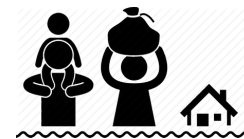


BACKGROUND

From September 2019, several districts in Uganda experienced flash floods and landslides due to heavy rains. Continuing through the end of the year, the most affected were Sironko and Bududa districts in Eastern Uganda and Bundibugyo district in Western Uganda. At least 38 people were reported dead and over 150 injured. In all, more than 300,000 people were affected with an estimated 65,000 displaced. In total, 19 sub counties were affected: seven in Sironko, seven in Bududa and five in Bundibugyo. (OCHA, 19 Dec 2019)

UNFPA, with the support of the Government of Uganda and humanitarian partners responded to the most urgent needs of people affected.



HIGHLIGHTS OF UNFPA RESPONSE

- UNFPA, through ACORD, provided three mentorship sessions on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for all staff that will implement in Bundibugyo as well as skilling the staff in managing women and youth spaces.
- Implemented through ACORD, a total of two outreaches for adolescent youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services for women and youth leaders in areas affected by the disasters were organized.
- UNFPA, through ACORD, established five women and youth safe spaces for protection and referrals of GBV survivors and two tents delivered.
- A total of 55 dignity kits were distributed to the most vulnerable displaced mothers.
- A total of 679 sanitary pads were distributed to displaced young girls to preserve their dignity.
- 2 Kit (2A) emergency reproductive health kits and 200 examination gloves were distributed to health facilities serving the displaced communities.
- Pregnancy mappings have been initiated for identification of high-risk pregnancies, timely referrals for antenatal care and link to delivery services.
- Coordination is ongoing with Joint Medical Stores to supply Sexual and Reproductive Health commodities to clinics in affected areas.



The District Health Officer, Sironko district Dr. Paul Wakooko, explaining to Yahudu Kitunzi, a journalist from The Daily Monitor newspaper about the contents of UNFPA Dignity Kits donated to Sironko District Local Government - PHOTO: UNFPA / Jimmy Dombo



Youth and women in Bundibugyo were provided with Sexual and Reproductive Health information and sanitary pads. PHOTO: UNFPA / Judi Erongot