

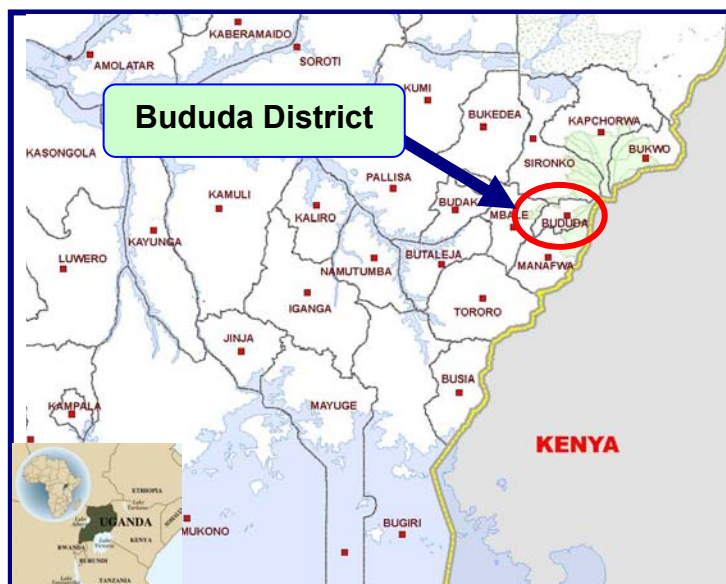


This report was issued by OCHA Uganda. It covers the period from 1 to 3 March 2010. The next report will be issued on or around 7 March.

I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **Landslides have occurred in the mountainous areas of eastern Uganda, burying three villages in Bududa District and leaving at least 80 people and over 300 missing.**
- **Search and rescue teams have been forced to employ shovels and hand held hoes; access constraints have prevented the deployment of more effective earth moving equipment.**
- **Two Government-led inter-agency assessment teams have been dispatched to the affected region targeting Bududa and Butaleja districts.**

II. Situation Overview



On Monday 1 March 2010, landslides occurred on the slopes of Mt. Elgon in eastern Uganda following heavy downpours.

According to the Office of the Prime Minister and local media reports, at least 80 people have been confirmed dead in the district of Bududa where a landslide covering an area 200 metres wide descended on and buried three whole villages in Nametsi Parish of Bukalasi sub-county. Only 31 survivors have been accounted for while over 300 people are still missing.

The villages – Nametsi, Kubehwo and Namangasa – were highly populated with over 3,000 people located high in the mountain.

At present, the disaster area is only accessible by foot or air, due to its remoteness and the lack of any serviceable road network. Nametsi Health Centre III was buried in the mudslide, leaving only Bukalasi Health Centre III located 3 km away and Bududa Hospital 15 km removed as the health facilities nearest to the affected area.

Landslides have also struck the neighbouring sub-county of Bumayoka at Ulukusi Parish and destroyed a Church, where six bodies have subsequently been recovered. Other districts in the region, including Bukwo, Sironko, Mbale, Manafa, Kapchorwa and Butaleja have been affected by the heavy downpours. In Butaleja's sub-counties of Himuntu, Mazimasa, Kachonga, Butaleja Rural and Butaleja Town Council, floods have left over 600 people displaced.

The Government of Uganda is leading the humanitarian response. On the morning of 2 March, a team comprising the Disaster Department in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), the Uganda Police and doctors flew to Bududa District. In addition, the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) has also conducted preliminary assessments and distributions in the affected areas.

The United Nations and partners are participating in two Government-led inter-agency assessment teams dispatched to the region on 3 March.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Search and Rescue

The UPDF assisted by local volunteers is employing shovels, hand hoes and spades in search and rescue efforts. Access constraints have prevented the deployment of more effective earth moving equipment.

Emergency Shelter & Non-Food Items

A significant number of households in Bududa and Butaleja districts are expected to require emergency shelter. Early indications are that the population living in the affected areas - approximately 10,000 people - could be instructed by the Government to relocate given concerns over further rains and landslides.

