



FLOOD EMERGENCY FIELD REPORT

Nasarawa and Ondo States, Nigeria

Reporting Date: 18 August 2026

Organization	Humanity and Community Development Foundation (HUCOMDEF)
Emergency	Severe flooding following heavy rainfall
Reporting period	13–18 August 2026
Locations covered	Lafia LGA, Nasarawa State; affected LGAs in Ondo State
Report status	Emergency field and situation report

Prepared to document the humanitarian impact of the August 2026 flooding and guide HUCOMDEF response, coordination, resource mobilisation and accountability.

1. Executive Summary

Severe flooding has affected communities in Nasarawa and Ondo States following intense and sustained rainfall in August 2026. In Lafia, Nasarawa State, a heavy downpour on 13 August caused severe urban flooding across four communities, destroying 37 houses and displacing 307 people. In Ondo State, flooding has affected at least seven Local Government Areas, with 2,527 households confirmed affected across three assessed LGAs. The situation in several riverine communities remains serious, with additional assessments ongoing.

The affected population faces urgent humanitarian needs including safe shelter, food, non-food items, water, sanitation and hygiene support, protection, psychosocial assistance and livelihood recovery. Women, children, older persons and households that have lost homes or productive assets require particular attention.

2. Situation at a Glance

307	2,527	37	7
People displaced in Lafia	Affected households confirmed in 3 Ondo LGAs	Houses destroyed in Lafia	Ondo LGAs reported affected

Note: The figures above retain the units used in the underlying assessments. The 307 figure refers to displaced persons, while 2,527 refers to affected households and should not be combined as a single population total.

3. Incident Details

3.1 Lafia, Nasarawa State

In the early hours of Wednesday, 13 August 2026, between approximately 4:42 a.m. and 8:39 a.m., a heavy downpour struck Lafia, the capital of Nasarawa State. Severe urban flooding affected Bukansidi, Millionaires Quarters, Sadaji Junction/Police B Division and the Makurdi Road/Local Government Secretariat area. The rainfall overwhelmed inadequate drainage infrastructure, inundating residential buildings, damaging public facilities and disrupting livelihoods.

Thirty-seven houses were destroyed across the four affected communities. Household property, non-food items and furniture workshops were also damaged, while businesses along flooded streets sustained significant losses. Traffic was heavily disrupted. A total of 307 people were displaced and were sheltering in host communities within Lafia LGA. No deaths or injuries were recorded.

3.2 Ondo State

Sustained heavy rainfall across Ondo State beginning in early August 2026 triggered widespread riverine and urban flooding across at least seven LGAs. Ilaje LGA was reported as the most critical area, with Igbokoda community, including the Naval Base and council headquarters, submerged. In Okitipupa LGA, several communities experienced severe flooding, with homes and commercial premises submerged, bridges destroyed and movement restricted.

A rapid assessment confirmed 2,527 affected households across Ondo West, Ilaje and Okitipupa. Assessments of Irele, Ese-Odo, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo and Odigbo were ongoing in coordination with ODSEMA and NEMA. The final scale of impact is therefore expected to increase as assessment continues.

4. Humanitarian Needs

Sector	Priority needs	Priority
Shelter	Emergency shelter or safe accommodation for displaced households and people unable to return home.	Very High
Food security	Emergency food assistance for displaced and severely affected households.	High
Non-food items	Basic household items for families whose homes and property were damaged.	High
WASH	Safe water, sanitation and hygiene services in affected, host and temporary settlement areas.	High
Protection	Protection monitoring and targeted support for women, children, older persons and other vulnerable people.	High
Health & psychosocial support	First aid, referral services and psychosocial support for affected people.	High
Livelihood recovery	Support to households, artisans, traders and small businesses that lost productive assets.	Medium–High

5. Response and Coordination

The Nigerian Red Cross Society conducted rapid assessments in the affected locations. In Nasarawa, the Branch continued monitoring the situation and remained ready to support affected communities. In Ondo, assessments were conducted in three LGAs, with additional assessments ongoing in coordination with the Ondo State Emergency Management Agency (ODSEMA) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The Ondo State Government deployed amphibious equipment to clear and desilt waterways, canals and drainage channels, particularly in riverine areas of Ilaje LGA. Government and response actors identified blocked waterways, indiscriminate refuse disposal and structures along river channels as factors contributing to the severity of flooding.

6. HUCOMDEF Emergency Response Priorities

Priority	Planned HUCOMDEF action
Rapid verification	Conduct or support field verification, household registration and vulnerability assessment in priority affected communities.
Emergency relief	Mobilise and distribute food, non-food items, WASH supplies and emergency shelter support to the most vulnerable people.
Protection	Integrate protection, safeguarding, feedback and referral mechanisms into all response activities.
Health & psychosocial support	Support community-based psychosocial assistance and referral of urgent health needs.
Livelihood recovery	Support affected artisans, traders and vulnerable households to restore income-generating activities.
Preparedness	Strengthen community flood awareness, early-warning dissemination, evacuation preparedness and local response capacity.

7. Monitoring, Accountability and Learning

HUCOMDEF will maintain a beneficiary-centred approach throughout the emergency response. Response activities should be supported by beneficiary registers, distribution records, field monitoring, photographs where appropriate, community feedback and complaints mechanisms. Monitoring will track reach, assistance delivered, protection concerns, unmet needs and emerging risks. Lessons from implementation will inform subsequent response and preparedness activities.

8. Key Monitoring Indicators

Indicator	Unit	Reporting frequency
Households/people assessed and verified	Number	Daily during assessment
Households receiving emergency assistance	Number	Per intervention
Food and NFI items distributed	Quantity	Per distribution
Affected communities reached	Number	Weekly
Feedback and complaints resolved	Number / %	Weekly
Livelihoods restored or supported	Number	Monthly
WASH facilities/services supported	Number	Weekly

9. Information Sources

This report is based on the available emergency information contained in the IFRC GO field reports for Lafia, Nasarawa State and Ondo State, including rapid-assessment findings attributed to the Nigerian Red Cross Society branches. The source reports also reference NiMet, NIHSA, NEMA, ODSEMA, the Federal Ministry of Environment and Nigerian media reports. The Lafia assessment was reported as confirmed through the Nigerian Red Cross Society Nasarawa Branch rapid assessment, while the Ondo assessment covered three LGAs with further assessment ongoing.

10. Conclusion

The flooding presents an immediate humanitarian concern for affected households and communities, with needs extending from emergency shelter and food assistance to WASH, protection, psychosocial support and livelihood recovery. HUCOMDEF will prioritise coordination, evidence-based targeting, accountability to affected populations and transparent reporting in any response undertaken.

11. Report Note

This report is prepared for humanitarian coordination, response planning, partner engagement and resource mobilisation. Figures should be updated as additional field verification becomes available, particularly for Ondo State where assessment of all affected LGAs was still ongoing at the time of reporting.