

## Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report Gambia

October 26, 2012

### **Highlights**

1. As of 4<sup>th</sup> October, the total population affected by floods and windstorms stands at nearly 34,018, of which 7,007 are children under five years. Almost 20% of the affected households were displaced (7,745 people) while 13 people were reported dead.
2. Food assistance, shelter and support to WASH continue to be among the immediate needs of the affected population.
3. The SMART nutrition survey data collection has been completed in all the six health regions reaching 7,779 children - 3,809 girls and 3,970 boys in 4,276 households. Data cleaning and analysis has commenced and a draft report will be available in November.

### **Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs**

As of October 4th, the total population affected by floods and windstorms stands at nearly 34,018. Out of the total population affected, 7,007 are children under five years. So far, almost 20% of the affected households are displaced (7,745 people) while 13 people are reported to have died either through drowning or burial by collapsed structures. This increase with regards to the previous SitRep is due to a more detailed assessment conducted in September and additional rains during the latter part of the month.

Household food security is compromised in the affected households due to perished household food stocks and undermined farming livelihoods. Reduced water access and submerged sanitation facilities continue to pose a major health risk in the affected communities. Overall 312 water sources have been contaminated, while 585 latrines have either collapsed or submerged.

A total of 2,581 houses have been partially damaged while 1,257 houses have totally collapsed. Farmers in the rural areas have become exposed to increasing vulnerability and food insecurity due to washed-out and submerged fields. Road condition in general has deteriorated<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> All information extracted from the Detailed Impact and Needs Assessment of Flash Floods and Windstorms in The Gambia, version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Table 1: Food and nutrition crisis**

Estimated Affected Population			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	428,000 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children Affected (Under 18)	n/a <sup>3</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children Under Five	73,806 <sup>4</sup>	29,522	44,284
Children 6 to 23 months	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pregnant women	10,000 <sup>5</sup>		
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	3,230 <sup>6</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children Under Five with SAM and medical complications	n/a <sup>7</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children Under Five with Moderate Acute Malnutrition(MAM)	23,922 <sup>8</sup>	n/a	n/a
Total Displaced Population	n/a	n/a	n/a
Children Displaced	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sources (see footnotes)			

**Table 2: Floods affected population**

Estimated Affected Population			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	34,018 <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children Affected (Under 18)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Children Under Five	7,007 <sup>10</sup>	n/a	n/a
Children 6 to 23 months	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pregnant women	562 <sup>11</sup>		
Total Displaced Population (a proportion of the above)	7,745 <sup>12</sup>	n/a	n/a
Sources (see footnotes)			

<sup>2</sup> Detailed Post Harvest Assessment, The Gambia (December, 2011 –Jan 2012, Government of the Gambia, WFP, FAO and Concern Universal) version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

<sup>3</sup> n/a – information not available. The Post-Harvest Assessment did not include a breakdown of the pop under 18 years

<sup>4</sup> Detailed Post Harvest Assessment, The Gambia (December, 2011 –Jan 2012, Government of the Gambia, WFP, FAO and Concern Universal) version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

<sup>5</sup> Detailed Post Harvest Assessment, The Gambia (December, 2011 –Jan 2012, Government of the Gambia, WFP, FAO and Concern Universal) version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

<sup>6</sup> Humanitarian Action Update (July, 2012, UNICEF) and estimates from WCARO Nutrition Section for July-December

<sup>7</sup> n/a - information is not available

<sup>8</sup> Estimates from WCARO Nutrition Section for July-December 2012 (estimated GAM of 6%, estimated SAM of 1%).

<sup>9</sup> Detailed Impact and Needs Assessment of Flash-Floods and Windstorms in The Gambia, Government of the Gambia, WFP, UNDP,FAO , GRCS and Concern Universal) version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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Table 3: Demographic composition and size of population affected by floods and windstorms recorded as at 4th October 2012 General Demography					Vulnerable Population					Casualties	
LGA	Communities	Households	Population	Average HH Size	Children aged 0 to 5	Elderly	Pregnant	Physically challenged	Displaced	Injuries	Deaths
Banjul	5	107	739	7	117	18	10	2	4	0	0
KM	14	530	4,968	9	791	203	107	28	971	1	2
WCR	105	1,540	8,889	6	3,431	1,642	42	35	325	13	4
NBR	118	765	6,118	8	883	329	169	71	1,310	3	2
LRR	62	689	8,367	12	864	1,972	155	198	4,003	5	4
CRR	123	519	4,051	8	743	228	57	21	649	6	1
URR	11	67	886	13	178	22	22	7	483	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>4,212</b>	<b>34,018</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7,007</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>

