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UN-CERF AND IOM KENYA ADDITIONAL NFI SUPPORT IN TANA RIVER NORTH SUB-COUNTY

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Following the floods in April – May 2018 in Kenya which displaced more than 311,000 people with 132 deaths reported according to UNOCHA, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) approved an emergency response project to enable International Organization for Migration (IOM) and partner agencies to support flood affected populations in Tana River, Kilifi and Isiolo Counties.

IOM, the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs) sector co-lead, has been responding to affected populations through provision of temporary shelters and NFIs since July 2018.

The flood-affected residents of Tana North Sub-county living in the hinterlands were recipients of the 1,100 NFI kits distributed by IOM from 10-13 September 2018. Specifically, those living in Chewele, Bura and Dokanutu locations from Honsingo village (370), Bill Bil (200), Walesa (50), Shitgub (160), Dokanutu (100), Shika Adabu (100) and Wadesa (120) villages within Tana North Sub-county.

The beneficiaries were selected in consultation with the county level representative of the National Government

and the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS). The age range of beneficiaries receiving NFI kits was from 18-65 years, with 68% female and 32% male.

During the NFI distribution, the area chiefs and community elders shared their satisfactory views on the NFI kits contents. However, many of the affected people said that they still need shelter support as well as NFI kits to be distributed to other villages not covered by UN CERF or IOM.

Mr. Hajir Adhan, one of the area chiefs, said *“We are grateful our location was considered since our livelihoods and shelters were destroyed by floods”* and expressed his gratitude for the support given to other villages in Bura and Dokanutu.

“The UN CERF funding helped us respond quickly to support lives and target most vulnerable affected by the floods. There is still a need for shelter and livelihood during the recovery phase” intoned Michael Pillinger, IOM Kenya Chief of Mission.

This latest NFI distribution is IOM’s contribution to the ongoing UN-CERF flood-response project.



Non-Food Items that were distributed



Tana River resident assists in counting the NFI kits



Tana River residents receiving NFIs during the distribution