

Prayer Request for Flood Victims in Kenya

Tujisaidie Self-Help Group (2 May 2024)



Collapsing house on the banks of a river that had been diverted, where a rubbish dump has arisen and very poor people have settled.

CMSI Mission Associate Isabelle Prondzynksi writes, *“Please pray for Kenya. Large parts of the country are now flooded, and the heavy rain is forecast to continue until June. Nairobi is impassable in many places and our community are suffering. Urgent help would therefore be very welcome, as the needs are great, and Tumaini are willing to help the people who need their help.”*

According to a recent BBC report, “more than 120 people have lost their lives, including at least 50 in a deluge last Monday in an area about 60km (37 miles) from Nairobi. This is the wet season, but there has been far more rainfall than what is normally expected, which has been put down to the El Niño weather phenomenon. Rivers and sewers have overflowed, roads have become waterways and homes have been destroyed.”

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-68898731>

CMSI Partner Antony Njoroge and his team at Tumaini African Foundation are working hard to help flood victims in the Soweto area. Recently he wrote,

*“The **Tumaini Response Team** are reaching out through TAF Food bank and Morethanjustameal to give hope in the midst of a disaster. Today we experienced the heart breaking of the realities within our community. Some of the stories are difficult to tell...*

- A mother and her baby have been sleeping on the floor of a house that has almost an inch of water at best every minute. Both are sick and hungry.*

Intervention: We plan to rent a house for the family for two months. We are plan to help both of them get medication tomorrow. Today the family was supplied with a food package to last them for 3 to 4 days.

- A mother and her 6 months baby have no bed in a house that is flowing with water whenever it rains. At times she is lucky to be hosted by a family.*

Intervention: Today we have managed to get her a bed and a mattress with a food package yo last the family for at least five days.

- Some of the families have requested us to allow them use our centre at this time to rescue them from the flooding homes.”*

Isabelle writes, “The damage has been mostly through water getting into houses through their corrugated iron roofs, and only in some places through flooding from below. Tumaini have been helping mostly elderly people, parents with young children and sick people. The kind of help they have been giving has been new beds and mattresses, and also food and medical aid.



CMSI has sent up an emergency fund to support their partners at Tujisaidie Self-Help Group as they give urgent help to victims. If you would like to donate please go to <https://www.cmsireland.org/tujisaidie> and scroll down to the donate button (either sterling or euros). Alternatively send cheques made out to CMSI to CMS Ireland, Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park, 1st Floor, 245a Upper Malone Road, Belfast, BT17 9LA.

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