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"Transformation for Integral Human Development"

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Dear Partner,

**URGENT HUMANITARIAN APPEAL: FLOOD RISK FROM BAGRE DAM SPILLAGE &
HEAVY RAINS IN NORTHERN GHANA**

The managers of the White Volta Basin and the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) have issued an urgent alert that the Bagre Dam in Burkina Faso will be spilled starting Monday, 25th August 2025. At the same time, the Ghana Meteorological Agency has predicted heavy rains across Northern Ghana, particularly in the Upper East and North East Regions, from late August into the second week of September.

Historically, when the dam spillage coincides with heavy rainfall, it leads to serious flooding of lowland communities along the White Volta River. The affected districts on the course of the river basin include Bawku West, Binduri, Bongo, Nabdam, Talensi, West Mamprusi, Mamprugu-Moaduri, and Builsa South, with more than 23 communities at high risk. Current projections indicate that an estimated 1200 households are likely to be affected, including severe damage to homes, farmlands, livestock, schools, and other critical infrastructure.

NADMO has already cautioned residents in flood-prone areas to move to safer grounds. As a key member of the NADMO-led coordination platform comprising state and non-state agencies, the Navrongo-Bolgatanga Catholic Diocesan Development Organisation (NABOCADO) is mobilizing to respond and provide humanitarian relief to the most affected households should the flood occurs.

However, NABOCADO does not currently have sufficient financial and logistical resources to meet the scale of this impending emergency. We will be reaching out to you for support if the

spillage cause flood which may impact heavily on low lying communities along the White Volta River within Upper East and North East Regions of Ghana.

We would appreciate much if you could preposition some relief items such as; Food. WASH Kits, Water Storage Containers, Mats, Blankets, Mosquito Nets, Water Purification Tablets (aqua tabs), Hand Washing facilities, Hygiene Kits, First Aid, Health Supplies among others.

NABOCADO has a strong track record in humanitarian response, including reaching over 500 households during the 2020 floods in three districts, as well as interventions for Burkinabe refugees and conflict-affected populations within the Diocese (Upper East and North East Regions). With timely support, NABOCADO shall mobilize our Emergency Response Teams to respond timely to the pending calamity.

We respectfully request your urgent consideration to support this lifesaving intervention. Together, we can avert loss of lives and safeguard livelihoods of affected families.

Attached are the alerts from NADMO, SONABEL, Water Resources Commission and media publications on the subject matter.

We look forward to your swift response and partnership in this critical moment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Joseph Bangu', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dr. Joseph Bangu

Executive Director