

Uganda Logistics Cluster

Road Update: 5th November 2007

Road Updates:

Following heavy rainfall from the 2nd - 4th November, a general deterioration in the condition of roads throughout the Teso Region has been reported by multiple agencies.

- Katakwi District: the main Soroti to Katakwi road is reported to have three significant areas where traffic is struggling to pass and creating bottlenecks, a stretch 5km outside of Soroti, the wetland area before Wera and the last 2 km of the approach to Katakwi.
- Katakwi District: the area of immediately south of Ngariam Corner is blocked by four WFP trucks that have become stuck 200m to the south of the junction. Earthmoving equipment has been brought in to assist in removing the trucks, but at the moment the bottleneck is preventing any through passage towards Magoro.
- Amuria & Katakwi Districts: The Ajelik bridge linking the two districts is reported as being passable, but in poor condition and only light vehicles are likely to be able to pass.
- Kaberamaido District: agency field reports suggest that many feeder roads in the district have become difficult to use following the recent rainfall, particular in the vicinity of Anyara.

Key Access Routes into the Teso Region:

Route	Status	Restrictions	Comment
Mbale – Kumi	Open	None	
Kumi – Soroti (main road via Awoja bridge)	Closed	-	Bridge remains closed
Kumi – Soroti (bypass via Agu Bridge)	Open	None	Repairs made, but delays may still occur near the Agu Bridge
Soroti – Katakwi (via Komolo Bridge)	Open	None	Caution advised
Soroti – Amuria	Open	None	
Soroti – Wera	Open	None	
Soroti – Lira	Open	None	***Recommended route from Kampala to Soroti***
Lira – Gulu	Open	None	
Lira – Pader	Restricted	4wd only	
Lira – Kitgum	Restricted	10mt	
Gulu – Pader (via Awere)	Restricted	-	Difficult to pass near Lukor after rainfall
Gulu – Pader (via Atanga)	Restricted	10mt	

Further details are available on the Road Condition maps published every 48 hours by WFP/UNJLC on the Logistics Cluster website at: <http://www.logcluster.org/uganda-floods/map-centre>

Weather Update:

Recent heavy rainfall that commenced on the 2nd November has affected the road network, but is not expected impact on the air operation. Forecast conditions for the rest of the week indicate a brief improvement in conditions followed by increasing rainfall in the second half of the week. Summary of the last 24 hours and forecast for the flood affected area provided by the Uganda Department of Meteorology / National Meteorological Centre. Seasonal data on rainfall for the period of September to December is available on the Uganda Department of Meteorology website at <http://www.meteo-uganda.net/>.

Regions	Morning	Afternoon	Temperature (Max/Min)	Further Outlook
Eastern: Soroti, Mbale, Tororo, Bugiri, Sironko,	Sunny	Overcast with possibility of light rain	23/13	Light rainfall over the next 24 hours and expected to increase towards Friday
Northern: Gulu, Kitgum, Apac, Lira	Overcast	Overcast	24/14	Sporadic rainfall and light winds/lower temperatures
North-Eastern: Kotido, Moroto, Nakapriti	Sunny	Overcast with light winds	24/13	Sporadic rainfall and light winds/lower temperatures

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