URCS, supported by the ICRC, has started providing blankets, tarpaulins, tents, jerrycans, pans, plates and cups to a targeted 1,500 affected households. UNICEF has sent 400 NFI kits with a blanket, tarpaulin, soap, cooking set and related emergency household items; 10 rectangular tents (72m²); 20 rolls of nylon rope, each 200m; and 12 shovels.

Food and Nutrition

OPM has dispatched a trailer with 26 MT of relief food to Bududa, and another consignment of 25 MT to Butaleja.

Health

Immediate health needs include provision of first aid, support in accessing medical facilities and additional response required to mitigate disease outbreak in areas of displacement. The doctors that flew to Bududa with the first Government assessment and response team on 2 March are expected to be reinforced by doctors from Mbale Hospital.

UNICEF has provided the Ministry of Health with two Inter-agency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK) basic units (basic drugs and equipment to treat wounds, eye infections, diarrhea and other diseases serving up to 1,000 people for three months or 10,000 for one month), one IEHK supplementary drugs 1a, and one IEHK supplementary 3 (syringes, dressing supplies etc, serving up to 10,000 for three months). Some 200 body bags have been provided by UNICEF and URCS, supported by the ICRC.

Logistics

Other logistical needs, besides earth moving hardware to support search and rescue operations, include storage facilities for relief supplies in the affected districts.

UNDP has provided two generators to the Government's command center to support ground operations. During the inter-agency assessments between 3 - 5 March, GPS coordinates are to be collected to provide a mapping overview of the affected areas and logistical/access constraints.

Protection

Protection concerns have been raised regarding children who may have lost their parents or who are separated from their families. Additional needs include ensuring that the ill, elderly and other vulnerable populations have access to services.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Preliminary needs include safe drinking water, water storage containers, water purification/chlorination tablets, latrines and soap.

On 3 March, UNICEF dispatched 1,000 units each of water purification/chlorination tablets and water disinfectant powder sachets, 500 jerrycans and 633 buckets.

IV. Coordination

Coordination is being led by the office of the Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees under OPM. The Ministry has confirmed to the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator that at present it will not

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request United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) and Search and Rescue (UN SAR) teams deployment.

From 3 - 5 March, OPM is leading two inter-agency assessment teams to Bududa and Butaleja districts with focus on access to basic services, determination of population movements, protection and security concerns as well as infrastructure, communications and logistics. Participants include FAO, OCHA, Oxfam, Save the Children in Uganda, URCS, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.

The next coordination meeting to be chaired by the OPM Kampala Coordination Center is scheduled for Saturday 6 March to discuss results of the field assessments and the way forward.

V. Funding

All humanitarian partners including donors and recipient agencies are encouraged to inform FTS of cash and in-kind contributions by sending an email to: fts@reliefweb.int.

