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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Niger: Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 284'456, has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to 1,500 households. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: During the past few weeks, heavy rains caused severe flooding in the regions of Dosso, Niamey, Agadez, Zinder, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéry and Diffa. To date, over 400,000 people are reportedly affected and the latest meteorological forecast predicts additional rains over the next week. The Red Cross Society of Niger responded immediately in organizing assessments alongside the authorities and other humanitarian agencies, providing non food items from pre-positioned stock and assisting in the evacuation and medical treatment of injured persons.



A woman is fleeing the floods in one of the most affected neighbourhood of Niger's capital Niamey. (N. Latrémoille, IFRC)

This DREF operation is based on a plan of action developed by the Red Cross Society of Niger following rapid needs assessments and coordination of actions with the authorities and other humanitarian organizations. The operation will provide support to 1,500 families through provision of essential food, and non-food items, as well as support to emergency health, water and sanitation.

The operation is expected to be implemented over three months and will therefore be completed by 5 December 2012; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by March 2013).

[<click here for the DREF budget; contact details; and a map of the affected areas>](#)

The situation

During the past few weeks, heavy rains have caused severe floods in the regions of Dosso, Niamey, Agadez, Zinder, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéry and Diffa across Niger. An estimated 408,118 persons are affected with over 38,500 homes damaged leaving 52 deaths to date.

The floods also damaged acres of gardens and fields. In Dosso, over 6,695 cultivated lands are under water and many granaries were destructed. To add to the dire situation, the cholera epidemic that has been in Tillabéry region for several weeks now is bringing new cases; as of 28 August, 3,671 cases had been registered and 80 deaths. The Niger River being the main source of cholera transmission, the risk of an epidemic among the riverside population is present and of great concern.

Table 1: Summary of the floods consequences in the 8 regions of the country

| REGION | Affected Households | People affected | Deaths | Collapsed Houses | Flooded Gardens/Fields | Lost Cattle |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Dosso | 12,184 | 84,415 | 3 | 14,214 | 6,695 | 413 |
| Niamey | 12,365 | 82,948 | 9 | 9,102 | 198 | n/a |
| Agadez | 5,435 | 38,045 | 6 | 535 | 289 | 596 |
| Zinder | 1,885 | 13,185 | 5 | 343 | n/a | 384 |
| Maradi | 1,085 | 7,588 | 22 | 885 | n/a | n/a |
| Tahoua | 780 | 5,460 | 3 | 618 | n/a | 270 |
| Tillabéry | 24,716 | 173,012 | 2 | 12,294 | n/a | 68 |
| Diffa | 495 | 3,465 | 2 | 509 | 47 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 58,945 | 408,118 | 52 | 38,500 | 7,229 | 1,735 |

Source: OCHA & Niger Government 28.08.12

Coordination and partnerships

After having activated its multisectorial contingency plan, the Government launched a call to national and international solidarity. All regions also set going their contingency plan that had just been updated a few weeks earlier and ad hoc committees were put in place (lead by the national civil protection authorities) to deal with the floods issue involving the main stakeholders such as the State and humanitarian partners. Regular information sharing meetings are held by OCHA to have everyone involved on the same page and ensure the coordination of the support pledged until now. The NS and IFRC are participating in those meetings in Niamey as well as at regional level. The Niger authorities have promised 500 tons of foodstuffs to the floods-affected population of Dosso region soon to be distributed, and several organizations including UN agencies have pledged assistance as shown in the table below.

