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Uganda Red Cross distributes relief to Mudslide survivors in Bududa.

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### Death toll rises to 43. Red Cross distributes relief to all families affected by the disaster.

Over 675 people who were on October 11<sup>th</sup> affected by Mudslides in Bududa District have benefited from relief non-food items distributed by Uganda Red Cross as part of the Institutional emergency preparedness and response plan. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Over 600 people gathered at Bukalasi Secondary School in Bukalasi Sub-county, Bududa district to receive support after a two days' thorough assessment conducted by the Red Cross in collaboration with the local government officials including the local leadership of all villages affected in the district.

Relief items worth 60 Million shillings that included blankets, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, jerrycans, soap, mosquito nets, water purifications tablets were mobilised to support the affected families.

"I thank Red Cross for coming to our rescue. I lost my people in the disaster and I now stay with my relatives. I am thankful for the blankets because it is raining and we need them badly during the cold nights. All the things they have given us are vital but for me, I was always cold in the night. This help comes in timely and will help us to survive for some days." Said David Wamboka (32).

While handing over the first relief kit to one of the beneficiaries, the Prime Minister of Uganda Rt. Hon Rukahana Rugunda appreciated the Red Cross for the timely response and for all work done since the disaster happened on October 11<sup>th</sup>. "We thank the Red Cross for being at the fore-front of this. Thank you to all the people who have mobilised this relief for your great efforts in ensuring that the people affected by this disaster and given a good start. With this relief, we know that people will be able to survive." Rugunda added.

The government of Uganda committed to relocating the people of Bududa to a gazetted space secured for their safety.

Uganda Red Cross continues to support the people in this community through:

- Community sensitisations on disaster risk reduction
- Search and rescue for the missing people
- Hygiene promotion
- Sensitisation on Climate change, disaster preparedness, mitigation, response
- Relief distribution among others

"We also plan to launch an appeal so that Ugandans can donate to this cause and we raise more resources to support people affected by the disaster in Bududa." Says Robert Kwesiga, Uganda Red Cross Secretary General.

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#### Editor's Notes

Death toll stands at 43, 41 buried, 2 still in the mortuary. (Un-identified)-

Total number of casualties is – 15, all receiving medical attention at Bududa Hospital and Bukalasi Health Centre III.

The search and rescue for the missing persons will continue.



The Prime Minister of Uganda, Rt. Hon Rukahana Rugunda (L) Joined by the Hon. Hillary Onek the Minister for Disaster Preparedness and Uganda Red Cross Secretary General (R) ; handing over relief non-food items to one of the survivors of the Bududa Landslide in Bukalasi sub-country yesterday.

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