

Timor Leste - Floods

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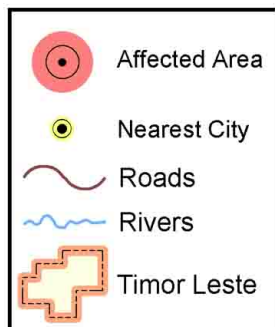
"While there is severe damage to seven houses with another nine completely destroyed, early assessments confirm that up to 400 people are seriously affected and in need of assistance."



Torrential rain towards the end of last month caused severe flooding in the villages of Meligo and Atudara, situated in Cailaco, 30 minutes drive east of Maliana.

There have been no reported deaths or injuries but significant psychological impact has been observed. A few cases of diarrhea and malaria have been diagnosed but people are receiving adequate health care from the local clinic in Maliana. Already extremely impoverished, villagers have been left with very little as flood waters carried away belongings, livestock and destroyed crops of rice, corn and vegetables.

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