| Region | Response | Pledged assistance |
|---------------|---|--|
| Dosso | <p>UNICEF : 1,000 household kits, 1,000 hygiene kits, 0.5 health kits, 900 shelter kits</p> <p>WHO : 3 basic medical kits, 80 mosquito nets</p> <p>Plan Niger : 11.65 tons of rice, 500 household kits, 1.5 ton of oil</p> <p>Niger Gov't: 350 tons of cereals</p> <p>PAM : 105 tons of foodstuff</p> <p>CRN/FICR : 300 household kits</p> <p>Niger RC : 10 tons of rice</p> | <p>Niger RC/IFRC : 300 household kits</p> <p>OXFAM : household kits</p> <p>UNDP : classroom rehabilitation, wells, gardens</p> <p>FAO : potato and corn seeds</p> <p>WHO : negotiation with MoH for redirection of donation in favour of the floods</p> |
| Niamey | <p>UNICEF : 3,000 household kits, 3,000 hygiene kits, 900 tarps</p> <p>Niger Gov't : 100 tons of cereals</p> <p>Niger RC : 10 tons of rice</p> | <p>Niger RC/IFRC: 500 household kits</p> <p>OXFAM : household kits</p> |
| Agadez | <p>Niger Gov't : 100 tons of cereals</p> <p>Niger RC/ICRC : 200 household kits</p> | <p>FAO : potato and corn seeds</p> <p>Niger RC/ICRC : 400 household kits</p> |

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| Zinder | Niger Gov't : 100 tons of cereals Other : 12 tons of cereals, 50,000 CFA | Niger RC/IFRC : 500 household kits FAO : potato and corn seeds WHO : negotiation with MoH for redirection of donation in favour of the floods Niger RC : 10 tons of rice |
| Maradi | Niger Gov't : 100 tons of cereals Niger RC : 10 tons of rice | FAO : potato and corn seeds WHO : negotiation with MoH for redirection of donation in favour of the floods |
| Tahoua | UNICEF : 50 shelter kits, 50 household kits, 50 hygiene kits, 220 kitchen sets Arkass/UNHCR : 50 household kits, Niger Gov't : 26,592,000 CFA, 100 tons of cereals, 25 tons of millet Tasshak NGO : 150,000 CFA Niger RC : 10 tons of rice Other : 150,000 CFA , 6 tons of millet, 3 tons of rice, ½ ton of sugar | FAO : potato and corn seeds WHO : negotiation with MoH for redirection of donation in favour of the floods |
| Tillabéry | Niger Gov't : 50 tons of cereals Niger RC/ICRC : 200 household kits | FAO : potato and corn seeds Niger RC/ICRC : 500 household kits |
| Diffa | Niger Gov't : 100 tons of cereals | FAO : 405 tons of potato seeds, 500 tons of corn seeds WHO : negotiation with MoH for redirection of donation in favour of the floods |

Joint rapid assessment missions involving several UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations have taken place in the past 3 days involving RCSN and the International Federation. Preliminary results are showing a need to do more thorough assessments to get closer to the reality of the ground as the number of people affected continues to rise.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The RCSN is working very closely with the International Federation through an integrated IFRC Country Representation. With support from the Sahel Regional Representation, the RCSN has activated its floods contingency plan early last week at the onset of the disaster. As soon as the first floods were reported in Dosso, the IFRC participated in coordination meetings alongside the RCSN and this will continue as long as necessary to ensure good coordination and monitoring of the situation as well as promotion the position of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. The IFRC continues to hold Movement meetings monthly as previously.

The RCSN has also participated in the registration process of the floods victims alongside the National authorities; some 120 volunteers were mobilized respectively in the regions of Dosso (20), Niamey (30), Tillabéry (20), Zinder (30), Tahoua (10), and Diffa (10). In Niamey and Dosso, for example, the Red Cross volunteers work closely with the national civil protection authorities and fire-fighters in evacuating and registering the victims. With the support of the IFRC, the National Society has provided 20 tons of rice to affected households in Dosso and Niamey regions, while 30 tons were made available for Zinder, Tahoua and Maradi. The RCSN is preparing to distribute essential items (mats, blankets, kitchen kits, etc.) to 300 vulnerable households in the Dosso region. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) expressed its intention to assist 400 households with non-food items pre-positioned in Tillabéry and Agadez. In total, ICRC plans to assist 700 households in Tillabéry region and 600 in Agadez with essential household item. Partner National Societies (PNS) are in contact with the regional committees of the RCSN in Maradi, Tahoua and Zinder to strengthen their intervention's capacity if needed. WFP contacted the National Society to request its support in providing volunteers for food distribution in the region of Dosso, Niamey, and Tillabéry and negotiations are underway.

