



SIERRA LEONE FLOOD RESPONSE

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Flood affected displaced head of household receiving a Non Food Item kit in Dwazark
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Highlights

- IOM distributed Non Food Items (NFIs) to 127 flood affected households in Dwazark. This is in addition to 40 NFI kits that had been distributed to flood affected households in Wellington.
- IOM finalized the fencing for Juba Barrack displacement site and is setting up 33 tents, donated by JICA to the Government of Sierra Leone, while partners are putting up water tanks, latrines and shower facilities.
- IOM provided three distributions of Infection, Prevention and Control supplies to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to support decontamination, cleaning and personal protection for burial teams and hospital staff.

Situation Overview

The floods and subsequent mudslides that occurred on 14 August 2017 resulted in 500 persons losing their lives, with an additional 800 persons still missing and over 1,000 households (4,300 individuals) rendered homeless. 1,819 are currently sheltered in collective centres (schools, mosques, churches) whereas another 2,476 are being hosted by families and relatives.* The majority of displaced persons are located in Dwazark, Gbangbayilla, Kamayama, Kaningo, and Regent. In addition, 112 households (over 500 individuals) are not displaced, but have been severely affected by the flooding, which has damaged their homes and/or assets. The majority are in Gbangabayilla, and another 623 households are in Culvert.

The Government of Sierra Leone, and particularly, the Office of National Security (ONS) is leading the response, with the support of partners on the ground. Pillars for Coordination, Health/Burial, Logistics, Social Mobilisation/Communication, Registration, WASH, Protection/Psychosocial, Food/Nutrition, Security/Safety, and NFI/Shelter (which includes Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)) have been activated to coordinate the response. In coordination with the Government of Sierra Leone and partners, IOM aims to safeguard the health, security, privacy and dignity of women, men, boys and girls affected by the August 2017 flood and mudslide events in Freetown through the provision of Non-Food Items (NFIs), Emergency Shelter, Enhanced Protection, Health Support, Data Collection and Analysis, and CCCM.

* This data is being used by the Shelter Pillar and is based from the Ministry of Social Welfare's registration and was reviewed by the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA). This data is not final and is currently being verified.

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NFI and Shelter

On 26 August, IOM distributed Non Food Item (NFI) kits to 127 flood and mudslide affected households in Dwazark. Beneficiaries included those who have either lost their homes and are displaced with relatives and friends or have had their house damaged or submerged by the floods. Each kit includes tarpaulins, mattresses, blankets, bucket (30 L), jerry cans (22 L), plates, mugs, spoons, cooking pots, cooking spoons, and a kitchen knife. The provision of NFIs complemented a food distribution that was carried out by the World Food Programme (WFP). To date, IOM has distributed NFIs to a total of 167 affected households. In addition to the 127 households assisted in Dwazark, IOM had distributed NFIs from its stockpile to 40 households in Wellington on 19 August.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

The Government of Sierra Leone has identified and allocated land for the establishment of two displacement sites: Old School with the estimated capacity to host 50-60 households and Juba Barracks with the estimated capacity to host 50 households. The displacement sites are to be used as a last resort, with a preference for displaced persons to remain with hosting families.

On 25 August, IOM visited the Juba Barrack displacement site and developed a site plan, in coordination with Shelter and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Pillar partners. IOM finalized the fencing of the site and on 27 August started the setting up of 33 family tents that were kindly donated by JICA to the Government of Sierra Leone. WASH Pillar partners have set up six water tanks (5,000 L/each) and are currently building showers and latrines. A coordination meeting with WFP will take place this coming week to discuss food distributions to the Juba Barrack displacement site.



Data Collection and Analysis

In coordination with the Registration Pillar, and particularly with the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Concern International, IOM has finalized the questionnaires for an assessment of displaced populations and their host families. Data will be collected on shelter, livelihoods, education, WASH, displacement, mobility/access, NFIs, and intentions for the future, which will provide key data and analysis to stakeholders to inform the ongoing response. Enumerators have been hired and will be trained early next week to carry out the data collection.



Health

IOM is providing technical support to the Health pillar, particularly in surveillance, case management, laboratory, Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC)/WASH, logistics, social mobilization and communications. At the request of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS), and in coordination with the Health/Burial sub-Pillar, IOM is providing IPC materials/supplies to be used for cleaning and decontamination as well as personal protection for burial teams, hospital staff treating victims, and displaced communities. IOM delivered IPC and WASH supplies to the MOHS for onward distribution to the burial teams and rescue teams, affected hospitals, peripheral health units and communities. The distributed items include: shovels, examination gloves, heavy duty gloves, chlorine (50 KG), disposable aprons, face masks, buckets with tab, gowns, scrub suits, digital thermometers, liquid soap, waste bins, and surgical gowns.



Flood affected individual receiving an NFI kit in Wellington
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Surge Deployment

IOM has deployed various experts to reinforce IOM Sierra Leone's team in order to better support the Government of Sierra Leone and partners in the ongoing response to assist flood and mudslide affected populations. The following experts have been deployed to date:

- ⇒ Data Collection and Analysis Expert
- ⇒ Site Planning and Shelter Expert
- ⇒ Camp Coordination and Camp Management Expert
- ⇒ Emergency Coordination Support



Waste bins being delivered to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation
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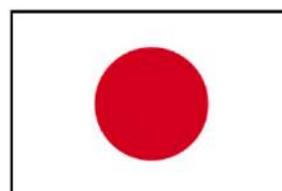


IOM setting up tents donated by JICA at Juba Barrack site
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