

## **SITUATION REPORT ON CHADEREKA FLOODING INCIDENT**

### **14 December 2007**

Following reports of flooding in Chadereka, the National Civil Protection Committee held a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to map up the way forward. The meeting agreed on the following;

- A helicopter be dispatched to the area to assess the extent of the problem.
- A press release be issued to warn the public on the threat of the flood hazard in vulnerable areas
- Find efforts of sourcing the necessary relief items.
- National, Provincial and district Civil Protection Committees be on stand by over the weekend.
- CMED requested to make every effort to avail fuel and vehicles when needed
- City of Harare needs to urgently clear storm drains and cover those that are open as these pose a danger of drowning

### **15<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

An initial assessment of the flooding emergency was undertaken by the representatives of the National Civil Protection Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

According to their preliminary rapid assessment, the following observations were made;

#### **Chadereka Ward**

According to the Chadereka community members who were interviewed, heavy rains pounded incessantly in the area from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007. This resulted in flush flooding in Chadereka ward.

#### **Deaths and injuries**

No deaths were reported but an injured child was air lifted to Harare for treatment.

#### **Extent of damage**

- The preliminary reports by community leadership in Chadereka indicated that about 80 households were reported to have been displaced with their houses completely destroyed,
- An overall estimation of the extent of damage by the local clinic nursing staff was that 200 families (about 1200 people) are likely to have been displaced and 400 huts destroyed. Some people are sheltered at Chadereka Primary school and others at Gunduza Primary school. A small group is housed at a homestead situated on high ground,

- Water levels reportedly reached hip level in some areas,
- Villagers lost their food rations which they received from WFP on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007
- A number of livestock and poultry were reported to have been swept away,
- Fields are under water,
- Some bridges were destroyed and are impassable,
- Chadereka Primary School had some classroom floors filled with water,

### **Priority Relief needs**

- There is need for stakeholders to urgently source for ready food stuffs for dispatch to Muzarabani / Chadereka,
- At least one officer from ZINWA and one from Civil Protection Department should accompany officials from ZRP and Air Force of Zimbabwe to Chadereka ward to monitor the situation on the ground today 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007.
- C.M.E.D should provide a 4x4 vehicle to be used by the Centenary/ Muzarabani District Civil Protection Committee,
- An in-depth needs assessment should be conducted when the situation on the ground permits,

### **Actions taken to date**

Following yesterday's emergency meeting, the Zimbabwe Redcross Society has dispatched 2 land cruisers with the following relief items to the Muzarabani;

- 30 kitchen sets,
- 60 blankets,
- 60 cans of drinking water,
- 30 tarpaulins
- 120 tablets of soup,
- 1000 water maker sachets,

Meanwhile, the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society has no food reserves.

### **Civil Protection supplied**

1 x 1 four wheel drive vehicle  
 45 blankets  
 200 litres diesel  
 5 tents - no supporting poles  
 30 dozens breads

### **Grain Marketing Board donations**

20 tonnes mealie meal

### **Challenges**

- Fuel shortages
- Inaccessibility of some affected areas
- Limited funding

## **16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007 UPDATES**

Director of Civil Protection visited Mashonaland Central Province on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The purpose of the visit was to meet with the provincial civil protection committee and advise them on the management of the incident. According to the briefing on the incident;

- The provincial Civil Protection Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007,
- The provincial Governor and other members of the Provincial Civil Protection Committee visited the affected area
- Established that the floods were not a result of the usual back flows from the river networks,
- Three deaths due to drowning were reported ( 2 years, 5 years, and 13 years)
- One child of 13 years is still missing,
- 2 people were injured (mother and child) and transferred to Harare.
- Hoya bridge abutment was washed away rendering it impassable,
- 900 people are homeless and are camped at Chadereka primary school, Gunduza, Sone, Chimoio and some are at Chbomho.
- Foundations at Chadereka Clinic have developed cracks,
- A block of toilets at Chaderak Primary school was completely destroyed and the remaining block has developed cracks,
- Vast pieces of cultivated land were washed away,
- Some livestock and poultry were washed away,

### **Priority Relief Requirements**

- Food
- Water
- Shelter

## **17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007 UPDATE**

The provincial Civil Protection committee submitted a list of requirements as follows;

### **Fuel**

6 000 litres diesel

700 litres petrol

### **Health Requirements**

- Three 4x4 vehicles
- Drugs and accessories: Ringer lactate (4 cartons)
- Normal saline
- 5% dextrose
- Chloride of lime,
- Aqua tabs
- Sodium hypochlorite solution,

- CQ tablets syrup
- SP tablets
- Doxycycline tablets
- Cotrimoxazole tablets
- And suspension,
- Amoxylin Chin
- Gavin sets
- Cammulas sizes 18, 20 , 22, 24
- Strapping,
- Anti snake venom
- Anti rabbies vaccine

### **DDF Requirements**

- Two 4x4 vehicles,
- Borehole spares- 100 leather cups, 6 cylinders, 10 foot valves, 100 gulvanised pipes, 100 GI rods ( the exact quantities to be verified)
- Diesel for four tractors,
- Diesel for motorized water bowser,
- Total diesel require is 2000 litres

### **Public works Department**

- 400 tents
- Roofing sheets for the clinic (10ft)
- School classroom block roofing material,
- 4x10 multi-compartment toilets for schools and clinics (50)
- 500 single Blair toilets for the community,
- 500 litres diesel and 200 litres petrol,
- List of other specific materials will be provided,

### **Social Welfare requirements**

- 20 tonnes of mealie – meal,
- 2 000 blankets,
- 400 sets of kitchen utensils,
- 3000 litres cooking oil,
- 10 tonnes matemba
- 5 tonnes salt,
- 10 tonnes soya based porridge,
- 80 tonnes compound D fertilizer,
- 100 tonnes ammonium nitrate fertilizer,
- 300x25kgs seeds
- 1 500 litres diesel for administration and distribution