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Summary

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On 2d October OCHA released a situation report. Main findings as follows:

- As of 28 September, the Government had identified 30 districts variously affected by the floods: Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi and Soroti in Teso sub-region; Amuru, Gulu, Kitgum and Pader in Acholi sub-region; Amolatar, Apac, Dokolo, Lira and Oyam in Lango sub-region; Abim, Kaabong, Kotido, Moroto and Nakapiripirit in Karamoja region; Bududa, Bukwo, Kapchorwa, Mbale, Manafwa and Sironko in Elgon region; and Adjumani, Arua, Moyo, Nebbi and Yumbe in West Nile region.
- Latest reports are that the flooding has now spread to two additional districts, namely Kiboga and Kamuli (central Uganda). The Rwizi River in Mbarara (southwestern Uganda) is also reported to have burst its banks.
- The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) is helping police marines to be deployed in water logged areas. UGX 93 million (approximately US$ 53,400) has been earmarked to buy canoes, tents, life jackets to be used by the marines.
- After consultation with the Government and with the clusters, the Humanitarian Coordinator has identified the following urgent priorities for the initial phase of the emergency response:

  - a) Food security situation
  - b) Wash
  - c) Education cluster
  - d)Responding to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable (Camp Coordination/Camp Management cluster, Non Food Items working group, Protection cluster);
  - e) Ensuring physical access to the most vulnerable, and continuing inter-cluster assessments (Logistics cluster);
  - f) Understanding the early recovery needs

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* Access to the flood-affected population, both for assessments and the delivery of emergency assistance, remains a major challenge for the response actors. Key roads remain impassable due to collapses/damaged bridges and flooding.

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