Information for Floods in Kenya

UNOOSA/UN-SPIDER: <http://www.un-spider.org/page/3488/spaceaid-available-space-based-resources-floods-kenya>

GDACS Global Flood Detection System: <http://www.gdacs.org/flooddetection/searchareas.aspx?filter=Kenya>

International Charter Space and Major Disasters:

http://www.disasterscharter.org/web/charter/activation_details?p_r_p_1415474252_assetId=ACT-309

Situation Reports for Floods in Kenya

Reliefweb: <http://www.reliefweb.int/>

UN OCHA Kenya: <http://ochaonline.un.org/Default.aspx?alias=ochaonline.un.org/Kenya>

Kenya Red Cross:

http://www.kenyaredcross.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=295&Itemid=117

Maps for Floods in Kenya

UN OCHA Kenya: <http://ochaonline.un.org/kenya/MapCentre/ThematicMaps/tabid/4135/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/LYLN-85FJH6?OpenDocument&rc=1&cc=ken> International CharterSpace and Major Disasters:

http://www.disasterscharter.org/web/charter/activation_details?p_r_p_1415474252_assetId=ACT-309

Emergency Appeals for Floods in Kenya

International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/MYAI-85F9GK?OpenDocument&rc=1&cc=ken>

Media Links

Kenya Broadcasting Corporation:

<http://www.kbc.co.ke/story.asp?ID=63970>

Nation News:

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/Seven%20more%20swept%20to%20death%20/-/1056/919018/-/sagh8q/-/index.html>

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