Torrential rains and flooding on 15-16 September have killed eight people and caused extensive damage to homes and property in parts of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. The worst affected areas are Kroo Bay, Moyiba, Aberdeen, Cockerill Bay and Wilkinson road. President Ernest Bai Koroma declared 17 September a day off for schools and businesses.

As of early afternoon of 17 September, more than 3,300 people have registered as displaced by the flooding, and are temporarily settled at the National Stadium and Atuga Stadium. It is estimated that there are another 1,000 displaced people at Ferry Junction in Kissi.

The displaced people are being registered and assisted with food and shelter by the authorities and humanitarian organisations. The coordination of the response is led by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and Ministry of Social Welfare and Children.

The district of Pujehun, in the East of the country, has also reported flooding, but reports on damages are not yet available. In the case of more heavy rains in the coming days, the number of people affected by flooding is likely to further increase.

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