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AKOSOMBO DAM SPILLAGE- RELOCATE FLOOD VICTIMS TO SAGLEMI HOUSING PROJECT

Following the spillage of the Akosombo and Kpong hydro dams which has so far affected over 26,000 people in the lower Volta Basin affecting North Tongu, South Tongu, Central Tongu, among others with Mepe being the most devastated community. The Alliance of Feminists CSOs (AFCSOs) is calling on His Excellency the President of the republic as a matter of urgency to consider relocating flood victims to Saglemi Housing Project while awaiting finality to be brought to this critical issue.

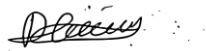
While government can be particularly held responsible for this disaster, the approach so far in dealing with the disaster has been reactionary, adhoc and ill structured further exposing victims to harsh environmental conditions, life threatening situation and inaccessibility to essential health service delivery. As a result of this disaster, schools are being turned into shelters for victims and CHPs (Community Health Planning and Services) compounds submerged under fast rising floods not forgetting the damages to property amounting to over millions of Ghana cedis.

As a result of the devastating impact of this disaster, the Alliance of Feminists CSOs make the following demands:

First of all we call on the Chief Executive of the Volta River Authority to resign from his position for supervising a disaster of such magnitude with immediate effect. He has not only exhibited professional incompetence but a complete disrespect for human lives and property and should be prosecuted for this act.

Secondly, we call on the government as a matter of urgency to provide flood victims decent accommodation by relocating them to Saglemi housing project as the right to shelter is a fundamental human right while other interventions are being provided for them.

Finally, we also call on government to prepare adequate compensation for the victims to help minimize the impact of the flood especially the women and children as they would eventually be most affected in these areas .



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