

FLOOD SITUATION IN KENYA: SITUATION REPORT MAY'20

Date: April-May 2020

Country/Location: Kenya (Turkana, Marsabit, Elgeyo Marakwet, Samburu, Murang'a and Nairobi counties)

Title of Emergency: Floods Sitrep

Dates covered by report: 1st March to May 2020

COUNTRY SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Heavy rains intensified across Kenya in the past weeks, resulting in widespread floods that caused human fatalities and displacement, as well as crop damage and loss of household assets in parts of Kenya
- At least 237 flood-related deaths have been registered, according to local media reports quoting the Government, and the death toll and number of people displaced is expected to rise in the days ahead as further information is received and verified from affected areas. According to Kenya Red Cross society (KRCS) roads are cut, bridges have been destroyed, access to health facilities is becoming a challenge.”
- 161,000 HHs displaced
- Over 100 schools across central Kenya have had their infrastructure destroyed by rains
- In Turkana County 2 deaths reported and it is estimated that 2,000 HH have been affected by the floods. A total of 10,033 sheep and goats (shoats), 54 camels, and 74 cattle died from floods and nearly 4200 acres of irrigated land along river Turkwel has been destroyed. In Samburu county Media, quoting local officials, said houses were destroyed leaving hundreds of families homeless in the north of the county 140 HH, 620 goats, 44 cows have been affected by floods and in Marsabit county 518 HH affected with over 2600 livestock washed by flash floods. In Marakwet county 4 people have been reported dead from mudslides and several families displaced due to heavy rains.
- Destruction and damage of key infrastructure -including roads, bridges, schools and health facilities– has been reported in multiple areas.
- According to Kenya Metrological Department heavy rains are expected to continue in the days and weeks ahead, with most parts of the country likely to experience above average rainfall until end of May 2020.
- The heavy rains and floods follow crop destruction caused by locust invasion across several counties in Kenya the invasion has led to catastrophic destruction ,massive land degradation, economically damaging rangelands and croplands.
- Two consecutive seasons of poor rainfall and high land surface temperatures in many areas led to poor crop and livestock production and rapid deterioration of rangeland resources, according to the latest Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) report.
- Prior to the floods, a projected high number of people were projected to face IPC Phases 3 (crisis) and 4 (emergency) especially in the Northern parts of Kenya. Although the rains may bring reprieve in some locations, in others there is a risk that they will damage cropping for the next season.
- Higher than usual rainfall is expected to continue in the regions throughout May 2020 and with persistent risks of floods slipping to June 2020



(Right) Flooded bridge in Turkana County.

(Left) Road cut off by floods in Turkana County



(Right) Aerial view of flush floods in Samburu County (Left) Flooded road in Samburu County



(Right) Mudslide in Elgeyo Marakwet County (Left) Kenya Red Cross response to flood victims in Marakwet County



(Right) Flooded homesteads in Kisumu County



(Left) Access roads Flooded in Kisumu County



(Right) Flash floods in Samburu County



(Left) Flooded homes in Turkana County

CHILD FUND KENYA'S RESPONSE

In a bid to mitigate the effects of the floods, ChildFund Kenya working with its Local Partners (LPs) has been intervening in 6 counties reaching over 7,215 people with life-saving assistance since March 2020. These interventions are in Food Security, Health and Nutrition, and WASH with Child Protection as a cross-cutting sector. However, given the prevailing situation i.e. flooding in several areas across the country, there is need to review and scale up these interventions to reach more people as soon as possible. Additional funding is needed so that ChildFund can fully implement an elaborate emergency response. With support from the IO Emergency Management Unit, the Country Office intends to develop a two-year emergency response strategy focusing on immediate interventions, recovery and resilience-building for the affected areas. Below are some of the interventions that were implemented during the reporting period:

1. To improve access to food items for flood affected women, men and children

To this end ChildFund has supported 4060 households with a monthly cash transfer of Kes 3000 per household to purchase items as a response measure to the nutritional needs of the households in Nairobi, Kisumu, Samburu, and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties

2. Vulnerable families supported with supplementary feeding

ChildFund supported 1731 caregivers in Nairobi, Kisumu, Samburu, and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties with Ksh 3000 through cash transfer to purchase dry foods.

