



## RWANDA

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES IN RWANDA

## IOM IN ACTION

- Cash for Work intervention in three affected districts through the engagement of the community in the (re-) construction of their own shelter
- Construction of one WASH facility for the most vulnerable victims
- Emergency shelters including sanitation facilities constructed through the provision of shelter materials
- Provision of soap, laundry detergent, sanitary pads, kitchen sets, blankets, and 20 litre jerry cans

On 7-9 May 2016, floods and landslides hit Rwanda, mainly in the three districts of Gakenke, Muhanga and Ngororero.

The natural disaster caused 49 deaths and rendered 13,500 individuals homeless. IOM immediately responded with a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) grant providing shelter and livelihood opportunities, followed by additional provision of shelter and NFIs with a grant from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

These districts are hazard-prone areas often affected by heavy rains that cause landslides and subsequent destruction of houses, community infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

According to a situation report published by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR) on 18 May 2016, the landslides

destroyed 2,317 houses completely rendering homeless approximately 13,500 individuals in the three districts. In addition, a total of 1,366 houses were partially damaged.

IOM participated in the One UN / MIDIMAR joint assessment in June 2016, through which it was identified that the majority of the displaced populations are living with their neighbours.

Displaced families are living in a congested manner with insufficient Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities. Host families are also struggling with their lives following the loss of land and agricultural crops. Displaced families usually sleep in the sitting room or even in the kitchen of the host family.

The two or more families are sharing WASH facilities and kitchen space. It was noted that some host families do not

have adequate toilet facilities due to the damage caused by the disaster.

IOM Rwanda began working in Gakenke District to provide emergency support immediately after the disaster took place through a Cash for Work intervention which allowed the affected population to rebuild their shelter and at the same time earn some income.

Further support has been provided by UN CERF through immediate complementary shelter support including sanitation facilities and the provision of NFIs, such as soap, sanitary pads, kitchen sets, or jerry cans.

# Consequences of the natural disasters 2-9 May 2016

49	Deaths
2,317	Houses destroyed
1,366	Houses partially damaged
13,500	Individuals homeless



204	IDP hh supported their shelter construction through Cash for Work
15-20%	Beneficiaries able to pay community health insurance in 4 target sectors
889	Participants in the Cash for Work scheme
1,000	Households receive emergency shelters including sanitation facilities
500	Households receive basic hygienic items

## IOM Achievements

Among the three activities, support for emergency shelter construction is the most urgent and critical task.

### WE ASSIST:

- Disaster affected populations
- Refugees
- Women and children
- Migrants



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