Source: Detailed Impact and Needs Assessment of Flash-Floods and Windstorms in The Gambia, Government of the Gambia, WFP, UNDP, FAO, GRCS and Concern Universal) version 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

### Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

- WFP hosted a meeting of the food security thematic group on 2<sup>nd</sup> October to review and update on the progress of the responses of respective agencies and organizations to both the food crisis and flash floods. The Detailed Impact and Needs Assessment of Flash-Floods and Windstorms in The Gambia Report was reviewed. The meeting decided to organise a lesson learnt exercise on the 19<sup>th</sup> November for all the in country humanitarian actors to evaluate/review the effectiveness and efficiency of the humanitarian response to the food security and nutrition crisis in the Gambia.
- Technical committee for assessment of the needs of the refugees in west Coast Region has been meeting to review and finalise data collection tools, numerators for the data collection have been identified and data collection will start in November.
- At the same time, a meeting to review the National Disaster Risk Reduction plan of action has been proposed for the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. This National plan of Action has been developed with the support from the CADRI team from UNDP and is being finalised under the leadership of the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)

## Programme response

### Nutrition

#### Overview

Estimated # / % coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	3,230 <sup>13</sup>	2,272	70.3			
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged	3,230					
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged recovered	2,423 <sup>14</sup>	n/a				
Number of health centres with management of SAM program	5	5	100			
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition with complications admitted to therapeutic care <sup>15</sup>				162 <sup>16</sup>	60	37
UNICEF Operational Partners: National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), Ministry of Health						

#### **UNICEF and partners' programming**

- SMART nutrition data collection has been completed in all the six health regions reaching 7,779 children - 3,809 girls and 3,970 boys in 4,276 households. The National Nutrition Agency (NaNA) is currently working on the cleaning and analysis of the data set with technical support from UNICEF.
- Through its Community Registration programme, NaNA has reached 2,272 malnourished children with RUTF during the months of September-October.
- In October, WFP and Concern Universal started a cash transfer intervention instead of food vouchers to approximately 20,000 beneficiaries in Jimara and Tumana Districts in Upper River Region. Data analysis from the Urban Vulnerability Assessment on Food and Nutrition Security is on-going and the results will be available in November. The Gambia Red Cross Society has completed distribution of food to 6000 people in Jarra East District of Lower River Region and Lower Badibu in North Bank Region.
- The blanket feeding programme of WFP is on-going. In October, 8,845 children under five years old have been reached with the blanket feeding in North Bank, Lower River and West Coast Regions. Central River and Upper River Regions will be covered by the end of October.
- In October, WFP has reached 130,000 people through its emergency food assistance in CRR south, North Bank, LRR and affected areas in West Coast Region.

13 Data is from HAU update and estimates from the RO

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15 Please note to avoid double counting SAM admissions; total SAM admissions would be overall total of SAM cases admitted; the purpose of the indicator is to disaggregate and give visibility to admissions of SAM with medical complications.

16 An estimated 5% of severely malnourished children are expected to need inpatient treatment due to medical complications

- UNFPA and Ministry of Health are working on training 40 health workers and other partners on a minimum initial service package for reproductive health during crisis situations in the six health regions.

## WASH

### Overview

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Food and nutrition crisis affected population with access to WASH minimum package-	17,000	11000	64.7	137,000	59,000	43.1
Nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	5	5 <sup>17</sup>	100	n/a		
The number of hygiene kits with key hygiene messages distributed to SAM affected carer / mother and child	2,272	2,272	100	n/a		
Flood affected population with access to WASH minimum package	16,000 including displaced	Not yet available		34,018		
UNICEF Operational Partners: Ministry of Health, Department of Water Resources , National Disaster Management Agency						

