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# Uganda/Africa: Floods

## Annual report early action

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<b>Early Action Protocol (EAP) Number:</b> EAP2021UG01	<b>Date of EAP activation:</b> N/A
<b>Early Action Timeframe:</b> 5 days	<b>Early Action Protocol Approved:</b> 27 May 2021
<b>Number of people at risk:</b> 2,383 HH	<b>Number of people reached:</b> N/A
<b>Budget:</b> 348,761 Swiss francs	<b>Date of publication:</b> 18 August 2021
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation:</b> Uganda Red Cross Society	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> Uganda National Meteorological Authority, Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM)	

The Forecast based Action by the DREF allocated CHF 348,761 to implement early actions to reduce and mitigate the impact of Floods in Uganda. The early actions to be conducted have been pre-agreed with the National Society and are described in the Early Action Protocol [\[Link to the EAP summary\]](#).

## A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

### Summary of the Early Action Protocol (EAP)

Uganda is well endowed with freshwater bodies including major lakes such as Victoria, Albert, Kyoga, Edward, and George in addition to numerous streams and rivers whose sources are up in the mountains of Elgon to the East, Rwenzori to the West and Muhabura to the Southwest of the country. However, the very presence of these water sources exposes people, infrastructure, and livelihoods to a high risk of flooding, particularly in the March-April-May (MAM) and September-October-November-December (SOND) rain seasons. Uganda is exposed to various hazards including flooding, drought, fires, and disease outbreaks such as cholera, Ebola, and Yellow fever. Floods ranked among the highest hazards affecting Uganda with a score of 5.11<sup>1</sup> according to the INFORM index. During the risk assessment, the historical impact data, vulnerability, and exposure data were analyzed to provide a detailed overview of flood risk in Uganda.

The Early Action Protocol (EAP) for the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) is a tool to guide the timely and effective implementation of early actions based on specific weather for flooding events. The forecast will come from GloFAS with a lead time of 5 days to implement early action activities. The trigger is triangulated with forecasts from Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA), And IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC). Upon receiving the forecast of higher than usual rainfall, URCS will undertake early action activities related to three priority areas: to save lives and prevent injuries, provide assistance to people at risk of losing their homes, and prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases, such as cholera. The impact level that triggers the EAP is when a minimum of 5,000 people (equivalent to 1,000 households) is anticipated to be potentially affected by floods forecasted by GloFAS. This impact level combines the total number of people affected by the priority impacts (death of people/ injured, houses damaged/ destroyed, and outbreak of waterborne diseases such as cholera). It is also based on the number of affected people that URCS considers activating a huge emergency response. During this reporting period, set triggers had not been reached and so URCS has not activated the EAP.

## B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

### Overall objective

To support the implementation of early actions aimed at reducing the forecasted impacts associated with floods.

### Summary of EAP implementation

#### Host National Society

During this period, the EAP2021UG01 did not activate. URCS however, conducted readiness and preposition activities. On readiness, regular monitoring of Impact-based forecasting (IBF) dashboard for any potential activation. During this period, URCS continued monitoring the IBF dashboard for potential activation. Online orientation of early warning early action assistant officers, FbF focal persons at the district level, and the selected branch managers on EAP activation (9M, 3F). The URCS FbF focal person shared experiences with the FbF-by-the-DREF validation committee, in December 2022, in Berlin, Germany during the validation committee's annual meeting.

