



1. FOCUS ON FLOODS

Assessment and Verification

The number of households reported as affected by heavy rain and floods continue to increase. Following a recommendation from the National Disaster preparedness and Relief Committee, the DoDMA, with the assistance of UN Agencies and other government ministries and departments, agreed to deploy four assessment and verification teams beginning Tuesday 12th February. These teams have been given the task of:

- o Conducting verification exercises in some of the districts that submitted reports.
- o Conducting assessments of the flood impact in Nsanje and Chikwawa.

The other districts to be visited include: Karonga, Nkhatabay, Salima, Dedza and Ntcheu in the Centre, Machinga, Balaka, Mangochi, Zomba, Phalombe, Blantyre, Chikwawa and Nsanje in the South.

The Catholic Relief Services is carrying out an assessment of flood impact in their target areas in Chikwawa and Nsanje.

Additionally, the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee will also be conducting an assessment in Nsanje and Chikwawa. The purpose of the exercise will be to update their forecast, particularly on the populations identified as on watch in their report, and assessing the impact of floods on livelihoods.

The Humanitarian Update will not include a summary table of households affected nor a map on Flood Affected Households at District Level, until after the assessment and verification missions.

2. METEOROLOGICAL UPDATE

11TH –17TH FEBRUARY 2008

Pulses of Congo Air mass and the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) are expected in the northern half of the country; while the southern parts will remain under the influence of relatively moist south easterly air mass resulting in a considerable reduction of rains over the southern half. These rains, which may be heavy at times are likely to cause floods particularly over low lying areas of the north.

For more information please see www.metmalawi.com.

3. APPEAL UPDATE

The Southern Africa Region Flood Preparedness and Response Plan 2008 was launched in Johannesburg on Monday 11th February, with donors, the UN Resident Coordinator of Mozambique, UN Regional Directors and NGO partners present.

The appeal seeks **USD 89.1 million** to help international partners support Governments in addressing the needs of more than 353,000 people already affected by the floods as well as to undertake preparedness measures in all four countries to address the needs of another approximately one million at immediate risk of being affected, for **a total targeted population of 1.4 million**. The appeal document can be assessed at the following internet address: <http://ocha.unog.ch/fts2/pageloader.aspx?page=emerg-emergencyDetails&appealID=180>.

The Malawian component of the appeal requests **USD 16.8 million** to assist **a targeted population of 220,000** as per scenario 2 of the Malawi Inter-Agency Flood Contingency Plan, 2007-08.



For continuously updated information on projects, funding requirements and contributions to date, visit the Financial Tracking Service at <http://reliefweb.int/fts>.

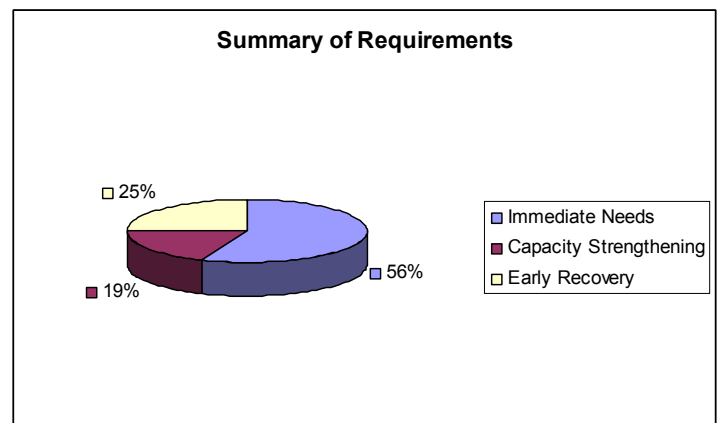
Table I: Flash Appeal: Southern African Region
Preparedness and Response Plan 2008
Summary of Requirements - by Country
As of 8 February 2008

Country	Original Requirements (USD)
Malawi	16,868,497
Mozambique	35,264,795
Zambia	18,474,822
Zimbabwe	15,789,415
Region	2,780,714
TOTAL	89,178,243

Table II: Flash Appeal: Southern African Region
Malawi
Summary of Requirements – by Sector
As of 8 February 2008

Sector	Lead	Original Requirements (USD)
Agriculture and Food Security	FAO	2,926,000
Coordination and Information Management Support Services: Early Recovery	UNRCO/UNDP	1,250,000
Education	UNICEF	527,000
Emergency Telecommunications	WFP	177,582
Food Assistance	WFP	6,843,578
Health	UNICEF	0
Logistics	WFP	3,030,890
Nutrition	UNICEF	680,000
Protection	UNICEF	200,000
Shelter & Camp Management	UN HABITAT/UNHCR	513,447
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	UNICEF	720,000
TOTAL		16,868,497

Chart I: Flash Appeal: Southern African Region
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