



# Disaster relief efforts in Zambia meet with a great response from donors

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Evacuated families in Zambia

Dortmund. According to figures from NAK-karitativ the appeal for donations for flood victims in Zambia has been met with a strong response. Not only did the “Missionswerk” of the District Church of Southern Germany, the New Apostolic Church International, and other individual District Churches participate by contributing to the emergency relief effort, but a large number of private individuals from all parts of Germany and neighbouring countries and even overseas also demonstrated great willingness to sacrifice with their donations.

A total of 300,000 Euros have already flowed to Zambia for immediate aid. Donations to NAK-karitativ have amounted to approximately 400,000 Euros. The relief organisation of the New Apostolic Church is confident that these funds will also suffice to finance reconstruction efforts and provide ongoing food and seed aid until the end of the year.

The New Apostolic Church had appealed for donations in an article captioned with the headline “Famine threatens Zambia” (we reported).

## **Food and seeds for villages in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger**

A program for food and seed aid has also come to the Sahel zone after heavy rainfalls struck the region in the winter of 2007/2008 (see our report from September 2007). The New Apostolic District Church of Hessen/Rhineland-Palatinate/Saarland will organise and monitor the purchase, transport, and distribution of these supplies in the disaster areas through its national administration offices in Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso. Some 76,000 Euro are needed as a start.

A total of 45 provinces have been seriously affected in Burkina Faso. A relatively great quantity of foodstuffs and seeds (millet and rice) will be required here, since this country was hit by particularly heavy rainfalls. According to the figures of the UN, some 30,000 people have been directly affected by the flooding. In addition to food aid, funds must also be set aside for reconstruction. And in the region of Zinder in Niger, several thousand people are suffering from the after-effects of the flooding. The New Apostolic Church of Hessen/Rhineland-Palatinate/Saarland has already purchased 200 sacks of rice and millet at favourable prices, and stored them in its local administration offices. Another 300 sacks are still to be purchased.

A donation of 30 Euros is enough to purchase one sack of rice, while 19 Euros will suffice to purchase a sack of millet. All efforts are being financed through NAK-karitativ.

You can read this and other news on the [website of NAK-karitativ](#).

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