

Heavy rains displace Bundibugyo residents

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BUNDIBUGYO. Heavy rains have destroyed crops and displaced hundreds of residents in Humya Village, Bubukwanga Sub-county in Bundibugyo District.

The rain started from Sunday afternoon until yesterday morning.

According to the Manmpuguro Village chairperson, Mr Bernard Sunday, the heavy rains caused floods, which spilled through Manmpuguro stream and river Humya.

"I appeal to the government for quick intervention to rescue the lives of our displaced people," Mr Sunday said.

Mr Hebert Mutegeki, one of the affected residents in Humya village said his house, including household items and plantations were washed away by the rain.

"I have nowhere to go. I am stranded. We appeal to the authorities to come and rescue us," he said.

To respond to the people's cry for help, the Bundibugyo District Red Cross Society branch has embarked on rescue operations.

According to Mr Tom Ndyanabo, the Red Cross branch manager, they are making assessments to ascertain the number of people af-



Displaced. Children stranded following a heavy downpour which left them homeless in Bubukwanga Sub-county, Bundibugyo District. PHOTO BY LONGINO MUHINDO

ected and property destroyed.

"We are on the ground making assessments and we appeal to other partners to come on board," Mr Ndyanabo said.

In a related development, two weeks ago, a six-year-old toddler was killed by landslides in Kihoko I village, Bupomboli Parish, Harugale Sub-county Bundibugyo District.

According to the district Red Cross focal person, Bundibugyo branch, Mr Sam Muhindo, the deceased Marion Thungu was the

daughter of Anna Biira and Mr Yowasi Musoki.

In other areas

Over the weekend, hundreds of travellers, including tourists got stranded in Karamoja sub-region following heavy rains that led to flooded bridges and slippery roads. The heavy rains cut off Moroto Kotido after Lopei Bridge in Napal District became flooded.

The rains have also damaged the Cholol Bridge that connects to Amudat District.