



SITUATION REPORT N° 16 – UGANDA FLOODS – 27 NOVEMBER 2007

HIGHLIGHTS

- **ACCELERATED MEASLES IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN BUKEDEA AND KUMI DISTRICTS**
- **MAGORO-NGARIAM ROAD REHABILITATION RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM EARLY RECOVERY CLUSTER**

The information contained in this report has been gathered by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) from sources including the Government of Uganda, UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations and the Red Cross movement.

Situation Overview

The first phase of the humanitarian response to the floods, which prioritized the distribution of emergency relief supplies, has been concluded by the clusters. The regional Heads of Cluster in Soroti have agreed on a review of the response for the second phase and to ensure linkages with recovery, local capacity building and disaster risk reduction.

The preliminary results of an inter-agency assessment, conducted on 14 November in five sub-counties of Amuria district, show that more than 70 per cent of the assessed population had received assistance addressing the most urgent needs. The assistance was deemed appropriate to needs, although delivery started only in September. Critical outstanding needs include access to safe water, health services and food assistance until the next harvest in July/August 2008. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the impact of assistance provided and identify outstanding needs.

Kumi and Bukedea districts are conducting accelerated routine immunization in response to the outbreak of measles in those districts. To date, 708 children under 5 years of age have been immunized in four centres in Bukedea.

Katakwi district has received support from the Early Recovery cluster to repair and rehabilitate the Magoro – Ngariam road. The project, which is expected to be completed by the end of the month, is labor intensive and is providing employment opportunities for internally displaced persons in the area.

Priority Needs

The clusters are currently revising priorities according to the work done so far and the prevailing situation. After IASC endorsement, the revised priorities will be included into the second Flash Appeal update due at the beginning of December.

Humanitarian Response

Since the issuance of the last Situation Report, the following updates have been received:

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Cluster lead: UNHCR

Cluster members: ASB, THW

The cluster continues to conduct return assessments in Katakwi. A visit to Ongongoja, where a large number of families have reportedly returned and others are in the process of spontaneously returning to their villages, is planned.

The compilation of IDP camp profiles is also ongoing. To date, 13 camps have been covered.

The cluster is in discussion with other partners regarding the possibility to work jointly on rehabilitation of access roads to facilitate movement.

Early Recovery

Cluster Lead: UNDP

Cluster members: District Local Governments of Amuria and Katakwi, Office of the Prime Minister, CCF, Première Urgence, SOCADIDO and URCS

The Early Recovery Cluster continues its planning process in the region, including identification of areas for joint action with the CCCM cluster to identify needs and support the return process in Katakwi; putting in place a transparent and participatory system of approving projects to be implemented as Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in Soroti; and development of an operational plan that clearly defines the results to be achieved by the cluster and the areas in which members can complement each others' strengths in providing relevant and timely interventions for target communities.

Education

Cluster Lead: UNICEF

No input for this week

Food Security

Cluster Lead: FAO and WFP

Partners in the sector: District Local Governments, BEKOA, FAO, LWF, PAG Church, Pilgrim, Première Urgence, SOCADIDO, TEDDO, TEMEDO, Uganda Scouts, URCS, Vision TERUDO, War on Want, World Vision

The cluster responded to the district's request for assistance in the area of livestock health to reduce secondary infections caused by other diseases. In Katakwi, an estimated 25,000 cattle (50 per cent), 35,000 poultry (23 per cent) and 3,000 dogs (60 per cent) have already been vaccinated in the ongoing exercise. In addition, 666 cattle, 394 goats, 127 sheep, 54 pigs and 57 dogs were de-wormed and sprayed. In Amuria district, 1,226 cattle, 494 goats, 165 sheep and 27 pigs were de-wormed and sprayed. In Soroti district, 655 cattle, 137 goats and sheep have also received this treatment.

The cumulative number of households that have received cassava cuttings in Katakwi and Amuria districts is now 3,507, while 500 households have received sweet potato vines.

Logistics

Cluster Lead: WFP

The Logistics Cluster completed its operations and closed its operations on 25 November 2007. The warehousing facility has been transferred to UNICEF management on behalf of the cluster through 10 December 2007.

Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS

Cluster Lead: WHO

Cluster members: Ministry of Health, Germany Emergency Doctors, Malaria Consortium, Malteser, Oxfam, Pilgrim, PSI, SOCADIDO, THW, Uganda Assemblies of God, UNFPA, UNICEF, URCS, WHO, Youth with Mission

Accelerated routine immunization in response to the outbreak of measles in Kumi and Bukedea is ongoing. Two film vans have also been deployed to Kumi and Bukedea for social mobilisation activities.

Two mobile clinic teams attended to 1,716 patients in areas remote from functional health facilities in Katakwi and Amuria districts.

The cluster plans to provide additional temporary health staff (one clinical officer, 12 nurses and one laboratory technician) to be deployed in Bukedea district.

Training of 824 Village Health Teams (VHTs) in all nine sub-counties of Amuria district will be completed this week.

Some 2,000 insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) were delivered and 80 patients treated at mobile clinics during a joint visit in Ngenge and Greek river sub-counties of Kapchorwa district.

A joint response was made to 10 suspected cases of measles reported in Sironko, Manafwa and Bukwo districts. Blood samples were taken to Entebbe laboratory for analysis.

Protection

Cluster Lead: UNHCR

No input for this week

Shelter and Non Food Items (NFI)

Working Group Lead: UNICEF

Working Group members: ASB and SOCADIDO

An assortment of NFI kits including aqua tablets, soap, jerry cans and mosquito nets was provided to 4,545 households affected by floods in Soroti, Amuria, Katakwi and Bukedea districts.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Cluster lead: UNICEF

Cluster members: Directorate of Water, Oxfam, Pilgrim and URCS

National and international guidelines for drinking water and effluents were circulated to the WASH cluster to facilitate implementation of WASH activities in all the districts in Teso region.

The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of the Directorate of Water is now available in the region for consultation and guidance. It consists of a Focal Point Technical Officer, a Specialist in Public Health Education, a Specialist in Water Engineering, and a Specialist in Community Mobilisation. The TSU will participate in cluster coordination activities.

Omodoi in Katakwi and Abia-Kuju in Amuria received three water tanks with bicycle-operated pumps to increase supply of safe water.

Safe water kits were distributed in Orungo sub county in Katakwi district in response to an inter-agency assessment showing an increase in dysentery. Other activities are also ongoing such as hygiene promotion and latrine construction targeting an increase from the current 10 per cent coverage to at least 40 per cent. This will benefit approximately 3,000 people.

A mapping of contaminated water sources in Teso and Mt Elgon regions has been done to guide interventions to provide safe water and facilitate monitoring of WASH activities.

Some 35 wells have been disinfected in Teso region so far.

Coordination

Funding Update

To date, donors have committed some \$13.8 million to the \$41 million Uganda Floods Flash Appeal, originally launched on 21 September 2007.

The second progress report on the Uganda Floods Flash Appeal is expected to be finalized at the end of the week.

OCHA will continue to issue regular Situation Reports on a weekly basis. Agencies participating in the floods response are requested to report on their

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