

# THE SITUATION IN THE FLOODED AREAS IN VLORA, FIER, BERAT AND KORCA AND THE NEED FOR INTERVENTION- OBSERVATORY FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS SCANNING OF THE SITUATION

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For more than 3 days, Albania is going through a difficult situation of floods in southern Albania (10-11-12 October 2015). Due to the high intensity of rainfall, floods have been a threat to homes, agriculture and livestock and for inhabitants living on the affected areas. Based on the scanned situation that Observatory for Children's Rights has done during these two days (12-13 October 2015), the regions more affected by this situation are: *Vlora, Fier, Berat and Korca*. *In Vlora*, massive flooding and stones has blocked the national highway Orikum- Vlora, at the entrance of Vlora. On Monday 12 October 2015, the water has fallen in almost all the problem areas by creating a large mud in the streets and houses. *In Fier*, the numerous floods have come because Gjanica River has gotten out of its bed. *In Berat*, the flood situation has worsened due to the fact that Osumi River has gotten out of its bed also. *In Korca*, floods have come from the excess flow of inert of Gllabishtove river of Grammos Mount; also Verdova River in Pogradec has gotten out of its bed. **9 Residential houses** are damaged by rainfall in Podgorie village in Maliq Municipality.

### **The areas mostly affected by the floods are:**

#### *Vlora Region:*

- Some neighborhoods in the city of Vlora as "15 Tetori", "29 Nentori" "10 Korriku",
- The area of Skela,
- Cole neighborhood,
- Vlora –Orikum axis, in the entrance of Vlora,
- Novosela,

- Akerni.

#### *Fier Region:*

- The pedestrian area of the city because Gjanica has gotten out of its bed,
- “1 Maji” neighborhood,
- In the bridge scale,
- “Kongresi i Përmetit” neighborhood,
- “Liri” neighborhood,
- Sheq i Madh area,
- Frakull,
- Libofsha.

#### *Berat Region:*

- The pedestrian area of the city,
- Area of former forest at "30 vjetori" neighborhood,
- Morave village in Otlak area,
- Ura Vajgurore municipality.

#### *Korca Region:*

- The bridge of Psar village, Kolonja district,
- National Street in the entrance of Erseka city,
- Pogradec municipality,
- Podgorie village, Maliq municipality.

### **The number of affected families from the flood situation**

**In Vlora region** are over *300 families*, whose homes were flooded or very little water came inside their homes, of whom *10* are accommodated at dormitory of Industrial high school in Vlora. In **Fier region** has an approximate number of *550 families* who have been affected from flood situation, of which *60 families* were evacuated in dormitories. **In Berat region** are *12 families* affected by the flooding situation from which no family was evacuated. **In Korca region** are *11 families* affected by flooding situation from which 1 family was evacuated/ accommodated from Pogradec municipality, while 10 other families are arranged to relatives or regulated only a room to stay.

The total number of affected families by the floods is *873 families* affected in southern Albania in October 2015.

### **The number of affected children's from the flood situation**

**In Vlora region** are over *100 children*, whose families were affected by the flooding, of which *15 children* are accommodated at dormitory Industrial high school in Vlora. **In Fier region** at 11 October 2015 in Gjanica river were evacuated *5 children*, families of whom have been blocked (information about Fier is still partial). **In Berat region** are 28 children whose families are affected by the flood situation. About the Korca region there is no information so far about the number of children leaving in these families.

The number of affected children and the children involved in this situation is *133 children*.

### Interventions of Local Institutions

In the flooded areas local institutions were engaged to handle the civil emergency. **In Vloora region** headquarters of emergencies is mobilized. The most problematic families are accommodated at dormitory of Industrial School Vloora. On 11 October 2015, in the morning the cleaning process is started in the function of opening the main roads. The most problematic flooded homes were identified. **In Fier region** Emergency staff has intervened, local authorities and police teams have taken measures to evacuate; was created "Delta Force" team. **In Berat region** from Emergency staff in the Prefecture, the water was removed from the apartments. Berat Municipality is dealing with the damages to help affected inhabitants. **In Korca region**, forces of fire station in Erseka and 6 vehicles to private entities were set in motion to address this situation and to clear the road. To unlock one axis of the road was worked up at 11:30 on 11 October 2015 in order to open up the entire axis. In Pogradec, to afford the situation were engaged about 100 people from Pogradec municipality and the station firefighter personnel. Also were used 10 vehicles for cleaning the gravel and 5 suction pump to remove water from flooded floors of multi-storey buildings. The Emergency Commission in Prefecture was established and has cooperated with local authorities, to assess the damages.

### Identified needs for intervention

The identified needs for intervention are: clothing, furniture, household appliances, food etc.

### Other Notes

**In Vloora region**, part of floods has been courtyards of some schools. On Monday, 12 October 2015 at night the water is removed in these schools, for that reason the teaching process was not realized because of the large mud left after the removal of water. In total there are about 5 schools that have not developed the learning process. **In Fier region** homes are damaged after massive flooding. **In Berat region**, families are trapped by flooding, but there was no body evacuated. The schools continue the teaching process. Meanwhile regarding water collectors they have been affected by flooding and drinking water is unconsumed by citizens.