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Cover Image

The status of our primary school compound following a series of heavy rains being experienced in Kenya.

Dear friends,

Receive humble greetings from the Centre.

We hope that this finds you well and in good health.

For us here, we are doing fine too. However, all is not well with regard to the current weather. For the better part of April, our country Kenya has been experiencing very heavy rainfall on daily basis.

These rains have caused widespread havoc nationwide. Over 200 people have lost their lives so far. Many have been displaced after floods swept away their houses and they are now forced to seek refuge in public learning spaces and churches. Farmers have lost their livestock and crops in the farms swept away.

Transport has also been paralyzed countrywide as many roads are rendered impassable, some bridges have been swept away by the floods. Flights have been cancelled and others rerouted due to poor visibility, bad weather and flooded runways. Not even our main international airport, JKIA, was spared with passengers remaining stranded.

As the rains have affected the country as a whole, there is high likelihood that the country shall experience famine. There is a looming food shortage that shall make prices of food commodities to rise very soon, so does inflation and the cost of living.

According to the 2024 academic calendar, the learners were to reopen school on 29th April for term two studies. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing rains, the government in collaboration with the State Department of Education has postponed the reopening of school to a later date. This is meant to allow the government assess the damage caused to public learning centers, roads leading to them, state of rivers/bridges nearby, seek alternative rescue centers for the displaced persons that are camping in such learning centers at the moment and be assured that the schools are a safe haven for learners before resumption of studies.

Those living in flood prone areas have been advised to relocate to safer grounds as well as those in areas susceptible to landslides.

We hope and pray for the best that the rains shall cease soon with no more effects and that learning to resume and continue without interruptions.

Thank you and May God bless you.

Kind regards,

Chrispine Ochieng.

EFFECTS OF RAIN ON US



The status of the school garden



The status of girls' high school compound.

As Boston, we have been very much affected by the floods. Some crops in our school garden have been swept away. The vegetables owing to too much water are turning yellow with some beginning to rot. The weeds are growing fast and competing with crops nutrients. The ground is too muddy to be worked on. We are staring at a possible crisis where we shall not be able to have access to food from our farm to feed the children.

The drainage systems our center is connected to is also blocked by debris swept away by floods. Most of the time, the compound is flooded limiting movement in our primary section and girls high school. The boys' section is fine thanks to recent renovation exercise. We are trying to fill up the flooded sections of the girls compound with some hardcore materials though our resources are inadequate. We plan for a permanent solution of having the whole compound covered by a layer of concrete mixture, slabs or pavers.

On the safety of our learners, their parents and/or guardians back at their homes here in Matopeni, we have not received any report on them being displaced or affected negatively. However, residents living along the riverbank were the worst affected when the river broke its banks and swam into nearby homes.

Kindly, pray for us for a better environment.