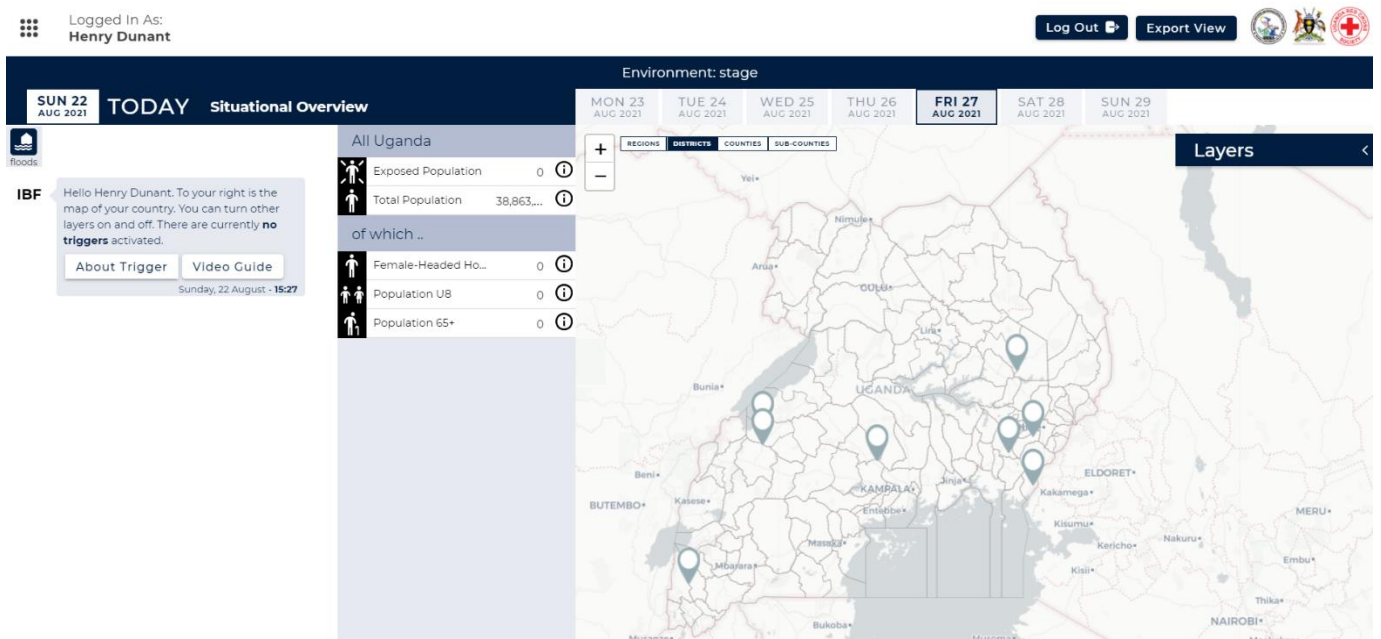


Figure 2. Regular state of the IbF Portal, Aug.2022

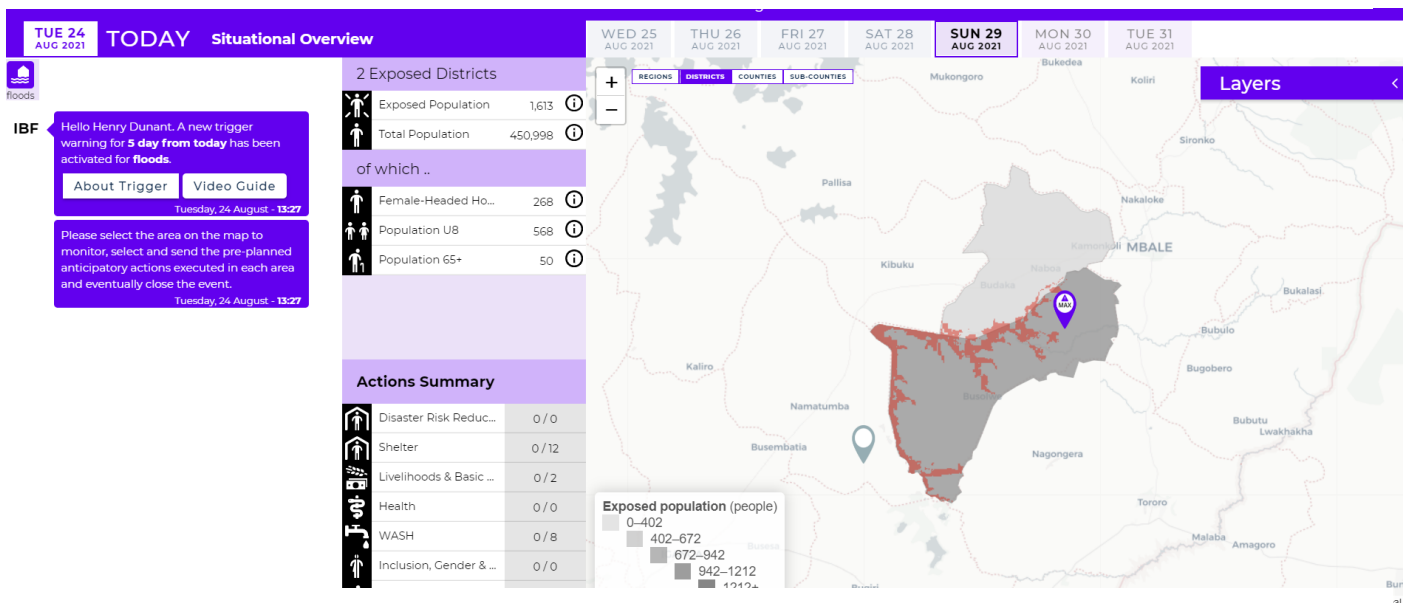


Figure 1. False Alarm, which prompted URCS, IFRC, RCCC to conduct a validation of the trigger

Prepositioning of items, during this reporting period, the process of procurement of items to be prepositioned was completed as stated in the EAP Items including; Tarpaulins, mosquito nets, blankets, branded tents, water purification tablets, rapid HH water quality monitoring sampling, and testing kits (for Residual Chlorine), Jerri can 20ltr Rigid, food grade brand, PPE for Volunteers and IEC was initiated. With some items delivered, related documentation was submitted to the IFRC cluster for processing. At the point of this update, all procurements to be paid directly by IFRC had been paid and to appear in the financial report in the next financial reporting period.

### **Red Cross Red Crescent Movement**

**No actual activation during this period.** However, a false alarm was propelled by the IBF portal, which prompted the IFRC and Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre to support the validation exercise of the trigger.

### **Overview of non-RCRC actors in-country**

**No activation during this reporting period,** URCS however, in coordination with the Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM) of the Ministry of Water and Environment continued with regular monitoring of the IBF portal for any potential activation.

## **Operational support services**

### **Human Resources**

The FbF Assistant Officer was recruited to support the implementation of readiness activities and monitoring of the IbF Portal for any potential activation.

### **Logistics and supply chain**

Procurement of pre-stock conducted, and documentation sent to IFRC Juba cluster processed and paid to suppliers

## **Challenges and lessons learned**

No activation during this reporting period

## **C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN**

No EAP activations were conducted during this reporting phase.

## **D. Financial report**

The interim financial report shows an expenditure of CHF 34,891 capturing readiness activities for year one while payments for prepositioning stocks worth CHF 115,590 as per the approved budget and plan were paid directly by IFRC. This shows a 100% utilization of year one allocation. However, these expenses have not been booked in the system at this reporting point and will be reflected in the next reporting period. The activation funds have not been utilized as triggers have not been reached.

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