The needs

The rapid assessment carried out by the National Society as well as UN and NGOs show that the immediate needs are foodstuffs, drinking water, mosquito nets and essential household items such blankets, sleeping mats, bars of soap, buckets, kitchen sets, and jerry cans to store water. Temporary shelter, water facilities, latrines, adequate sanitation (treatment of water points) tarpaulins, hygiene promotion, disinfection, cleaning material and product are also needed. The RCSN with support from IFRC has planned to assist 1,500 most vulnerable households in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry.

The criteria for the selection of households are as follow:

- Households gathered in schools, mosques and in host-families;
- Households of children under five and pregnant women;
- Households headed by women;
- Households with disabled persons;
- Populations living along site of the Niger River.

The proposed operation

The Niger Red Cross, with the support of IFRC is seeking to bring assistance to 1,500 households in the regions where it has food security and nutrition activities (Dosso, Niamey, and Tillabéry) and where it plans to develop such activities (Zinder). These areas were selected to mitigate the impact of the floods on populations already living in a dire situation. In Dosso region, it was established with the regional governmental authorities that the 300 household kits planned by RCSN would be distributed in the most affected area of the Department of Dosso (Tombo Koarey I), which is one of the geographical areas of work of the National Society. As for the other regions, the communes and villages remain to be specified as this needs to be discussed and agreed with the Nigerien authorities and through the humanitarian coordination. The non-food items assistance to 700 households in Tillabéry region and 600 households in Agadez region offered by the ICRC will be distributed by the RCSN.

This DREF operation will concentrate on providing essential household items, mosquito nets and oral rehydration salt (ORS) according to SPHERE minimum standards. The volunteers' capacity will be increased in order to run awareness sessions to affected communities on prevention of diseases transmitted through unsafe water. The Red Cross volunteers will be trained in communication techniques, prevention and needs assessment.

This operation aims at reducing the impact of floods in the areas where food security, nutritional and water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities are being carried out by the RCSN (Emergency Appeal MDRNE010). Following a rapid assessment, the RCSN intends to meet the immediate need of 1,500 most vulnerable households as follow:

- **Relief:** Non-food items (NFI) such as blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets will be provided to the affected households.
- **Water and sanitation:** The RCSN will assist in distributing buckets and jerry cans, providing water purification tablet; helping in the treatment of water points and water facilities and the disinfection of latrines. The hygiene promotion will include cholera sensitization campaign.
- **Health-care:** The distribution of mosquito nets is a priority as well as ORS and extends the screening and referral of children and mother on floods affected populations. Cholera prevention campaign will be extended to all people living along the Niger River. The National Society has also planned to distribute bars of soap. The reinforcement of skills and capacities of volunteers in health promotion is also crucial.

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)

Outcome: The immediate basic non-food items of 1,500 flood affected families are met within three months in four regions of Niger (Niamey, Dosso, Zinder and Tillabéry).

Outputs (expected results): Basic non-food items are distributed to targeted families affected by the floods.

Activities planned:

- Conduct assessments, selection and registration of 1,500 families.
- Develop plan of action with community participation in planning and distributing relief items.
- Distribute food and procure and distribute non-food items for 1,500 families (50 tonnes of food, 3,000 blankets, 1,500 kitchen sets, 3,000 sleeping mats and 3,000 tarpaulins).
- Distribute the food and non-food items to identified 1,500 families.
- Monitor, conduct impact evaluations and report on the timeliness and appropriateness of relief items.

Emergency health

Outcome: The immediate health risks are reduced for 1,500 flood-affected families over three months in four regions of Niger (Niamey, Dosso, Zinder and Tillabéry).

Outputs (expected results): Targeted disease prevention and health promotion activities are conducted.

