

# Overview: Impact of floods

## West and Central Africa

15 September 2012

### HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 1.5 million people affected by floods in 13 countries from West and Central Africa
- As of 15 September the number of deaths is estimated at 340, mainly in Niger and Nigeria



### KEY FIGURES

(AS OF 15 SEPT. 2012)

Affected people	1 538 242
Deaths	340

## More than 1.5 million people affected by the floods

According to data collected to date, more than one and a half million people were affected by heavy rains that fell on West and Central Africa the months of July and August 2012. Niger, Chad Senegal and Nigeria together account for more than 90 per cent of identified affected people.

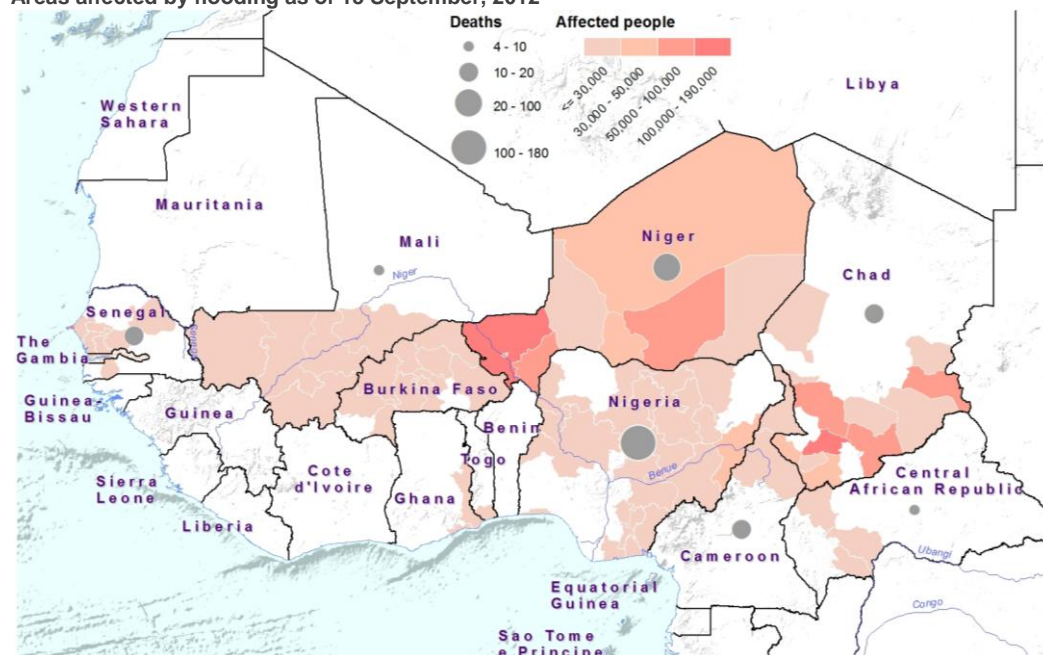
In these four countries, damages were also paramount. According to preliminary estimates, more than 11 400 homes were destroyed or damaged in Senegal. In Chad this figure rises to more than 94 000 while in Niger, initial assessments indicate more than 24 000 houses destroyed. Agricultural lands and infrastructures were also damaged.

Number of people affected by flooding as of 15 September 2012

Country	Affected People	Deaths
NIGER	527 471	81
CHAD	465 896	34
SENEGAL	287 384	19
NIGERIA	134 381	173
BURKINA FASO	44 706	
CAMEROON	29 591	14
THE GAMBIA	20 822	6
CENTRAL AFRICA	13 700	4
MALI	11 161	5
GHANA	2 491	
MAURITANIA	505	
TOGO	134	
BENIN*	-	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 538 242</b>	<b>340</b>

\* For Benin the number of affected people has not yet been communicated

Areas affected by flooding as of 15 September, 2012



## Overview by country

COUNTRY	REGION	DEPARTEMENT	Affected People
BENIN	Alibori	Karimana Malanville	4 deaths

- On 22 August, first flooding hit the north of the country.
- According to civil protection, there is a good chance that in the next two months, people living along the river in the southern region of the country could be affected by the rising waters from the north.

BURKINA FASO	Boucle du Mohoun Plateau Central Nord Est Centre Sud Sud-Ouest Hauts Bassins Centre Ouest Centre Nord Sahel	Sourou, Banwa Ganzourghou, Kourweogo, Oubritenga Yatenga Gourma, Komondjari Bazega Ioba Tuy, Houet Boulkiemdé Sanmatenga, Bam Oudalan, Séno, Soum	44 706 (no death reported)
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CAMEROON	Nord Extrême Nord	Bénoué Faro Mayo Rey Mayo Louti Mayo Danai	29 591 14 deaths
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- In the northern regions floods were limited to the district (district) Grows in the department of Mayo Danai. Four villages were evacuated causing the displacement of about 3,000 people. No injuries were reported.
- Mayo Rey, one of the eight affected villages is completely destroyed (but no deaths were reported). The road connecting Lagdorey to Bouba was also damaged.
- In the district of Faro, the main road was cut. The floods have caused the destruction of agricultural land and caused population displacement.

