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In Burundi, 100,000 displaced by rains and floods





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The government of Burundi and the UN representative on the ground have launched an appeal for financial aid to deal with the "devastating effects" of seasonal rains which, exacerbated by the El Niño climatic phenomenon, have displaced nearly 100,000 people.

East Africa has been experiencing torrential rains in recent weeks which caused the death of at least fifty-eight people in Tanzania during the first half of April and thirteen others in Kenya.

In Burundi, the poorest country in the world in terms of GDP per capita according to the World Bank and one of the twenty countries most vulnerable to climate change according to the International Organization for Migration, the rains have been almost uninterrupted since September, instead of the usual two rainy seasons (September-January and March-May 2024).

In total, between September and April 7, "203,944 people were affected" by floods, landslides, strong winds and hail, and "the number of internally displaced people increased by 25% to reach 96,000 people", underlined Tuesday April 16 in a press release the Minister of the Interior

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