



Situation Report 005- Floods and Huruma Collapse

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Current Situation

The search and rescue response activities to the Huruma collapsed building is still on-going with half of the rubbles having been cleared. Working space poses the major challenge in speeding up the operation as the collapsed building is sandwiched between buildings on two sides while the third side is a river front. There are currently 2 excavators at the rescue operation site which has helped to speed up the recovery efforts

KRCS Actions

So far, 24 bodies have been recovered from the debris. The number of casualties admitted at KNH is at 15 (7 males and 8 females). From the numbers of deaths confirmed, 13 were adults (9 males and 4 females) and 11 were minors (5 males and 6 females). One of the casualties that had been referred at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) succumbed to injuries, bringing the total number of deaths to 25. Out of the bodies recovered, 16 have been positively identified, with one being transferred to Chiromo Mortuary.

The total number registered through tracing is 125, with 55 cases closed (41 alive and 14 dead) while 70 cases remain pending.

In the Psychosocial Support interventions carried out in the last 36 hours of this reporting period, 4 group sessions have been conducted, reaching a total of 64 clients (22 males and 34 females and 9 children).

On 3rd May 2016, through the cash transfer programme, KRCS disbursed Sh15000 to 152 households affected by the disaster. This is to enable the households to support the payment of rents and procurement of assorted household items.

Successful Rescue

A 6-months old baby was rescued in the operation. The search team detected a movement after which they followed up and identified the baby. The baby was found half-naked inside a bucket. She was handed over to the KRCS first aiders and later taken to KNH where she was put under hydration. She was later linked with her father who had also been referred at the hospital. The two were both discharged on 3rd May 2016. However, the mother of the baby was identified among the fatalities later the same day



A colony of 7 rabbits was also rescued on what was part of the 6th building of the collapsed building. All the seven were found alive.

Floods snapshot

KRCS teams continue to respond to the flood situation. Approximately 900 households from Bura (Tana River) have been completely displaced with 64 houses still marooned by flood waters. The KRCS team on the ground is still looking for ways and means of assisting the affected families. The displaced households have been evacuated to 2 camps set up in Ziwani and Young Muslims in Garissa County.