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PRESS RELEASE

SPILLAGE OF THE BAGRE DAM AND NADMO'S RESPONSE- OPERATION THUNDERBOLT 2020

The National Disaster Management Organisation-NADMO following its standing agreement with its partner, SONABEL, the Agency responsible for the Management of the **Bagre and Kompienga Dams in Burkina Faso**, has gotten a report that, due to the rate of rise in the water levels of the two dams, the Authorities of SONABEL have decided to begin the spillage of the two dams.

The current levels of the Kompienga dams, as of today 5th August, 2020 is 172.41m with the rate of rise at 38.45% as against 28.66% same period last year.

The levels of the Bagre Dam as of today being 234.62m with its rate of rise at 94.42% as against 60.58% same period last year. Due to the rapid rise in the water level of the Bagre Dam, the opening of the dam valves may be effected as soon as the level reaches 234.75m and that may happen any day between today 5th August 2020 and Monday 10th August, 2020.

Due to the possible effect of the spillage of the two dams on areas downstream the White Volta, Some Communities along the river are likely to be affected, as in flooding and NADMO will want such communities to be on the alert and prepare themselves for the spillage and its impact on them and their activities. We urge them to move to higher grounds and safe heavens in all such affected communities.

The following areas are likely to be directly affected by the spillage:

UPPER EAST

- Bawku West
- Nabdam
- Talensi
- Pusiga

NORTH EAST REGION

- West Mamprusi
- Mamprugu Magdori
- East Mamprusi

NORTHERN REGION

- Kumbugu
- Karaga
- Tolon
- Savelugu

SAVANNAH REGION

- Daboya
- Central Gonja (Buipe)

UPPER WEST

- Lawra

As a result of the report from SONABEL and its likely impact on communities downstream, which are mostly in Ghana as listed above, the Management of NADMO has automatically launched **“Operation ThunderBolt 2020”** with immediate effect.

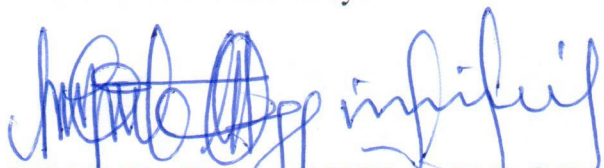
NADMO has thus dispatched its Men to the following Districts in the affected regions to prepare the people in the area and to train them to manage the effect of the spillage on their Communities.

The NADMO Team will be based in Tamale and Bolga but the training will go on in two zones which list will be attached to this release.

We entreat all the people living along the White Volta and all the affected areas to Co-operate with the NADMO Staff and the supporting staff from the MMDAs and the Disaster Management Committees's to make the Operation a success to help save lives and properties.

Thank you.

NADMO-Prevention Pays



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PARTICIPATING REGIONS AND DISTRICTS

ZONE ONE (TAMALE)

TRAINING STARTS FROM 9th – 12th August 2020

1. Northern Region

2. Nanumba North
3. Karaga
4. Gushiegu
5. Kumbungu
6. Tamale Metro
7. Savelugu
8. Sanlerigu

9. Savannah Region

10. Central Gonja
11. East Gonja
12. Daboya

13. Upper West Region

14. Lawra
15. Nandom
16. Wa West
17. Nadowli Kaleo
18. Wa East

PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR FLOOD RISK EXERCISE
ZONE ONE (TAMALE)

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| 1. ARRIVAL OF HEADQUARTERS TEAM | WEDNESDAY, 12 TH |
| 2. ARRIVAL OF REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICERS | WEDNESDAY, 12 TH |
| 3. DAY 1 OF TRAINING | TURSDAY, 13 TH |
| 4. DAY 2 OF TRAINING | FRIDAY, 14 TH |
| 5. DAY 3 OF TRAINING | SATURDAY, 15 TH |
| 6. DEPARTURE | SATURDAY, 15 TH |

PARTICIPATING REGIONS AND DISTRICTS

ZONE TWO (BOLGA)

TRAINING STARTS FROM 13th – 16th August 2020

1. Upper East Region

2. Builsa North
3. Talensi
4. Nabdam
5. Bolga East
6. Bolga Municipal
7. Kassena Nankana
8. Garu Tempane
9. Bongo
10. Bawku West
11. Bawku Central

12. North East Region

13. West Mamprusi
14. Mamprugu
15. East Mamprusi

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