Activities planned:

- Identify 160 volunteers on Epidemic Control for Volunteers methodology.
- Organize and implement information, education and communication campaigns on water-borne and communicable diseases across the four regions for 10,500 beneficiaries
- Procure and distribute 3,000 mosquito nets for 1,500 families
- Conduct outreach activities focused on water-related diseases and the use of mosquito nets to 1,500 families
- Procure and distribute 45,000 sachets of ORS to 1,500 families
- Procure personal protection equipment for Red Cross volunteers (160 waterproof jackets, 160 pairs of boots, 2,000 masks and 160 pairs of gloves)
- Screen all children aged 6 to 59 months and pregnant women living in the sites, and refer malnourished mother/children to integrated health centres
- Monitor, conduct impact evaluations and report on the timeliness and effectiveness of the outreach activities.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related disease are reduced for 10,500 persons through the provision of water purification items and adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion over three months in four regions of Niger (Niamey, Dosso, Zinder and Tillabéry).

Outputs (expected results):

- Increased access to safe drinking water for 10,500 persons
- Improve hygiene knowledge and behaviour of 10,500 persons
- Increased access to appropriate sanitation for 2,000 persons

Activities planned:

- Refresher training for 160 volunteers on household water treatment and hygiene promotion techniques
- Conduct hygiene promotion and sanitation awareness activities targeting 10,500 persons
- Procure and distribute water transport materials for 1,500 families (1,500 jerry cans and 1,500 buckets)
- Procure and distribute 150,000 water purification tablets for 10,500 persons
- Procure and distribute 3,000 bars of soap to 1,500 families
- Mobilize 30 community based volunteers to ensure permanence on 8 sites in the targeted areas for orientation, counselling, screening and referral of children in integrated health centres
- Clean and manage garbage sites, public latrines, schools and still water points for vector and disease prevention
- Conduct outreach activities focused on health;
- Procure 10 wheelbarrows for sanitation activities
- Support in the cleaning 50 latrines and 10 health centres

- Monitor, conduct impact evaluations and report on the timeliness and effectiveness of the WASH activities.

Logistics

All non-food items (tarpaulins, jerry cans, buckets, mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets) will be sent from the Federation regional stock. A logistics Regional Disaster Response Team member is being deployed to support the RCSN with in-country logistics and water and sanitation activities.