In four departments, assessments are underway. The total number of displaced persons is not yet known. However, 3 224 people were temporarily hosted in public sites, including at least six schools.

COUNTRY	REGION	DEPARTEMENT	Affected People
Central African Republic	Ouham-Pendé Lobaye Ombéla M'poko		13 700 4 deaths

- During August and September, a new series of heavy rains accompanied by strong winds hit the towns of Paoua (Prefecture of Ouham-Pende), Bangui-Bouchia (Prefecture of La Lobaye), a part of the city Bangui and Begoua (Prefecture of Ombéla M'poko).
- In Bangui we deplore 4 deaths and 23 injured. There are 10 others wounded in the town of Bangui-Bouchia.
- 2.526 families (13.700 people) homeless
- 1,924 houses were completely destroyed and 601 damaged.
- In Paoua, volunteers of the local Red Cross estimate that 885 families have lost everything (bedding and cookware, etc..) and are accommodated in host families. The most urgent needs are shelter and basic equipments (sheets, sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen utensils, soap).
- 537 water wells can no longer be used.

THE GAMBIA	Kanifing Municipality West Coast Region North Bank Region Lower River Region Central River Region Upper River Region		20 822 (no death reported)
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GHANA	Volta Region Greater Accra Region	Keta South Municipality Dangme East District	2 491 (no death reported)
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- Assessments are underway to assess damages.

MALI	Gao Bamako Kayes Koulikoro Sikasso Segou Mopti		11 161 (5 décès)
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- Overflow from the Bangouberi pond following torrential rains of 9 and 10 August
- 2 578 houses damaged.
- The vegetable crops have been washed away and flooded rice paddies
- The animals were taken.
- Residents who have fled the affected areas fled to neighbouring countries or moved to safer areas. The elderly resigned or without means found shelter under trees or in makeshift shelters while waiting for rescue.
- Relocation of homeless families.

COUNTRY	REGION	DEPARTEMENT	Affected People
MAURITANIA	HodhEchChargi Trarza Brakna	Bassiknou Rosso Aleg Boghe	505 (no death reported)

- Heavy rains were observed in the south of the country (mainly in the refugee camp of Bassikounou) in the southwest and Rosso, Ale, Boghé and along the borders with Mali and Senegal.
- In Boghé and Aleg rainfall reaches up to 130 mm per day, affecting communities in urban areas.
- Preliminary reports state that 77 and 24 families in Boghé and Aleg respectively were affected by floods.
- Some houses collapsed (number not yet available).

NIGER	Maradi Tahoua Zinder Dosso Diffa Agadez Niamey Tillabéry		525 471 81 deaths
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- Joint assessment missions to the affected areas in progress. Distribution of humanitarian aid to begin in areas affected by flooding.
- According to an initial survey more than 24 000 homes were destroyed.

NIGERIA	Wase Lantang North Lantang South Kanam Mikan Shedam		180 601 81 deaths
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- In July, Plateau State was the first area affected by the floods.
- In August 8 states namely Borno, Cross River, Ebonyi, Nassarawa, Plateau, Bauchi, Gombe, Katsina and Kebbi. Adamawa experienced floodings while Lagos State experienced ocean surge.
- In September the following states were affected: Taraba, Cross River, Ebonyi, Benue, Niger, Kaduna and Kano.
- According to the Red Cross and NEMA, an estimated total of 134,381 people are affected by floods, 173 have died.

COUNTRY	REGION	DEPARTEMENT	Affected People
SENEGAL	Diourbel Dakar Thiès Saint Louis Kaolack Kaffrine Kolda Fatick	Ziguinchor Matam Tambacounda Sédhiou Kédougou Louga Matam	287 384 19 deaths

- Since the beginning of the rainy season in July, torrential rains caused local flooding in several areas, including St. Louis (North), Bambey (center) and Dakar. After heavy rains of August 26, the Government of Senegal has enabled ORSEC.
- 6 524 houses were destroyed and 4 884 damaged displacing over 5 000 families (over 50% of families displaced from the regions of Dakar and Matam).
- 7 700 drinking water sources have been contaminated.

TOGO	Maritime	Lomé	134 (no death reported)
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CHAD	Guera Kanem Mandoul Mayo Kebbi Est Moyen Chari Ndjamena Ouaddai Salamat Tandjilé		465 896 34 deaths
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- 94 211 houses destroyed and 255 720 hectares of crops flooded.