

DREF operation



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Mozambique: Population Movement

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The International Federation's 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 response to emergencies. 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 109,699 (USD 105,450 or EUR 67,925) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 3,300 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies released DREF of CHF 109,699 to support Mozambique Red Cross Society (CVM)¹ to respond to the needs of Mozambique nationals returning to the country from South Africa following some urban disturbance.

The incidents, Xenophobic in nature and characterised by elements of criminality targeted at foreigners in South Africa started on 11 May 2008. The violent xenophobic attacks resulted in widespread looting and destruction of personal belongings and shelter. By end of 28 May, it was reported that 32,000 people have crossed the border into Mozambique without belongings, shelter and food, hence requires immediate relief assistance.



Mozambique returnees at Bebeluane transit camp, waiting for registration.

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The situation

The wave of attacks on foreign nationals began on 11 May 2008 in Alexandra Township (Johannesburg metropolitan areas). The attacks were extremely violent, with mobs burning the shacks (temporal homes in the informal settlements) and beating and chasing the foreigners. It was reported that a person was burnt alive in the same township. According to the UN Office of the Resident Coordinator in South Africa situation report (24 May 2008), the attacks have occurred mostly at night and have targeted foreign migrants from Bangladesh, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Zimbabwe and other countries, as well as non-Zulu speaking South Africans. Information from the ground says that most of the foreigners have lived in South Africa for many years with some of them born in that country.

As a result of the urban distances in South Africa, some foreigners were assisted by their governments to return to home countries. Consequently, approximately 32,000 Mozambique returnees to date have crossed the border, according to CVM branch at the border post. The government has mobilised means of transport and other logistical arrangements.

A transit camp has been established by the government of Mozambique at Beleluane area, in the outskirts of Maputo city. The returnees are in dire need of relief assistance thus food and non-food items whilst at the transit camp and for as long as they are still re-integrating into the community. The Government through the District Health Directorate, and in collaboration with CVM have started providing clean water, sanitation facilities health and care services, first aid and hygiene promotion.

Coordination and partnerships

The CVM has been liaising with the government authorities and other partners through the National Centre for Emergency Operations (CENOE) on data collection and information sharing on the numbers of returnees, identification of immediate needs and services. The joint operation also includes camp management and ensuring efficient service delivery. The CVM provincial branches are in close contact with Provincial Operation Centres (COE) in Maputo Province and Maputo City.

The Government institutions and other /partners are involved in the following activities;

- National Disaster Management Institute (Mozambique (INGC) - overall coordination of the operation and provision of family tents, blankets, sleeping mats, water reservoirs, buckets, meals and transportation of families to their destinations;
- Mozambique Defence Force (FADM) – Support in cleaning the area surrounding the transit centre, logistics and provision of ambulance services;
- Mozambique Electricity Company (EDM) – Provision of electricity at the Beluluane transit centre;
- District Health Directorate (DDS) in Boane – Provision of health kits;
- Mozambique Police (PRM) – Provision of security and protection at the transit centre;

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The National Society has mobilised and deployed 36 volunteers in Maputo Province (some volunteers have been deployed at the Ressano Garcia Boarder Post) so as to assist in beneficiary registration, setting up of a first aid post and distribution of relief items. CVM has so far conducted the following activities;

- Community-based first aid - currently has assisted over 7,00 beneficiaries (569 at the Ressano Garcia border post and 107 at Beleluane transit centre);
- Health education and hygiene promotion campaigns, HIV and AIDS awareness, psychosocial support – so far 300 beneficiaries have been assisted directly;
- CVM volunteer have also assisted with erecting 183 tents provided by the INGC at the transit camp;

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- Relief distribution including 60 water buckets and 12 water reservoirs with a capacity for 5,000 litres each, totalling 60,000 litres, provided by INGC.

The needs

The DREF will be used to procure and distribute relief items to the returnees. The funds will be used to strengthen the capacity of CVM in delivering relief assistance through standardising logistics, procurement and transportation. More relief items are being mobilised through a national appeal.

The proposed operation

The operation aims to provide support to the returnees; the relief items will make up a “dignity kit” to ensure immediate assistance to the affected people. Special focus will be given to mothers with children under five years of age. These relief items will be distributed at the departure point in Maputo.



Mozambique Red Cross volunteers distributing relief items at Beleluane transit camp, where the returnees are being temporarily sheltered

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To distribute food and non-food items to a target population of the most vulnerable people moving back into Mozambique from South Africa, according to assessment and selection criteria that identifies the actual needs and vulnerable groups.

Activities planned

- Conduct further assessment to determine the actual needs and number of beneficiaries (crossing the boarder into Mozambique).
- Procure and distribute relief items (such as pieces of kanga, towel, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, sanitary towel, condoms, flash/thermal bottle, disposable nappies, bottle with water, baby kits, biscuits etc. using proper beneficiaries' records.

Emergency shelter and security

Objective: To ensure that the returnees have adequate and secure shelter at the transit camp

Activities planned

- Provide shelter through support in terms of setting up tents (provided by the INGC).
- Provide services on tracing and family reunification.
- Ensure the protection and promotion of Humanitarian Values.

Emergency health

Objective: To promote health and hygiene at the transit camp aimed at preventing the outbreak of communicable diseases.

Activities planned

- Conduct community-based first aid and HIV prevention activities.
- Provide psycho-social support to the returnees.
- Print and distribute information, education and communication (IEC) material for hygiene promotion and health education.

Logistics

Objective: To develop logistic procedures including arranging for appropriate transportation to the distribution point, careful registration and a system/process that controls the movement of such goods.

Activities planned

- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to the beneficiaries.
- Transporting relief items and providing administration services.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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