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How we work

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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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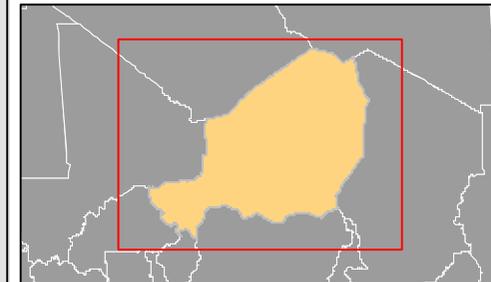
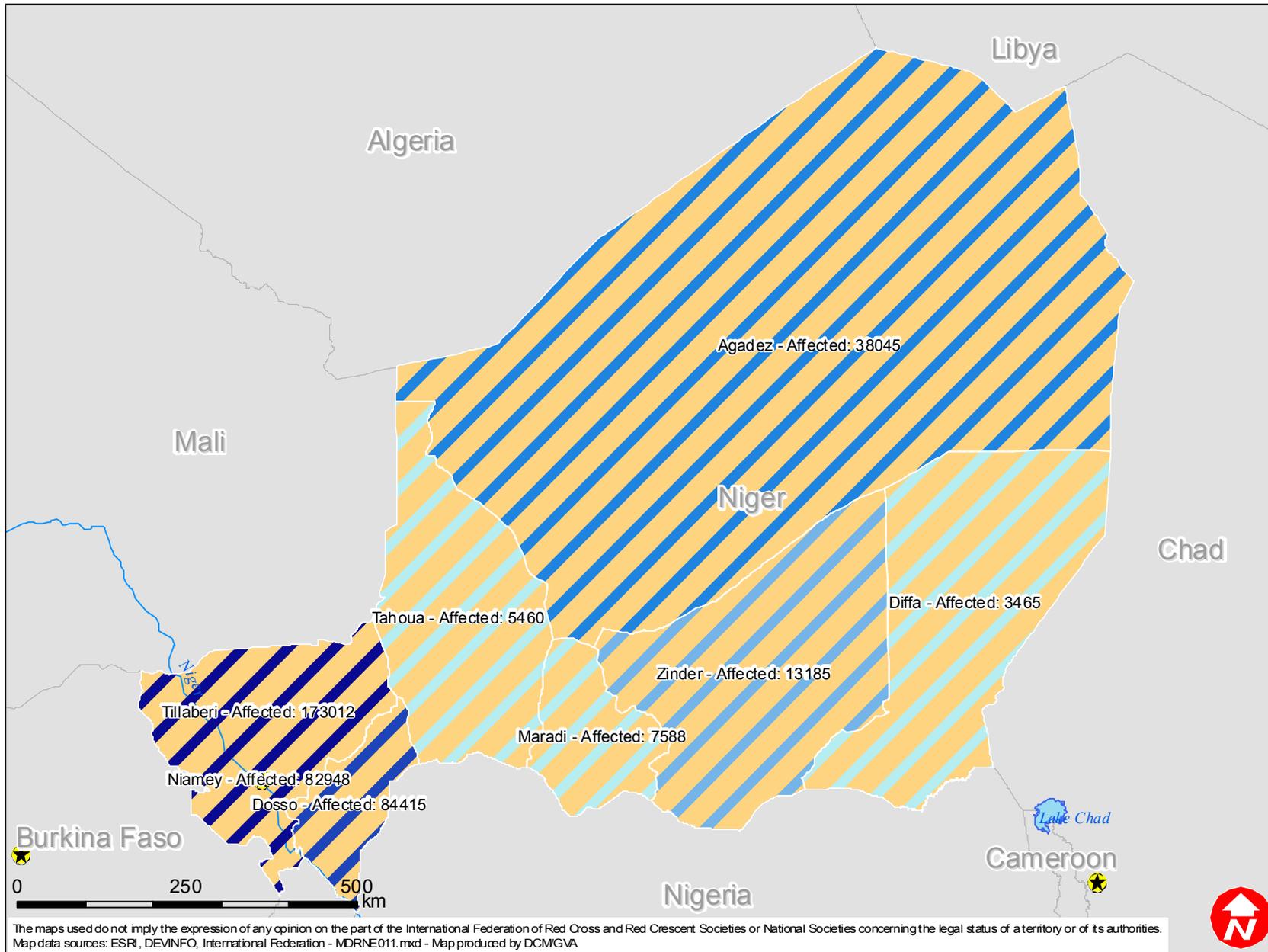
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| Budget Group | DREF Grant Budget CHF |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Shelter - Relief | 42,000 |
| Shelter - Transitional | |
| Construction - Housing | |
| Construction - Facilities | |
| Construction - Materials | |
| Clothing & Textiles | 45,000 |
| Food | 0 |
| Seeds & Plants | |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | 20,000 |
| Medical & First Aid | 3,150 |
| Teaching Materials | 3,375 |
| Utensils & Tools | 49,650 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 4,120 |
| Cash Disbursements | |
| Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES | 167,295 |
| Land & Buildings | |
| Vehicles | |
| Computer & Telecom Equipment | |
| Office/Household Furniture & Equipment | |
| Medical Equipment | |
| Other Machinery & Equipment | |
| Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT | 0 |
| Storage, Warehousing | 1,600 |
| Distribution & Monitoring | 1,600 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 27,800 |
| Logistics Services | 0 |
| Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE | 31,000 |
| International Staff | 8,100 |
| National Staff | |
| National Society Staff | 8,900 |
| Volunteers | 36,800 |
| Total PERSONNEL | 53,800 |
| Consultants | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES | 0 |
| Workshops & Training | 1,700 |
| Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING | 1,700 |
| Travel | 4,500 |
| Information & Public Relations | 2,000 |
| Office Costs | 2,300 |
| Communications | 1,500 |
| Financial Charges | 3,000 |
| Other General Expenses | |
| Shared Office and Services Costs | |
| Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES | 13,300 |
| Partner National Societies | |
| Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other) | |
| Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS | 0 |
| Programme and Services Support Recovery | 17,361 |
| Cost recovery expense | 0 |
| Total INDIRECT COSTS | 17,361 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 284,456 |



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Number of affected people

