



FLOOD IN KENYA

Flooding in Kenya has affected more than 180,000 people since the onset of the short rains in October. At least 130 people have reportedly died, including dozens who lost their lives after a landslide. Nearly 18,000 who are displaced country wide. According to the Kenyan government, 16,000 houses have been destroyed across the country. There is a high risk of disease outbreaks such as cholera, malaria, upper respiratory tract infections among others. Toilets have been submerged in water and collapsed. Women, young children and the old are worse affected and traumatized, sick and hungry and the rain has continued to pour daily. Crops have been destroyed, animals drowned which has taken away people's only livelihood. There is urgent need for intervention.



FLOOD IN AHERO – KISUMU COUNTY

Safe Water and AIDS Project (SWAP) is operating in Western Kenya, an area which is flood prone and worse affected by the heavy rains. SWAP has been operating since 2005 with public health programs, research and emergency response with a mission to provide innovative solutions for improved health and economic status of communities.



PEOPLE AND ANIMALS EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES

SWAP is an active member of a humanitarian hub which is coordinating the emergency response. SWAP has been distributing essential and basic supplies to prevent disease outbreaks. These supplies include water treatment, hand washing and drinking water stations, soaps, sanitary pads and diapers, solar lamps among others. Supplies are taken to those affected families whose houses have been destroyed and who have moved to higher grounds in temporary established evacuation centers.



PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE FLOOD ARRIVE AT A LOCAL SCHOOL WHICH IS AN EVACUATION CENTER

The rain have continued and more interventions is urgently needed. SWAP has a water lab and the Ministry of Health has requested SWAP to support with water testing of the water sources of which most of them have become contaminated. The number of people evacuated continued to increase and apart from supplies mentioned above there is need for blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, tents, clothing, food and temporary toilets as well as veterinary services. SWAP started fund raising to provide more support and continue to intervene in collaboration with the Kenya government and other stakeholders. Your support is most welcome. Cash donation and in kind are appreciated.

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