

NIGER: RESPONSE TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY FLOODING

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CONTEXT:

Floods in Niger have caused considerable damage this year, affecting many parts of the country. Heavy seasonal rains have led to flash floods, submerging entire villages and destroying critical infrastructure. Thousands of people have been displaced, and local authorities, as well as humanitarian organizations, are working tirelessly to provide emergency assistance to the victims. The floods have also had a significant impact on agriculture, jeopardizing harvests and threatening food security in several regions.

As of September 17, 2024, the General Directorate of Civil Protection announced the death of 322 people, 1,016,575 affected individuals, representing 138,160 households across the entire country. Additionally, 106,700 houses have collapsed, 3,865 huts have

been damaged, 19,274 heads of livestock (large and small ruminants) have been lost, 149 classrooms have been destroyed, 2,426 granaries have been swept away, and 848 shops have been affected.

In support of government initiatives, Action Against Hunger is making considerable efforts to aid the victims and mitigate the consequences of these natural disasters.

SUMMARY:

Action Against Hunger has set up several initiatives to respond to the urgent needs of the populations affected by the floods in Niger. In addition to providing cash to the victims, the organization will distribute food kits, home water purifiers and hygiene kits for affected households. Emergency latrines will also be built, or rehabilitated, damaged water systems will be quickly assessed and repaired, and chlorination points will be disinfected. In addition, training will be provided to artisans for the repair of water points and their equipment, to guarantee sustainable access to drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities for the affected populations.

OUR CURRENT RESPONSE:

Action Against Hunger in Niger is currently responding to the needs of households affected by the floods in three regions: Tahoua, Maradi and Diffa.

In the [Tahoua region](#), Action Against Hunger in Niger provided crucial financial support by distributing 87,300 CFA francs to each of the 346 affected households in the departments of Bouza and Madaoua. This aid enabled families to meet their immediate needs and begin rebuilding their lives after the devastating floods.

In the [Maradi region](#), the organization plans to assist 203 households affected by the floods in the Mayahi department and 210 others in Commune 1 of the city of Maradi. In perfect coordination with the regional disaster management committee, assistance will be provided in the form of food kits, including cereals, pasta, and oil, to ensure that families have the necessary resources to overcome this crisis.

In the [Diffa region](#), Action Against Hunger also plans to assist 84 households affected by the floods by providing them with multi-purpose cash assistance, amounting to 87,300 CFA francs per household, in two stages. This financial aid will be complemented by initiatives aimed at improving access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities, including the construction and rehabilitation of emergency latrines, as well as the disinfection of chlorination points.

These actions demonstrate Action Against Hunger's commitment to holistically addressing the needs of populations affected by the floods, by providing not only immediate assistance but also the means to rebuild their future.

CALL TO ACTION TO BRIDGE THE GAPS

Despite considerable efforts to improve flood management, a significant gap remains between identified needs and available resources. It is imperative to bridge this gap to ensure effective and sustainable flood management.

In Maradi, the situation is equally critical with 1,563 households needing shelters, non-food items (NFI), and 591 latrines. Additionally, 223 very poor households require unconditional cash transfers and supplementation for children aged 6 to 23 months.

In Mayahi, 159 affected households are still awaiting assistance following the floods. To increase cultivated areas, 3.9 kg of vegetable seeds need to be distributed per household. It is also essential to strengthen irrigation means on 4 gardening sites and to build and equip 17 warrantage stores for 510 vulnerable households. Support in the form of agricultural kits and the establishment of 7 livestock feed banks, each equipped with 10 tons of feed, are necessary to support 3,500 vulnerable households. Finally, medical supplies are indispensable to address shortages of certain medications and nutritional inputs for moderate malnutrition.

These actions are essential to bridging the gaps between identified needs and available resources, thereby ensuring effective and sustainable flood management.

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