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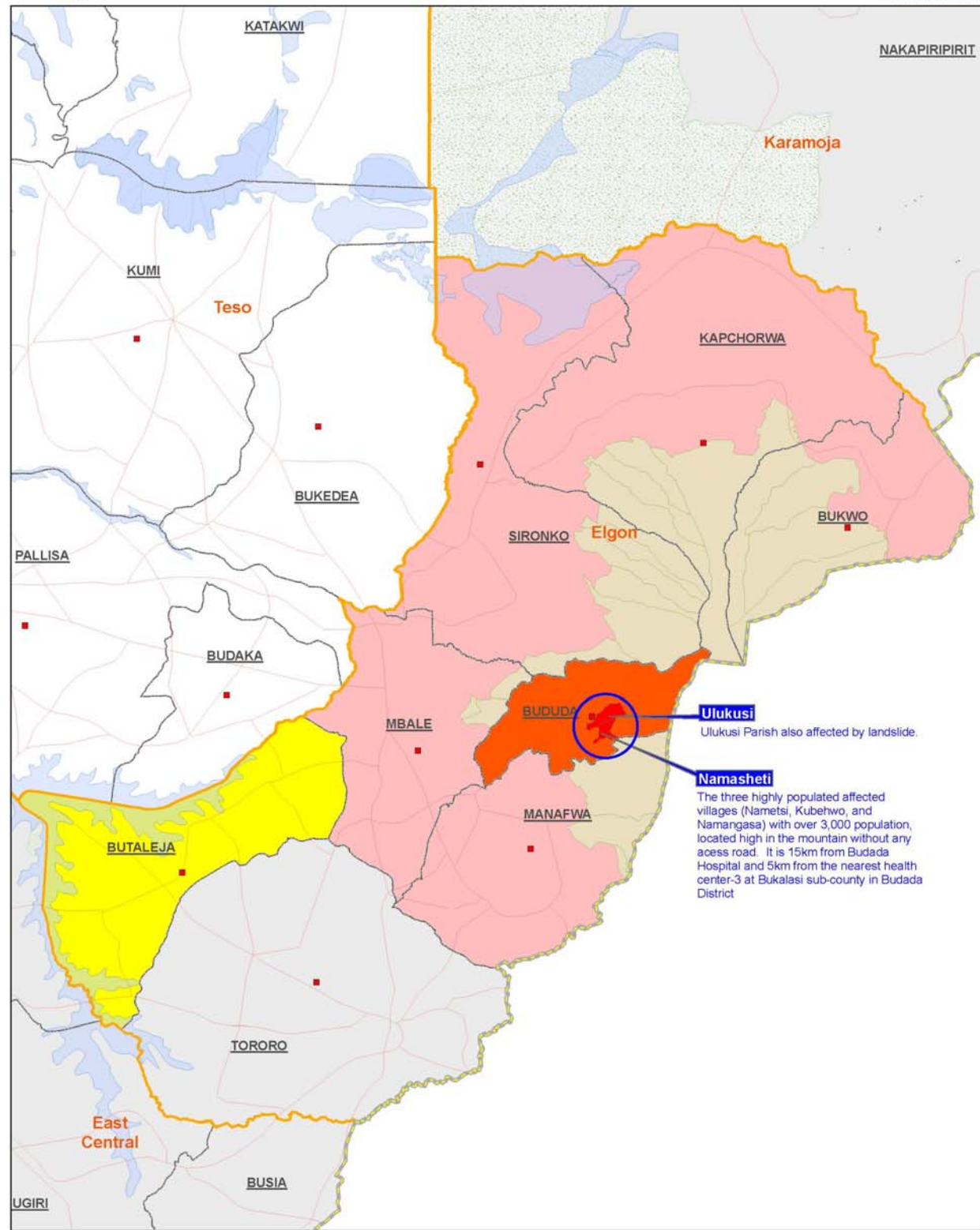
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Landslide/Flood Affected Area (Budada and Other Districts)



Ulukusi
 Ulukusi Parish also affected by landslide.

Namasheti
 The three highly populated affected villages (Nametsi, Kubehwo, and Namangasa) with over 3,000 population, located high in the mountain without any access road. It is 15km from Budada Hospital and 5km from the nearest health center-3 at Bukalasi sub-county in Budada District



Legend

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ District Admin Centres — Motorable Road — National Boundary — Sub-Region Boundary — District Boundary 	<p>Affected Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Highly Affected by Landslide ■ Other Budada Area ■ Landslide Affected Districts ■ Flood Affected District 	<p>Landuse Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Forest Reserve ■ Game Reserve ■ National Park ■ Rangeland ■ Water Body/Lakes
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Data Sources
 Admin Boundaries - UBOS, 2006
 Road Network - FAO
 Thematic - OPM, Relief, Disaster Preparedness, & Refugee, 02 March 2010

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