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## SWAZILAND: STORM DAMAGE

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### The Situation

Swaziland experienced a devastating storm on 23 January following heavy rains. The storm hit part of the Manzini in the central part of the country and Shiselweni in the southeast. A total of ten communities in Manzini and nine in Shiselweni were affected.

The nature of the storm was such that houses were blown away by the strong winds which were followed by heavy rains. The storm caused great damage, destroying houses, household effects, crops and food items. Roofing corrugated sheets and tiles were also blown leaving approximately 145 households in Shiselweni and 85 in Manzini without adequate shelter, clothing and food. Some school in the affected areas were also destroyed by the storm.

See map on following page.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In response to the effects of the storm, the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society<sup>1</sup> immediately assembled the emergency response teams to conduct initial assessment in the affected areas.

### Findings

#### Shiselweni: 145 affected households

An emergency response team composed of three regional disaster response team (RDRT) members and volunteers was deployed in Shiselweni district and conducted an initial assessment in the communities of Ndubazi, Mlanga, Nkoneni, Machobeni, Makhonza, Thunzini, Skhotsenni, Sibovu and Mthombe.

Manzini has an estimated population of 10,500 with 1,000 households. Approximately 80% of these household crops and houses were destroyed. A total of 119 households had their roof blown away; another 26 were left completely homeless and lost all household effects and food.

#### Manzini: 85 affected households

Three RDRT members and volunteers carried out an assessment in the communities of Maliyaduma, Madvonsa, Moneni, Masundwini, Kashali, Elwndle, Ngwane Park, Sidzakeni, Gilgal, Mphosi. About 70% of the households had their crops destroyed, 26 households are homeless, and 59 had their roofs blown and damaged household effects, including food items.

Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross has distributed 300 tarpaulin, 350 blankets and assorted clothing to 16 of the affected households. The national society seeks funds to assist the affected households with shelter, clothing and food.



**Table 1: Immediate needs list/budget**

Items	Size	Quantity	Unit Price CHF	Total CHF
Plastic Sheeting	6m x 6m	1,000	15.00	15,000
Tents	5m x 5m	50	167.00	8,350
Blankets	150 cm x 100cm	1,000	7.202	7,200
Admin/distribution cost				5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>35,550</b>

### Coordination

The Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society is also seeking support on relief food items from its government to assist the affected people in Manzini and Shiselweni districts. The national society has also started a rapid assessment in Lubombo and Hlohho regions following reports that there were communities also affected.

**Table 2 Relief items sought from the government**

Items	Quantity
Maize grain	600.000 MT
Beans	83.700 MT
Cooking oil	11.625 MT

<sup>1</sup> Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society – refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=163>

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The city council and Swaziland electricity board have been restoring the damaged infrastructure with the assistance of the national fire and emergency department.

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