



# Zambia - Floods

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"The Zambezi River has broken its banks and flooded most of its plains. The flooding is said to have started as far back as December 2003. Most of the flooded areas are on the lower plains and areas lying on the west of the Zambezi River."



An estimated 21,200 people are reportedly affected, some of whom have found shelter with family or in local government schools and churches.

The floods have affected some of the access roads. The western bank in particular cannot be accessed by road and there is only limited motorized water transport. A reported 39 schools have been submerged or collapsed. Health centers have also been affected although no numbers have been reported.

The water and sanitation facilities in the area have been severely affected, leaving only a few safe water points. There have been reports of outbreaks of water-borne diseases such as dysentery.

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