



Information Release

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£25,000 FOR FLOOD RELIEF ACROSS AFRICA

The President of the Grand Charity, Grahame Elliot, has responded to a British Red Cross Appeal to assist hundreds of thousands of people affected by flooding across East and West Africa by approving an emergency grant of £25,000.

Countries from Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso in the West of Africa to Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia in the East have been hit by the heaviest rains in living memory. Over a million people have been affected as the waters have swept away belongings, destroyed livestock and harvests and reduced homes to little more than mud and bricks. A number of remote areas are now unreachable and deadly waterborne diseases are an increasing threat.

The grant to the Red Cross will help to provide the most vulnerable people with shelter, kitchen sets, blankets, candles and water purification products. Seeds and tools will also be provided to help families get back on their feet by supporting their return to work.

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