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Red Cross distributes relief to landslides and floods victims

Bulambuli: The Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) over the weekend distributed relief items to landslides and floods victims in Bulambuli, Mbale and Kween districts.

In Bulambuli district, essential household items were distributed to 672 households in Sisiyi and Buluganya sub counties. Food from the Office of the Prime Minister was also distributed to 308 households in Sisiyi S/C and 576 households in Buluganya S/C. Each household received 6kg of posho and 2kgs of beans to last for a month.

In Nakaloke Sub County, Mbale district URCS distributed relief items to 45 households while in Kween district, 330 households received the items. The items distributed include soap, jerrycans, mosquito nets, tarpulins, cups, plates, blankets and cooking pots.

URCS Secretary General Michael Richard Nataka who participated in the distribution exercise noted that more 10, 000 kits of essential household items and 6, 000 water purification tablets are urgently needed. 1, 475 households in Bulambuli are at high risk of experiencing effects of the landslides while 8, 465 households have been affected by floods in the same district.

The Red Cross assessments further indicate that more food is needed for atleast 50, 000 people affected by floods and landslides in Eastern Uganda.

In Kasese, Nyakiyumbu Sub County, URCS supported 126 households with essential household items after being displaced by floods.

According to URCS assessments, the districts of Kween, Bulambuli and Butalejja are at a high risk of disease outbreak since most of the latrines are flooded while water sources are contaminated.

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