

ChildFund International Humanitarian Situation Report

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[Floods Emergency Response – Kenya]  
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**Part 1: The Overall Situation**

During the period March to May, the long rains were average to above average across much of the country, with some parts of the Northern, Southern and Coastal Counties receiving over double the amount of rainfall typically received during the season. Heavy rainfall in April resulted in flooding in low-lying and riverine areas, and landslides in hilly areas across the country. Again, during the months of June-July-August, several parts of the country experienced significant rainfall which ranged between near-average to above Average, particularly in most parts of western Kenya, Central Highlands and Nairobi. As of June 30th, 2020, the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) reported in the Floods Situational Report that due to the experienced enhanced rainfall (MAM 2020), had experienced flooding, with 42,064 households (HHs) displaced and 252,384 persons affected. The number of reported deaths due to floods was 94, with 82 persons reported missing. The total number of livestock reported missing was at 37,563. The West Kenya region reported the highest number of displaced Households at 18,427 HHs, followed by Coastal region at 10,440 HHs with the highest effect being along the Tana River in Tana River County.

In the month of September, Kenya Meteorological department has projected that on average, several parts of the country will experience generally sunny and dry weather conditions. However, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Highlands West of the Rift Valley and Central Rift Valley are likely to experience near-average rainfall with a tendency to above average rainfall. Along the Coastal Strip and highlands East of the Rift Valley (including Nairobi County) occasional showers are expected while Northern, Southern and Coastal counties sunny and dry conditions are likely to prevail. In the ASALs where depressed rainfall is expected, water scarcity and lack of pasture for domestic use and livestock are likely to be exacerbated due to the dry conditions experienced in the months of July and August, up to September 2020.

Due to average to above average rainfall in Western Kenya and the Highlands, rivers and lakes may continue to experience rising water levels. During the short rain season of October-November-December (OND) in 2020, it is forecasted that cases of flooding, landslides/mudslides in Western Kenya as well as Central Rift Valley will be highly probable. Some infrastructure like buildings and bridges may collapse and some roads may be cut off due to high rainfall amounts. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and other humanitarian institutions have therefore been advised to put in place measures to avert possible negative impacts that may arise from the forecasted OND above normal short rains.

**Situation in Baringo County**

With the population of 666,763 (336,322 males and 330,428 females) according to the 2019 census, Baringo County has continued to suffer the effects of floods due to the rising water levels in lakes Baringo and Bogoria as a result of climate change and rains in the highlands areas like Tugen Hills where the rivers flowing into the lakes originates from. Other probable reasons for the ongoing floods is the increased siltation of the lakes and massive destruction of the environment leading to increased runoff into the lakes. The enhanced heavy rains from May 2020 across all the livelihoods zones and intense in the upstream areas of the Rift Valley-Nandi hills caused Rivers Molo and Perkerra to break their banks in the downstream

of Baringo South sub-county. Although the rains have slightly receded, the risk of flooding due to rising water levels of lakes Baringo, Bogoria and lake 94 continue to increase at alarming level. Since the areas around these lakes and rivers are highly populated, majority of the population living within the shores are likely to be affected in terms of their farms, houses and other means of livelihood being destroyed. The current floods are also reported to have damaged sanitation facilities and contaminated water sources, thus posing a further risk to the already deteriorated prevailing water-borne disease situation in the county. The situation is even dire given that access to public health services has been disrupted, in addition to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which has overstretched the capacity of the county health care system. Further Community and household assets have been destroyed and Washed away including schools, hotels, shops, homes roads and bridge, among others.

According the latest report by the stakeholders in the county **approximately 1,400 households** have been displaced and/or affected in one way and/or the other with the numbers still increasing due to sustained rising water levels in the lakes and rivers as per the table below;

Area	No. of HHs Displaced
Loboi	300 HHs
Kampi Ya Samaki/Loruk	800 HHs
Ng'ambo	300 HHs
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400 HHs</b>

### **Interventions by other stake holders (National and County Governments, CSOs etc.)**

In Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and other affected counties, the National and County Governments and other agencies specifically Kenya Red Cross, World Vision, and Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) have supported the affected family. Currently in Baringo County the instant response by the local community has been commendable as the immediate family and neighbors supported those affected and continue to host the displaced. Moreover, Kenya Red Cross Society and World Vision Kenya supported with distribution of NFIs while the National and County Governments supported with food.

### **Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works**

In Kisumu and Samburu Counties, the flood subsided, and the response interventions scaled down. However, with the expected onset of the short rains, ChildFund and its Local Partners (LPs) remain alert and continue monitoring the situation in collaboration with other partners.

In Baringo County, ChildFund Kenya has presence in the affected areas that includes lowland areas of Marigat, Kampi Ya Samaki and Loruk. According to the field visit report by the ChildFund Kenya in Baringo, floods have caused massive destruction in these areas whereby communication has been cut off between Marigat Township and Chemolingot Trading Centre, while the lower part of Loruk centre is submerged and about twenty shops have been destroyed. Approximately 1,400 households have been displaced and/or affected, with the numbers still increasing due to sustained rising water levels in the lakes and rivers. The floods have completely or partially

submerged 16 learning institutions, 3 health facilities, 9 churches and 15 hotels and other facilities. The flooding situation is extremely dire given that the same communities were affected by the recent infestation by the desert locust and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Floods have not only affected access to health facilities and medical care in general, but also further negatively impacted on the food security and child protection situations. The water and sanitation situation is also worrying given several water sources and sanitation facilities have been destroyed.