Due to the worsening situation in Turkana County, particularly at the household level, and following an appeal by the County Government, ChildFund supported 10HHs with camels and 500HHs with 250Jerricans, 30 cartons Bar soap, 250 Water buckets and 3 cartons of hand sanitizers

3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In Turkana County, ChildFund Kenya, with support from ChildFund Korea under Turkana WASH and Nutrition Project, supported health outreaches on flooding emergencies and measures to mitigate Covid-19 in line with hygiene promotion in 3 sub-counties

4. hygiene promotion to prevent spread of COVID 19 pandemic.

In Kisumu and Elgeyo Marakwet counties 1944 HHs received water treatment reagents through a voucher to minimize contamination to COVID-19 and other water borne diseases, Health education on personal hygiene and environmental hygiene promotion. A total of 4060 HHs were issued with e-vouchers to purchase blankets and mosquito nets.

In Samburu County ChildFund supported County health officers to conduct health outreaches on sensitization on Flooding and emergencies coupled with the COVID 19 disease.

5. Vulnerable families supported with non-food items

4060 HHs living within these affected were supported with non-food items. Such as clothing’s, utensils, branded Water storage jerricans, branded tents in Kisumu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nairobi and Murang’a counties. 700 caregivers affected within Murang’a and Elgeyo Marakwet counties were supported with a total of 7100 pieces of iron sheets in total to reconstruct their houses destroyed by floods.

ChildFund also enhanced capacity of community based teams to prevent and respond to child protection threats and to affected children in areas affected by flood and landslides.

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1. Security and Logistics

The security situation across the country and in the affected counties has generally is calm. However, the security situation specifically in Turkana South and Turkana East sub-counties remains unpredictable because of the high likelihood of cattle-rustling between Turkana and Pokot herders since both communities have concentrated their livestock on the border area because that is the area that still has some pasture following the prolonged drought. Reports of cattle rustling between the Turkana and Samburu communities were also reported in Samburu North.

2. Partnership and Coordination

ChildFund and its LPs continue to participate in national and county level emergency response coordination forums. LPs are actively participating in county level steering groups charged with assessment, planning and implementation of interventions. ChildFund also works in collaboration with other international and local NGOs and UN agencies such as UNICEF, World Food Program, UNFPA etc.

3. Staffing

Ongoing emergency response efforts are currently supported by existing Country Office and LP staff.

4. Donors: To date, ChildFund Kenya has utilized USD 227,697 to implement various emergency response interventions using subsidy and ongoing grants as indicated below:

Donor/Source of Funds	Program	Amount (USD)
ChildFund Korea	Disaster Risk Reduction Project in Marsabit County	49,314
ChildFund Korea	WASH and Nutrition Project in Turkana County	88,891
UNICEF	Integrated ECD Project in Samburu County	1,779
Funding Model re-allocation in Turkana County	Frontiers Children Development Program (Turkana County)	18,662
Subsidy re-allocation	Nawiri Child Development Program (Marsabit County)	26,020
Subsidy re-allocation	Samburu Children's Program (Samburu County)	13,226
Subsidy re-allocation	Frontiers Children Development Program (Turkana County)	29,509
Subsidy re-allocation	Central Rift Child Development Program (Baringo County)	296
Total		227,697

5. Media/Communications

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Languages spoken, English

Resources	What's available	URL
Websites	Media coverage of the drought and floods situation in Kenya	<p>Drought crisis, food insecurity could worsen in Kenya – IGAD https://citizentv.co.ke/news/drought-crisis-food-insecurity-could-worsen-in-kenya-igad-241362/</p> <p>Drought to get worse, state warns https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2019-04-10-drought-to-get-worse-state-warns/</p> <p>Floods to hit Nairobi and four other counties https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2019-04-26-floods-to-hit-nairobi-and-four-other-counties/</p> <p>Transport paralyzed in Turkana as flash floods cut off Kakuma-Lokichogio road https://citizentv.co.ke/news/hundreds-stranded-as-kakuma-lokichogio-road-cut-off-in-flash-floods-242091/</p> <p>Woman, child swept away after Nairobi floods wreak havoc https://citizentv.co.ke/news/woman-child-swept-away-after-nairobi-floods-wreak-havoc-242249/</p> <p>Several families displaced as floods wreak havoc https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001323348/several-families-displaced-as-floods-wreak-havoc-in-bondo</p>

