

## IOM responds to floods emergency in Bamako

**31 August, 2013 - Mali** – Heavy rains on Wednesday 28 August in Bamako have left a confirmed number of 34 deaths. According to the initial assessments carried out by the Malian Government through its General Directorate of Civil Protection with the support of the Malian Red-Cross, the floods affected at least 1,100 families (about 7,000 people) in two of the six communes of Bamako.



The 1,100 families were immediately assisted by the Government, and several amongst them were transferred to five schools turned into provisional reception centers, whilst most of the IDPs were hosted by relatives. IOM has provided immediate support to the Government through the donation of water purification tablets in addition to the Non-Food Items (NFI) distributions carried out by other

humanitarian actors.

At the request of the General Directorate of Civil Protection, IOM mission in Mali has deployed 5 rapid assessment teams to register the IDPs and identify immediate needs as well as the exact number of houses affected. The results of this rapid assessment, expected this Monday 2 September, will allow the Government of Mali and the humanitarian community to take immediate action and start direct assistance to most vulnerable IDPs.



### Additional Information

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