



Flooding in Kakuma Destroys Refugees' Homes

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Kakuma Camp, Kenya – More than 2,000 refugees lost their homes as a result of massive flooding in Kakuma refugee camp. Three people were confirmed dead, including a two-year-old child, who died after falling in a pool of water brought on by the heavy rains on Wednesday, April 26.

According to UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond, as many as 270 homes were destroyed. As over 300 out houses were flooded and more than 100 were completely destroyed, there is also concern about disease from the standing water.



FilmAid staff member Okello Charles surveys the damage done to his house

The aid agencies operating in the camp have begun to assess the damage and the needs of the refugees. Getting food and supplies to the affected population will be difficult, however, as many of the roads are still impassable.

Eight FilmAid staff lost their houses to the floods, as did several *My Reel Life* youth video project members and volunteers. FilmAid has operated in Kakuma Camp, which is home to 90,000 refugees, since 2001.