### **Part 3: ChildFund Kenya’s Response in Samburu, Kisumu and Baringo Counties**

In Samburu County, ChildFund supported the Local partner Samburu Children’s Programme (SCP) in the month July with KES 400,000 (USD 4,000) to respond to floods emergency. The funds supported 50 HHs affected by floods and landslides with nutritious food through one-off cash transfer and provision of Non-Food Items (NFIs) that included blankets, mattresses, water storage jerricans, water treatment reagent and Mosquito nets.

In Kisumu County, during the period May to July, ChildFund supported the Local Partner, Kisumu Development Programme (KDP) with KES 1,645,400 (USD 16,454) to respond to the floods’ emergency in Nyando and Nyakach sub-counties. This reached a total of 316 HHs affected by floods and landslides with nutritious food through cash transfer of KES 3,000 per (USD30) household. A total of 18 community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and Child Protection Volunteers (CPVs) were supported with a monthly stipend of KES 10,000 for two months to track and report the children affected during the flooding. Further, dignitary kits were distributed to 200 families affected by floods in Nyando and Nyakach Sub Counties of Kisumu County.

In Baringo, ChildFund Kenya in August 2020 allocated the Local partner, Central Rift CDP KES 450,000 (USD 4,154) to respond to the emergence. The funds have supported 25 households through cash transfers of 3,000 per household, Non-Food Items (NFIs) – blankets, bed sheets, utensils, soaps, and mosquito nets and 16 iron sheets for shelter per family. Further through the Korea DLI project, another 25 families benefited from the cash transfer intervention. Part of the funds will also be used to provide water treatment chemicals and other related non-food items.

### **Needs and Sectoral Gaps in the Area**

According to a multiagency report on Baringo Post-Floods Needs Assessment published in August 2020, some of the priority needs are tabulated below:

<b>Ranking of needs per Sector/Per site (conditions of living)</b>					
	Living in collective centres	Living in host families	Resident hosting displaced	Resident not hosting	All sites 35 CGD
Food security					
Shelter					
NFI					
Health					
Water					



From the assessment, the highest ranked key group in need were the older persons (>59 years old), women, children and persons living with disabilities were more vulnerable.

Most needy/Vulnerable groups per site (Conditions of living)					
	Living in collective centres	Living in host families	Resident hosting displaced	Resident not hosting	All sites 33CGD
Elderly	Low	High	Very High	Intermediate	Very High
Children	High	Intermediate	Very High	Intermediate	Very High
Persons living with Disability (PWD)	Low	Intermediate	Low	Low	Low
Pregnant Lactating Women	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Youth Female	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low



- **Affected population:** The number of affected people by the crisis is still approximate as the registration had not been done or planned in that area at the time of compiling the report.
- **Health sector:** Improving access to primary healthcare services in areas that have been cut off from access to health facilities.
- **Nutrition:** Need for the nutrition actors to plan a SMART survey or any other modality to capture the current needs.
- **Food Security:** Support farmers to access farms inputs such as seeds and fertilizer as part of recovery programming to address the transitory food insecurity during the early recovery.
- **WASH:** Public Health Promotion and rehabilitation of WASH facilities.
- **Protection:** Address gender needs and needs for women, people living with disability (PWDs), older persons and those with chronic illness

**Possible Risks**

- Increase in water-borne diseases e.g. typhoid fever, cholera, diarrhea, and hepatitis B.
- Increase incidences of vector-borne diseases
- Possibility of increased risks and incidences of SGBV

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- **Security and Logistic**

The security situation across the county has generally remained calm however, in such areas and in the face of disasters, it remains unpredictable.

- **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 Non-Governmental Organizations and UN agencies such as UNICEF and World Food Program. In addition, ChildFund is an active player of the Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT) meetings.

- **Staffing**

Ongoing emergency response for other emergencies in area are currently supported by existing CO and LP staff.

- **Donors**

Since the start of the current floods in Baringo and Elgeyo Marakwet counties in March this year, the funding outlined below has been raised and allocated for the response:

Donor/Source of Funds	Program	Amount (USD)
ChildFund Germany	Flood Response NSP	10,000
Subsidy re-allocation	Central Rift Child Development Program- Baringo County)	2,960
ChildFund International	Support to Flooding Emergence Response in Kisumu	16,454
ChildFund International	Emergency Response in Baringo	4,154
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,568</b>

- **Media/Communications**

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**Photos**



***Classroom at Salabani Secondary School Flooded***



***Kambi Ya Samaki Health Centre***



***Destroyed homesteads by floods***



*Destruction at Loruk Shopping Centre*



*Some of the households relocating to higher grounds around L. Bogoria*