



Quaker Congo Partnership UK

**to improve health and education and relieve poverty
of the people of the Great Lakes Region of Africa
and in particular those in the area of the eastern DRC**

Urgent Appeal Floods in Uvira, DRC

There have been serious floods in and around Uvira since 17th April. There was heavy rain which has caused several rivers to flood and the level of Lake Tanganyika to rise. Since then the rain has continued, making relief efforts difficult, and there are also restrictions on size of gatherings and on travel because of Covid19.

We have now heard that 240 people have died, many of these will be children. Over 7800 houses have been completely destroyed and 2250 seriously damaged. Many families are homeless and over 77,500 people have been affected from 5500 households. At the moment people are sheltering in churches and schools. Bridges have been swept away and a major tank providing drinking water is broken.

We know here in UK the damage that floods can cause but not on this scale and with so much loss of life.

Uvira is in South Kivu in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and is one of the places where Quaker Congo Partnership UK is working. We support women's economic projects there and it is where the office for our partner CEEACO is based. Three trustees visited in February and people we met have been affected. We have received an urgent appeal for rapid assistance and so we are launching this appeal for funds.

Money is needed immediately for food, clothes, blankets, tarpaulins, pots. People have been left with nothing. Money will be needed to rebuild and repair houses, for medical and psychological support, hygiene measures to prevent disease. There are some international organisations now working there, but few have yet mobilised and there has been very little information about this disaster in the international media.

Donations by cheque can be sent to Quaker Congo Partnership UK, 17 Mersey Meadows, Manchester M20 2GB. Or by bank transfer: Quaker Congo Partnership UK, 08 – 92 – 99, Account number 65725825, reference Uvira flood appeal.

There are videos, photos and more information on our Facebook Page Quaker Congo Partnership, and on our website <http://www.quakercongo.org.uk/>

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