

Report from Robert Bwambale in Maliba, Uganda received 3 November 2020

These photographs indicate how water threatens people because we have not protected nature. On 30th October last week villages in Maliba sub county were hit by severe floods. Over 2000 people have abandoned their homes and land because of land and mud slides. The floods took the lives of four people, two women and two young boys. We have opened eight camps where these homeless people are now settled.



Coffee nursery beds swept away by running water



Floods and landslides destroyed the crops

The rushing streams of water made deep channels



A cassava plantation was destroyed



An unfinished house was destroyed



A deep ravine opened up



People looking at their homes being flooded with water and mud.



The water poured between the houses and made a deep channel



Displaced people created temporary shelters using banana leaves



An emergency camp was established for displaced people at a church



Stranded victims who lost their homes. The government is giving them an area of bush where they will be settled after being provided with getting tents.



Displaced flood victims built temporary homes using banana leaves and tarpaulins.



Rushing water has made the road impassable.



This house was hit by the floods where an eight year-old boy died



A small trading centre where people go to buy food and items for daily use was swept away and 34 houses were destroyed



Mud and landslides



A village that was affected. Water poured from the top to the bottom of the mountainside



Nobody can live in houses which have been totally destroyed



Flooded areas





A woman collects some of the materials that were swept away from her house



Isule Primary school: The classrooms were all swept away, leaving only the toilet



The same area where the school used to be





This woman had collapsed. She was being helped after her son was hit by the floods and died



Another destroyed school



An area of mud and land slides

These are the pictures I took in those parts of Maliba that I was able to reach. Some other places that were severely hit and the camps where people have been settled are too far away to reach on foot and they are also now inaccessible by motorcycle taxis.

When one sees the devastation and how people are suffering then one realises the urgent need for assistance. Many people will also suffer severe health problems.

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