



## **AFRICA/UGANDA - 8,900 families severely affected by the floods**

Kampala (Agenzia Fides) - In the course of this year in Uganda there has been a succession of disasters and emergency situations such as tribal, border conflicts, fighting for territory, population movements from other countries, forest fires, hailstorms, landslides, epidemics of cholera, ebola and Marburg, as well as outbreaks of other diseases. To all these tragedies are added a total of 34,372 people, 8,903 households, that have been affected by floods and landslides in different parts and in urgent need of aid. Since January 2012, many emergencies have affected 192,094 people across the country, 74,227 of these have received aid from Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS). The districts that have been destroyed are Soroti, Amuria, Katakwi, Nakapiripirit, Kween, Tororo, Kapchorwa, Lira, Ntoroko, Moroto, Nebbi, Kibale and Kotido.

Otuke, in the district of Lira is the most damaged, with 6225 people involved. Since March floods have ravaged Uganda in areas like Amuria, Katakwi, Nakapiripirit, Kween. In all the districts where the URCS intervened, aid was given to 17,390 victims, distributing kits of materials for the home. However, the 20 000 annual emergency kit supplied by the URCS to families are not sufficient to meet the growing need of aid in the country. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 22/11/2012)