



SITUATION REPORT

Mudslide



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FREETOWN,
SIERRA LEONE

SITUATION

On August 14th, after several days of heavy rains, significant flooding and deadly mudslide occurred in and around Freetown, Sierra Leone. In a message, Bishop Momoh of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (ELCSL), wrote, "Today is a sad and sorrowful day for Sierra Leone due to flooding and land slide at various part of Freetown." He reported that there were 420 lives lost and a large number of injured survivors. According to Sierra Leone's Office of National Security, there are an estimated 3,000 or more people who have lost their homes and are in need of immediate relief. The number of casualties and affected families are expected to increase in the coming days.



RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response has provided initial support through ELCSL for immediate relief activities. Bishop Momoh went on to say, "The church is currently putting together food and non-food items for the internally displaced persons."

LDR continues to monitor the situation through our companions and partners on the ground, including our partnership with ACT Alliance.

ONE MORE THING...

While rain and flooding is not unusual in Sierra Leone, prolonged rains caused Mt. Sugarloaf, a deforested mountain, to collapse. Deforestation one of the primary causes of climate change.

