



Allied Initiatives for Community Development Community disaster relief emergency fund (CDREF)

2014 Kasese District Floods

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The Community Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (CDREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by AICD in 2013 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for AICD's emergency response. The CDREF is a vital part of AICD's disaster response system and increases the ability of community structures to respond to disasters

US \$ 300,794 is being solicited for the AICD's Community Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (CDREF) to support the affected communities' access immediate assistance to some 16,500 beneficiaries.

SUMMARY

After heavy rains that lasted for nine hours on the 6th May 2014, River Nyamwamba and Nyamughasani burst their banks and flooded nine sub-counties in Kasese. Two people



Above: A man being rescued from the floods by a team of AICD volunteers

have been confirmed dead, at least five people are missing and the affected population now stands at 15,445 people. The flooding has caused widespread destruction of houses, crops and facilities such as bridges, roads and power lines. Major infrastructures such as a hospital and sewage treatment unit have also been damaged.

In response, AICD is doing mediate mobilization of funds to immediately undertake situation and needs assessments, search and rescue services, providing first aid and make referrals to nearby hospitals, and provide evacuation of those injured and unaccompanied.

With this CDREF, AICD intends to deliver immediate assistance to some 1,000 households through the distribution of NFIs to the affected

households, increase access to safe water, and tackle sanitation and hygiene issues through creating awareness amongst the displaced populations and provision of psychosocial support.

The emergency intervention will complement the efforts of other stakeholders as well address the existing gaps in the coordinated disaster response. This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 20th August 2014; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 15 November, 2014).

The situation

After heavy rains that lasted for 6 hours on the 6th May 2014, River Nyamwamba and Nyamughasani burst its banks and nine sub counties in Kasese were flooded. Two people are confirmed dead, some five people are missing and the affected population now stands at 15,445 people. There is widespread destruction of houses, crops and facilities such as bridges, roads and power lines. Kilembe Mines Hospital has been badly affected with many of its buildings having been destroyed hampering the functioning of the hospital. Two piped water supply systems for Kilembe mines and Kasese Municipality have been destroyed, as have 817 latrines and one sewage treatment unit. The destruction of these facilities has greatly affected the water supply situation in the Municipality and the entire population is depending on rain water harvesting and streams.

Table 1: Floods affected communities in Kasese District

S/No	Sub-County	Number of households affected	Number of people affected
1	Bulembia Division	502	3,111
2	Kilembe Sub-county	441	2,115
3	Nyamwamba Division	483	3,203
4	Karusandara Sub-county	643	3,809
5	Kitswamba Sub-county	167	1,139
6	Kyabarungira Sub-county	202	1,284
7	Bugoye Sub-county	15	101
8	Maliba Sub-county	194	1,341
9	Kyalhumba Sub-county	18	142
	Total		15,424

The Local authorities at the District level have established two temporary camps at Kasese and Bugoye primary schools where registrations are taking place.

The Uganda police are helping to truck water from Hima and it is being purified using the installed filters, which were donated by Watchmen International at the Kasese Primary School Camp. While in Bugoye primary school Camp, the IDPs are fetching water from River Mobuku. The Trunz water purification systems are attempting to establish a water purification unit at the Bugoye camp but it has not been completed, as a storage reservoir has not been identified.

The majority of the displaced (close to 10,000 people) are living with their host families in Kasese Municipality. Inevitably this is putting some strains on the host and displaced populations.

Coordination and partnerships

The Government's Ministry of Disaster Preparedness and Response is coordinating the response. In Kasese, overall coordination of humanitarian efforts is being led by the Kasese District Local Government with support from OPM. UPDF and Uganda Police are jointly offering security, evacuation services and mobilizing communities to vacate high risk areas. Uganda police and fire brigade is supplying water using a water bowser to displaced people in the camp.

The needs

The immediate needs among the affected communities are food, shelter, essential household items, water collection and storage utensils, clothing (particularly for young children), water purification chemicals (to ensure access to safe drinking water) and sanitation facilities and provision of psychosocial support to the affected families. Health and hygiene promotion are also required for affected host and IDP communities.

Priority needs for AICD include mobilizing, briefing and motivating volunteers. This is aimed at enhancing effective distribution of non-food items, replenishing of used stocks and resources as well as logistics to support the operations.

Beneficiary selection:

This CDREF aims to target 1,000 families who have lost their houses (and household assets), including those that are currently residing in camps and host communities, identified during the AICD's assessment process.

To date, 1,091 families have had their homes either fully or partially damaged. The CDREF will meet the needs of 1,000 families, while the balance of 91 households will be met through AICD's own resources.

To complement the CDREF and in light of the scale of the disaster, AICD has launched a domestic appeal for support for 3,000 households. The additional targeted households will be supported through public donation as well as in-kind donation from AICD and institutional donors.

This target of 4,000 households will cover the 3,965 households (25,449 people) that need assistance in Kasese (1,000 through this CDREF operation and 3,000 through domestic appeal). Depending on gaps that will be identified after in-depth assessments; the number of those targeted may eventually need to be revised.

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