

DEAFENING STATE SILENCE AS KARAMOJA FOOD SYSTEM DESTROYED

Climate Crisis



Magnitude of flood damages on the other side where we do farming is enormous! I have witnessed and felt it this year in the four villages of Awjabule, Apeduru, Aolio and Asuruga in Arengepua Parish, in Apeitolim Sub-County, in Napak District in Karamoja.

Our home, no longer habitable. It is overrun with flood water.

I lament loses with the rest of our community members.

People struggling to harvest cassava that flood waters have spoilt.

Our groundnuts garden was overrun with flood water, when we were about to finalize the harvest.

We harvested our fast-maturing groundnuts in the initial stages of the floods. Rainwater was beginning to flood, but we were also trying our best to do the harvesting as fast as we can.

We shelter in the trading centre, from where we periodically have to come across to our home in the village to collect firewood. We use a hired Ox-Cart. This is the only reliable means of transport and you have to cross the swamp.

Flooded are roads which we use for traveling on a motorcycle, when life is normal. Three months now, no motorcycle has crossed here.

Food Security



Change Agent Rev. Gilbert Ekwarau, our CPAR Uganda Expert Trainer of Change Agents in Self-Reliant Participatory Development Methodologies, yesterday, Sunday, 22nd September 2025, shared with us this harrowing update. Ekwarau lives with the people and leads by example. Our hearts go out to him and all smallholder farmers farming in Karamoja, who feed our nation. Please help us to amplify their voices so as to compel our duty bearers to intervene. How should the State intervene? You tell them how. Thank You! www.cparuganda.com