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CIRCULAR NOTICE

To All Parishes, Rectorates and Chaplaincies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

SUBJECT: Flood Alert: Bagre Dam Spillage and Heavy Rains

This is to formally notify all parishes, rectorates and chaplaincies of the Diocese, especially those located along the White Volta River Basin, that the spillage of the Bagre Dam in Burkina Faso commenced on Monday, 25th August, 2025.

As has been the case in previous years, this spillage carries a high risk of flooding in downstream communities, particularly those situated close to the riverbanks and low-lying areas. The situation may result in the displacement of households, destruction of farmlands, loss of livelihoods, and increased humanitarian needs.

The Navrongo-Bolgatanga Catholic Diocesan Development Organisation (NABOCADO) is closely monitoring the situation and has activated its Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. In the event of flooding, NABOCADO, together with its partners, will coordinate interventions to provide relief and support to affected populations.

In line with this, we wish to alert all Parish Priests/Rectors/Chaplains to:

1. Raise awareness among parishioners, especially those in flood-prone communities, to be vigilant and take precautionary measures to reduce the impacts of flood.
2. Begin mobilizing local resources (food items, clothing, hygiene products, shelter materials, financial contributions, etc.) which will be used to support affected populations.
3. Designate parish committees to liaise with NABOCADO in coordinating parish-level contributions for flood response.
4. Support NADMO & community leaders with evacuation efforts.
5. Mobilize church members to assist vulnerable groups.

We count on your collaboration, support, and prayers as we work together to safeguard lives and bring relief to vulnerable communities.

Let us act early to save lives and protect families.

Yours sincerely,

Most Rev. Alfred Agyenta
Catholic Bishop, Navrongo-Bolgatanga Diocese

