At least 150 people are believed to have died and an estimated 70 houses were destroyed following a landslide that ravaged the fishing village of Tora*, Ituri Province, during the night of 15-16 August. An estimated 280 children are today orphans, according to provincial and humanitarian sources. On Saturday, Ituri provincial authorities and humanitarian organizations traveled to the remote area to assess the situation. Search and rescue operations were ordered to cease by the Ituri Governor since neither the Congolese authorities nor humanitarian actors have the necessary equipment to evacuate the dead bodies. There are fears that the water from the lake, used for drinking and other household needs, would become contaminated. The rapid assessment mission noted that the survivors were in need of both food and non-food items. The provincial authorities have offered to relocate survivors however the villagers have expressed little desire to leave their home area.

*Some sources refer to the area as Djatsi

**TANGANYIKA: OVER 33,000 PEOPLE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE**

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