### UNICEF and partners' programming

- UNICEF is currently procuring 500 packets of soap, 200 disposable diapers, 80 potties and 50 gallons of bleach as WASH minimum package of support to Banjul, Farafeni, Basse, Bansang and Naafori Nutrition Centres. Already 50 gallons of bleach and 80 potties were delivered to NaNA for onward distribution to the five nutrition centres. The remaining supplies, soap and diapers, will be delivered to NaNA by end of October.
- UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Health to build improved house pit latrines for 120 flood affected families. Identification of communities and families to benefit has been completed by the Regional Disaster Coordinators.
- The Ministry of Health and UNICEF will train 200 hygiene promoters in the 6 health regions for community and school based hygiene education in flood affected communities by the end of October.
- UNICEF is providing support to the Department of Water Resources to rehabilitate water facilities in 25 flood affected communities in the country. The rehabilitation of damaged water facilities in 12 Lower Basic School is on-going in Central River and Upper River Region as part of the regular programme.

<sup>17</sup> Water sources in these facilities have residual chlorine level of 0.3-1mg/l, centers are open- defaecation free and care givers received messages on hygiene

- Treatment of contaminated water points in flood affected communities is on-going by the Department of Water Resources and so far 130 contaminated water points have been treated in October

## **Education**

### ***UNICEF and partners' programming***

- The Representative and the Education Specialist conducted a field visit mission on the 11<sup>th</sup> October to monitor the delivery of educational materials to refugee children in Arrangalen, Sibanor and Ndemban Lower Basic Schools in the West Coast Region. The three schools – visited have received and distributed 186 text books, 2,232 exercise books, 372 pencils, 372 erasers, 930 sharpeners and 930 pens to a total of 186 refugee children, however the number of children is high and the need is sustained over time as the materials are being utilized.
- There is no specific response to the floods as schools have not been affected. The impact of the nutrition crisis on education is not clear yet but a possible assessment exercise will be discussed with partners.

## **Communications for Development (C4D)**

### ***UNICEF and partners' programming***

- UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health has completed training of 18 Multi-Disciplinary Facilitation Teams (MDFTs) as Trainers of Trainers in three of the affected districts in northern Upper River Region on the promotion of hand washing, exclusive breastfeeding, sleeping under ITNs and household water treatment. Within the next two months the MDFTs will engage and train over 450 village support group members in 45 Primary Health Care villages on the aforementioned key household practices. A total of 20,000 people will directly benefit from this interpersonal communication efforts. In all the six districts of North Bank Region, a total of 150 opinion leaders are being mobilized for the promotion of exclusive breastfeeding across the entire region and directly reaching over 30,000 caregivers.
- The Gambia Red Cross Society in collaboration with the Community Health Nurses has completed intensive hygiene education in Lower River Region reaching 1000 families.

## **Human Resources**

- A nutritionist is available in Gambia CO on SSA from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to January, 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.

## Funding

Funding Requirements				
Appeal Sector	Requirements (as per HAU June 2012*	Funds received**	Funding gap	
	US\$	US\$	US\$	%
<b>NUTRITION</b>	376,323	355,392	20,931	5.6
<b>HEALTH</b>	100,000	0	100,000	100
<b>WASH</b>	250,000	118,008	131,993	53
<b>EDUCATION</b>	5,000	23,673	0	0
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>	15,000	0	15,000	100
<b>GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE</b>	0	0	0	
<b>OTHER (C4D)</b>	60,000	0	60,000	100
<b>CLUSTER COORDINATION</b>	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>806,323</b>	<b>497,073</b>	<b>327,924</b>	<b>41%</b>

\* The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The actual recovery rate on contributions will be calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006. \*\*Figures represent Other Resources-Emergency budget allocations at country level, which may have been received prior to 2012 and excludes indirect programme support costs.

The Country Office will continue to advocate for additional funding to secure the remaining USD\$327,924 required, In addition, the office will continue to monitor the situation and work with partners to ensure adequate coverage in activities and supplies.

**UNICEF wishes to express its deep gratitude to all public and private sector donors** for the contributions and pledges received, which have made the current response possible. UNICEF would especially like to thank National Committees and donors who have contributed 'unearmarked' funding. 'Unearmarked' funding gives UNICEF essential flexibility to direct resources and ensure the delivery of life-saving supplies and interventions to where they are needed most – especially in the form of longer-term and predictable funding and in strengthening preparedness and resilience building. Continued donor support is critical to continue scaling up the response.

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