



DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

## FACTSHEET – CURRENT IMPACT OF FLOODS IN TURKANA



May 4th 2024

### FACTSHEET - CURRENT EFFECTS OF FLOODS IN TURKANA

3 deaths (2 children and 1 adult)

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2 injuries (adults)

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1,368 losses of livestock

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1,415 displaced households in Lokangae, Nanam, Nakurio, Nakoret, Karoge, & Napetet

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Infrastructure destruction at Morulem & Katilu Irrigation Schemes, & A1 Highway

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6 boreholes destroyed across the county such as Borehole 9 serving Kanamkemer

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2 ECDs (Kerio Delta & Lokangae), and 1 health center (Lokangae) submerged

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L. Turkana continued upsurge threatens communities around its show line

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Turkana County Government

### THE CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

The ongoing rains continue to cause severe damage, including loss of lives, livestock, damage to property and infrastructure. Nationally, the impact has been more severe and devastating. However, at the county level, the impact has been moderate, with pockets of serious displacements, submerged shelter, institutions and farmlands.

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT FLOOD RESPONSE EFFORTS

The County Administrative Units ensure Government presence from the Sub County, Ward and Village levels. These structures are instrumental in information dissemination as well as relaying grassroots messages, incidences through existing channels of communication. Daily updates on weather and flooding across the 156 villages, 30 wards, and 11 Sub-Counties are shared. Moreover, regular alerts and guidelines from relevant bodies are equally passed down the same structures for sharing with the communities. County Government plays a key role at the County Steering Group (CSG) coordination forum where both humanitarian and development efforts are harmonized and coordinated.



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### COUNTY GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE EFFORTS

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The County Government through the Directorate of Public Health has also raised an alert to the possible contamination of water sources because of the floods, and intensified health promotion at the community units, facilities and sub-counties. The Directorate of Public Health has also increased disease surveillance with particular emphasis on water-borne and water related-diseases.

Most of these activities are taking place across the county especially in the mapped Cholera-hot-spot-areas. As of, May 4 2024, the following areas have been covered including Kibish, Turkana North (Naeengewoi, Loaren'gak and Todonyan'g), Turkana East (Katilia, Lokori, Kochodin), Turkana central (Lon'gech), Turkana South (Kalapata, Lokichar, Katilu), Turkana West and Loima.

To address possible Malaria outbreak, the Count Government is planning to distribute nets across the County within wo weeks under the National Malaria Program.

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### COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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The County Government is collaborating with the National Government, the Kenya Red Cross Society, and Welthungerhilfe to monitor and assess the ongoing rains and flash floods. This partnership aims to enhance the coordination of response efforts and ensure a comprehensive approach to managing the impact of the natural disasters.

Through collaborative efforts with development partners, the County Government has carried out joint assessment, and coordinated emergency response in some areas across the county.

The Kenya Red Cross Society and Welthungerhilfe have generously supported displaced households and donated non-food items in Lokangae, Todonya'ng, Kerio Delta, and Kalapata.

In addition, the County Government, through the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management, has distributed over 200 bags of maize to the displaced communities in Turkana Central as the county government plans for more assistance. These efforts are vital in providing immediate relief to those affected by the floods and supporting their recovery efforts.



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The collaborative efforts between government agencies and humanitarian organisations demonstrate a unified response to the crisis, ensuring that essential supplies reach those most in need and that support is provided to vulnerable communities during this challenging time.

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### **COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVES**

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The County Government is working with the Kenya Meteorological Department (KEM) on weather forecast information sharing which is key for preparedness. Continuous dissemination of weather alerts is key in sensitization, mobilisation and guiding evacuation when deemed appropriate. This is as per the national government directive and will be carried out through the county administration units.

Continuous assessment, community sensitisation, and regular CSG coordination meetings are integral components of the disaster preparedness strategy. These activities aim to identify gaps, share areas of mitigation interest, and ensure a coordinated response to potential emergencies.

The first CSG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2024, where stakeholders will convene to discuss strategies, allocate resources, and plan for effective disaster response. This meeting serves as a platform for collaboration and information sharing among key decision-makers.

Furthermore, the activation of sub-county steering groups across the county plays a crucial role in ensuring swift and coordinated responses to emergencies at the local level. By decentralising decision-making and response mechanisms, these sub-groups enhance the county's overall preparedness and ability to address disaster situations promptly and effectively.

Through these proactive measures and structured coordination efforts, the county is strengthening its disaster preparedness and response capabilities, ultimately enhancing the resilience of communities in the face of potential crises.