

LWF World Service Uganda
Flooding in Katakwi and Amuria Districts

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Floods have made farming impossible in the Katakwi district of northeastern Uganda. In Katakwi and Amuria, good farming is the most common tool for survival.

Since July, the heavy rains have left most of the crops in Katakwi and Amuria submerged in water. Many crops in this area are a complete loss. For the past three months, most families have been surviving by eating last season’s stored harvest. George William Odeke, local councilman in the Adurukoi village says, “I don’t know what will happen next year because the food is just finished. If the rain continues, we will undoubtedly need food relief.”



Field of Cassava in Katakwi destroyed by the recent floods. © LWF/DWS Uganda

The Lutheran World Federation World Service (LWF World Service) has worked in the Katakwi district for the past four years and is the largest NGO in the area. The LWF World Service continues to support these areas with Non Food Items (NFIs), such as temporary shelter, farming tools, jerry cans, and essential household items.



Cassava crop has been rendered unusable by the floods
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The need to have self-sufficiency in food production is vital for food security in these communities. There is a real fear in the Adurukoi village that the ruined crops this season will have catastrophic effects for the future. George says, “First we were displaced by the Karamojong, then by the LRA, and now the floods. Next we will be displaced by a famine.”

A look of helplessness occupies the faces of the Adurukoi residents as they gaze out at their crops that were once productive fields of groundnuts, sorghum, potatoes and cassava. Now, they see only marshlands. Months of hard work have been undone.

Nevertheless, families in the Adurukoi village know that they must overcome their feeling of defeat in order to survive. The head councilman Stanslus Otwor says, “If we have food relief for this month we can survive. We need seeds and better tools so that we can replant our crops in the future.”

It will take months of hard labor to have fruitful crops again in the Adurukoi village. Currently, the families in the village are planning and preparing for those months of labor. They are not afraid of hard work. The seeds and tools provided by the LWF World Service through the current [ACT appeal AFUG71 \(revision 1\)](#) will make farming possible. For now, they must wait and hope for rains to stop and the land to dry.