

NADMO

The district has a NADMO office. This is the main office at the district that manages disasters in all forms. The office has Twenty-Three (23) staff with 12 operational zones. The district is a flood prone district as it is one of the major recipients of spilled water from the Bagre Dam in Burkina Faso as it lies along the White Volta River.

There are three (3) major disasters recorded in the district in recent times. These are perennial flooding, rain/windstorms and mining disasters. In 2020, the spillage of the spillage of the Bagre Dam coupled with torrential rains led to massive flooding in the district especially in areas along the White Volta River and its tributaries. This resulted in the destruction of farmlands and other properties. Road networks were destroyed and communities cut off. Below is a picture of how the situation was in 2020.

Figure 1. 1 Floods at Pwalugu 2020



Figure 1.18 depicts the flooding situation in Pwalugu in 2020. This situation resulted in the destruction crops and other properties. Apart from flooding, mining disasters are also prevalent in the district.

Mining activities come with disasters. Between 2018 and the second (2nd) quarter of 2021, over 38 young people lost their lives as a result of mining accidents in the district especially at Gbane mining site. Apart from disasters associated with mining, there are security challenges usually between mining companies in the district and community members. The mining activities also bring about land degradation and destruction of the vegetative cover.

Apart from the above, hazards/disasters such as rain/windstorms, disease epidemics, pests and insects' infestations, social and chieftaincy conflicts as well as human-wildlife (elephants) conflicts are also prevalent in the district.

There is therefore the need for effective and efficient collaboration among all stakeholders in the fight against disasters; building resilience to disasters in the district