

SAFI: CARITAS MOROCCO AND CARITAS DIOCESAN OF RABAT MOBILIZE TO SUPPORT FLOOD VICTIMS

Following the severe floods that struck the province of Safi on December 14, 2025, Caritas Morocco expressed its solidarity with the affected populations. *“Caritas Morocco wishes to express its sincere compassion to all those who have been impacted by this natural disaster,”* stated Cardinal Cristobal, President of Caritas Morocco, in a statement released after this tragic event.



The floods have caused serious human and material consequences. According to the first available data, approximately 2,800 people have been affected, with 37 deaths and between 14 and 20 people injured. Many families have been temporarily displaced to reception centers after being forced to leave their homes, which had become uninhabitable.

Nearly 70 houses and commercial premises were partially or totally flooded, resulting in the loss of essential goods and the interruption of local economic activities. Several businesses became unusable, severely compromising the livelihoods of the affected households. Access to drinking water, electricity, and food was heavily disrupted, further increasing the vulnerability of the affected populations.

Urban infrastructure also suffered significant damage. Several roads were cut off, limiting access to essential services such as healthcare, schools, and markets. Educational establishments were temporarily closed, and local health facilities were mobilized to respond to the emergency. Public infrastructure, including roads and utility networks, was damaged.

In response to this situation, the State has implemented financial assistance for affected households and merchants, subject to certain eligibility conditions. However, needs remain considerable, particularly for the most vulnerable families.

Driven by a deep sense of responsibility and a desire to respond to the needs of the disaster-stricken populations, Caritas Morocco and Caritas Rabat quickly mobilized. On December 23, several team members, in collaboration with Caritas Rabat, traveled to the field to meet with local authorities and affected families. The aim of this mission was to provide emotional support to the victims and to conduct an initial assessment of needs.



Following this visit, Caritas Morocco and Caritas Rabat are currently working on the preparation of a humanitarian response aimed at supporting the affected families, particularly through actions designed to restore their livelihoods and strengthen their resilience in the face of this disaster.

In this spirit of solidarity, Caritas Morocco offers its prayers and thoughts to the victims: *“May God receive the souls of those who have died, heal the injured, and protect and comfort all those affected, near or far, by this tragedy.”*

