



NSANJE DISTRICT COUNCIL

INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT OF MARCH 2019 FLOOD SITUATION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Nsanje district council received heavy rains from 3rd March 2019 up to 7th March 2019; this follows the weather forecast as forecasted by the Meteorological Services Department.

Following the heavy rains in Nsanje and upper district of Nsanje like Mulanje, Blantyre, Thyolo and Mwanza, the district experienced flooding in all 9 Traditional Authorities T/As.

The most affected T/As are Mlolo, Mbenje, Tengani, Malemia, Chimombo, Ndamera and Nyachikadza.

Below is the breakdown, preliminary figures of affected households in these Traditional Authorities T/As.

Note that the figures provided in this report are subjected to change since Village Civil Protection Committees and Area Civil Protection Committees are still conducting assessment and that some areas are not accessible for assessment, on the same District Civil Protection Committee once verified these figures will update the situation report.

2.0 TABLE BELOW PROVIDE THE SUMMARY

A total number of **10,125** households have been affected by the heavy rains and floods.

Due to prolong rains, the VCPC also registered a huge number of houses collapsed due to moisture and will require support to reconstruct once the rains stop.

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No	T/A	GVH affected	Houses flashed by floods	Houses destroyed/damaged by floods	Total houses affected	Total number of toilets	Water points affected
1	Mlolo	Mchacha James			1729		
		Sambani			835		
		Kalonga			735		
		Namanya			720		
		Ngo'mbe			91		
		Chapinga			701		
		Chipondeni			692		
		Gooke			111		
		Chitseko			571		
		TOTAL			6185		
2	Tengani	Tengani			250		
		Mphamba			70		
		Chazuka			145		
		Mnthumba			125		
		Mkango			95		
		Dumba			64		
		Kalumbi			133		
		Nyanthumbi			48		
		Ntolongo			200		
		Nyamula			150		
		Chikhawo			438		
		Mtondo			20		
		Mgoni			450		
		Nthondo			125		
		TOTAL			2313		
3	Malemia	Mpomba			260		
		Mbangu			150	300	
		TOTAL			410		
4	Mbenje	Nyanga / Ntchenyera			49		
5	Ngabu	Mbenje	101	210	311		
		Kaudzu	6	198	204		
		Ngabu	16	173	189		
		Nsilanga	12	129	141		
		Kanyama	23	130	153		
		Malekeza	8	162	170		
		TOTAL			1168		
		GRAND TOTAL			10,125		2

3.0 RELIEF ITEMS / NEEDS

Food Items	Maize flour /grain
	Likuni phala or Corn Soya Blend (CSB) for children
	Relish – Beans, Soya pieces, fish
	Cooking oil, Salt, Sugar,
Non Food Items	Survival kits, Shelter Materials
	Tents, Household tents
	Blankets
	Fire wood / energy saving mbaula
	Plastic sheets
	Utensils – Plastic pails, cups, plates
	Choline, water guard.
Other services	Additional toilets in camps
	School materials such as text books, pens
	Mobile clinics in areas like Makhanga and camps surrounding Makhanga

Note:

1. There is one death reported in T/A Mlolo, GHV Chapinga, where the deceased wanted to cross the flooded water and was swept away, his body was recovered.
2. People affected by floods in Mchacha James, T/A Mlolo Makhanga area have camped at Chigwamafumu School, Chikali School and Chapinga in Fatima area, number of people in these camps and those being hosted by their relatives will be communicated in the assessment report. No figure has been reported.
3. Some of the T/As affected are not included in the report since VCPCs and ACPCs are still conducting assessment on the damage and impact of the floods. These T/As are Nyachikadza, Ndamera, Chimombo.
4. The report only covers people and households affected and not agricultural activities or crops and animals affected as the assessment for these will be conducted once the water level subsides.

4.0 SUMMARY OF PLEDGES AND ISSUES MADE BY STAKEHOLDERS DURING THE DCPC MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2019

MSF will support the council with fuel for boat at least two trips to Makhanga

Concern Worldwide under Pro-Act project also pledges to support using the Crisis Modifier

Care Malawi pledges to support the Council with 100 litres fuel for response activities.

Action Aid Malawi will provide land cruiser with fuel to support in the assessment exercise. Social Welfare office will also provide land cruiser to support the assessment exercise

Red Cross pledged to support the affected with shelter materials / tents to the displaced people in camps.

A team will go to Makhanga on 9th March 2019 to assess the situation and provide medical support to affected people in Makhanga

ADDRMO was assigned to form teams to assess camp situation and provide the necessary support, team members will be from Assessment and Coordination cluster.

5.0 CHALLENGES

Delayed detailed assessment due to accessibility in most of the affected areas (T/As)

No power supply due to load shedding which has made communication difficult with CPCs and other stakeholders

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Civil Protection Committees should speed up detailed assessment, and provide disaggregated data to enable stakeholders plan for the response accordingly.

ESCOM should provide power and ensure routine maintenance to ensure power is available so that we are able to get information from the affected hard to reach areas.

7.0 CONCLUSION

Relief assistance is required to support the affected households and those in camps as the figures for the displaced people in camps will be provided in due course.