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HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

The recent short rains which caused flooding in several parts of the country have affected about 1896 people in the North Rift Region. In Trans Nzoia East district, 300 families at Maridadi farm and 203 families at Namajalala, Kwanza district were displaced. KRC distributed GoK food and NFIs to the affected families. There is need for a comprehensive assessment in these areas to address issues of water and sanitation. In addition, the perennial Budalangi flooding has displaced about 5000 people. Currently a team from UNOCHA is coordinating support from the humanitarian community and GoK to the affected (separate report on Budalangi available). The rains have also caused landslides in Central Pokot district and have affected 16 families. Eleven people have died; 10 children and one woman while 15 children aged between 3 – 14 years were injured.

During the reporting period, 500 IDPs from various camps in Eldoret, Nakuru, Nyahuru and Mai Mahiu organized themselves and traveled to Nairobi where they demonstrated demanding better facilities in camps as well as payment of the pledged Government grants. The group was addressed by the Minister for Special Programmes. The IDPs have since gone back. This move is believed to have been politically motivated. KRC has expressed the need to undertake a comprehensive census at the ASK camp to determine the correct number of IDPs, this will be jointly undertaken the humanitarian agencies including the provincial administration to ensure ownership of results. Meanwhile IMC and MoW/WATSAN are addressing the issue of clean water and toilet exhaustion in the camp. In Burnt Forest and Timboroa the numbers remain 315 and 182 respectively.

In Gitwamba, Trans Nzoia West district, IDPs are slowly moving back to their farms, their number has therefore decreased from 8000 to 5000. KRC and GoK have decided to use facilities from the transit site as well as Noigam's to assist the current flooding victims. A team from the humanitarian agencies visited Nandi North district and met with the District Commissioner to discuss final plans for IDPs returning to Mt. Elgon and Trans Nzoia West districts. Transport will be provided by the Ministry of Special Programmes, one month food ration and NFIs will be availed to the IDPs before they leave.

The shelter programme by IOM and KRC is on going, KRC has constructed 177 houses from the targeted 1000. These shelters are in Eldoret South, North and East constituencies. KRC has also reconstructed a girl's dormitory in Sugoi area, burnt down due to an electrical fault and two boys' dormitories in Kipsagan High School burnt down by arsonists – not connected to PEV. IOM has completed 415 shelters from 700. IOM has completed constructing 210 shelters for Molo, 144 in Uasin Gishu and 64 in Lugari. Most

construction locations are peaceful, except in Ilula in Uasin Gishu district where some hostility was observed.

KRC reported that the Special Programmes Ministry is considering paying Kshs.25,000 to self-help groups who purchased land. This is expected to assist them construct their houses. UNHCR is funding the camp management and rehabilitation programme for camps closure. This will be undertaken by KRC and will involve training local authorities and security personnel on de-establishment of camps, back loading of properties such as mobile-toilets and water tanks and rehabilitation of camp grounds due to environmental degradation.

IMC has secured funding for its integrated outreach activities which include curative and psychosocial counseling in Trans Nzoia East and Kwanza districts. The programme will be rolled-out starting 17th November.

KEY HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

Child Protection/Education

The 40 secondary school and 228 primary school candidates finished their national examinations without any hitch and now with schools closed, there are fears that children from child headed households will be stranded if the ASK camp closed. SCUK and KRC tracing team plan to obtain these children's contacts for further action.

Peace Building and Reconciliation

A team from UNHCR and UNOCHA visited a woman who had been cut on the head near Lorian camp in Burnt Forest. Tension had risen in the area and youths from the two communities were planning to attack each other. Fortunately the woman confirmed that it was not a member of the other community who had attacked her and after deliberations with the chief and councilors, calm was restored in the area.

IRC reported that in Kalaha and Gitwamba, Trans Nzoia West district, communities are involved in peace building talks which have yielded ammunition from members as they pledged to peacefully co-existence.

Protection/SGVB

IRC reported that in Mt. Elgon, people need interventions on identified gaps. KRC informed that food distribution in Mt. Elgon had been stopped but if there was further need KRC would liaise with the District Commissioner and distribute to the needy. On medical/psychosocial and WATSAN services, KRC reported services were suspended after the military operation ended.

The 16 days of activism on human rights and SGBV will be held world wide on 25th November to 10th December 2008. Planned activities in the North Rift Valley will include processions in Eldoret and Kitale towns, creation of awareness in return areas and identification of survivors for support with Income Generating Activities (IGA). Survivors will be identified in conjunction with FIDA, UNHCR and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH).