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My dear Brothers and Sisters, our friends of Masasi Diocese,
Our greetings to you!

One of our Church members in Kilwa Masoko is a Government worker, Bw Enoch Kwakwi and this is his Report with some photos of the flooding in Kilwa:

KILWA FLOODING

“As you might be aware, on Sunday 26th January 2020 heavy rainfall accompanied by wind hit 6 wards of Kiranjeranje, Nanjirinji, Mitole, Njinjo, Kikole, Kivinje and Mandawa in Kilwa District Lindi Region located in southern part of Tanzania.

According to the Kilwa District Disaster Committee initial assessment report of 27th January 2020 where TCRS participated in the rapid assessment, in the six villages mentioned above, 450 households has directly been affected by the disaster.

Today more than 17 people are reported to have died and more than 50 people seriously injured. 450 residential houses, 50 business houses (shops) and electricity supply system has been interrupted.

People's possessions such as food, non-food items and livestock were highly affected where 80 cows, 1200 goats and 1300 chicken died. Household food reserve such as 25,000 kilograms of rice, 6,500 kilograms of sugar, 35,000 kilograms of maize and 8000 kilograms of millet were completely spoiled.

The disaster also destroyed 16 classrooms, 9 teachers' houses, 5 teachers' offices, including textbooks and exercise books, 12 pupils' toilets drop holes and 8 teachers' toilet drop holes where a total of 2,563 pupils and 32 teachers have been severely affected.

The District Commissioner of Kilwa district Hon. Christopher Ngubiagai has written a letter to TCRS seeking assistance of the 450 households having 3600 people affected by unmet vital humanitarian needs such as food, shelter, clothes and beddings, sanitation and hygiene items, school materials such as textbooks and stationeries and renovation of destroyed school infrastructures”.

Dear our Brothers and Sisters in UK, Canada and USA we do thank you so much for your prayers for our nation, for our Diocese and for the people of Kilwa District.

The Churches in Kilwa: Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and Anglican which are all small communities amongst a very large Muslim population are, in unity, giving of their very best to love, to serve and support the whole population of this area. Their testimony of the love of Jesus Christ is very real and very powerful as they serve all who they can to their very best. Please pray for Fr Cosmas and his two congregations of Kilwa Masoko and Kilwa Kivinje.

God is good all the time and we look to Him and Him alone in this disaster through floods.

In Christ Jesus,

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