

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF)

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.61/2002

Appeal target CHF 3,500,000

Programme Update No. 03;

Period covered: July - September 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 54.8%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: CHF 1,577,000

Operational Developments:

The International Federation is effectively responding to disasters in a rapid and efficient manner providing immediate access to financial resources from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

During the reporting period 13 disasters have been provided with seed capital to kick start operations. Out of these 6 have been announced as major disasters and appeals were consequently launched. The majority of disasters during this period have been mainly natural disasters ranging from floods, snow storms and landslides to drought. There have also been human disasters resulting in a significant loss of lives amongst which are the Côte d’Ivoire internal unrest and the Senegal/Gambia ferryboat disaster. DREF allocations for such minor but devastating disasters were prompt and much appreciated. Allocations for these minor emergencies were much appreciated. The total amount allocated to these disasters during the 3rd quarter was CHF 1,416,750 of which CHF 769,869 has been reimbursed. The following table gives a breakdown of the 13 allocations and the reimbursements for these allocations. As the table below indicates, over 50% of the amount allocated during this quarter has been reimbursed:

Country	Type of Intervention	Allocation Date	Scale	Appeal Coverage	CHF Allocated	CHF Reimbursed
Angola	Assessment mission	03.07.02	major	3.6%	70'000.00	
Federated States of Micronesia	Landslides	04.07.02	minor		30'000.00	14'796.00
Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina	Snow storms	18.07.02	minor		80'000.00	80'000.00
Ethiopia	Assessment mission	19.07.02	minor		30'000.00	
Bangladesh	Monsoon floods 2002	06.08.02	major	78.3%	170'000.00	170'000.00
Nepal	Monsoon floods/landslides	12.08.02	major	94.8%	150'000.00	150'000.00
DPR Korea	Flash floods	09.08.02	major	84.4%	75'000.00	75'000.00
India	Monsoon floods	14.08.02	major	61.5%	180'000.00	180'000.00
Central Europe	Floods	15.08.02	major	103.9%	100'000.00	100'000.00
Mozambique	Preparedness	19.08.02	minor		393'750.00	
Sychelles	Heavy rains & strong winds	13.09.02	minor		40'000.00	
Cote d'Ivoire	IDP support	23.09.02	minor		10'000.00	
Mexico	Hurricane Isidore	26.09.02	minor		88'000.00	
TOTAL					1'416'750.00	769'796.00

Out of CHF 3,925,000 allocated to 36 operations this year CHF 2,350,188 has, to date, been reimbursed. The trend has been that major disasters are reimbursed quite promptly whereas minor disaster take more time as funding for them is received at a slower pace, if at all. Minor operations are at times fully dependant on DREF as they receive little or no funds and therefore face difficulties in reimbursing the fund.

Disaster response

Below is a brief summary of operations which have been allocated financial assistance from DREF. For appeals, information bulletins, updates, contributions list and any other information regarding the area of operation please refer to the Federation's web site.

- ***ANGOLA - Assessment Mission***

Allocated: CHF 70,000

Date: 03 July 2002

Reimbursed: -

Status: ongoing

Web address: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=18>

Developments in Angola have raised expectations and hopes for a greater social stability in a country that has suffered from almost constant conflict and civil war since gaining independence in 1975.

This DREF allocation was made in order to carry out an assessment mission to assist the national society in identifying its potential and identifying areas of capacity building needed to allow the Angola Red Cross to prepare itself involvement in future humanitarian activities in Angola with particular focus on the rehabilitation of family households, health, mine awareness, water and sanitation and community based health structures.

The mission was closely co-ordinated with the ICRC delegation and sub-offices in the country. In response to the mission findings an appeal for CHF 4,966,000 was launched to assist 100,000 beneficiaries. Unfortunately only 3% of this appeal has been covered and therefore it has not been possible to reimburse DREF. Details of this appeal could be found at the above web address.

- ***FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA - Landslides***

Allocation: CHF 30,000
 Date: 4 July 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 14,796
 Status: Ongoing
 Web address: www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=195

A powerful typhoon, Chata'an, with damaging winds of 110 km/hour (70 mph) hit Chuuk, the most populated state amongst the four (Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, Kosrae) which comprise the Federated States of Micronesia. The continuous torrential rains caused landslides, brought down houses, cut the power lines and destroyed the drainage systems. According to the last information bulletin issued on 12 July, at least 48 people were reported dead, 73 injured, 300 families were left homeless and 130 houses were completely destroyed.

The DREF allocation was used to assist the national society with the distribution and transportation of relief items in addition to assessment activities carried out in the area. Over 50% of the allocation remains outstanding. For a detailed report on the operation and outstanding needs please see the above website.

- ***PERU, BOLIVIA, CHILE & ARGENTINA A- Snow Storms***

Allocation: CHF 80,000
 Date: 18 July 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 80,000
 Status: ongoing
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts02/pubosn02a2.pdf

Particularly heavy snow storms hit Peru and Bolivia causing devastating damage. In Peru over 65 people have died as a result of the very low temperature and hundred of others were being treated for hypothermia. Lives were daily being lost during the unusually harsh weather conditions and the rate of pneumonia amongst children was extremely high. According to the Civil Defence (INDECI) over 70,000 people have been affected by temperatures as low as minus 20 degrees Celsius. Many roads were inaccessible because of heavy snow. An estimated 80,000 livestock, principally llamas, have died and 23, 048 hectares of crops have been destroyed. Over 17,000 homes have been damaged of which 198 have been destroyed. In Bolivia damage of a similar scale was suffered. Chile and Argentina have also been adversely affected as a result of the storms. The governments of both Peru and Bolivia called for a state of emergency. The DREF allocation was used to distribute essential humanitarian supplies to the most affected communities. This allocation was generously reimbursed by the by British (DFID funds) and the American Red Cross Societies.

- ***ETHIOPIA - Assessment Mission***

Allocation: CHF 30,000
 Date: 19 July 2002
 Reimbursed: -
 Status: appeal launched
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/2802R.pdf

Several years of crop and livestock failure have had adverse effects leaving a large number of people highly vulnerable and indications were that the scale of the disaster will reach levels beyond the existing response capacities of the country. The DREF was used to carryout an assessment mission and defining a framework of co-ordination by which for possible international support once the frame of the disaster is identified. The overall goal of the mission was to create a common Red Cross Red Crescent strategy: Based on the mission findings an appeal, which can be found on the above web address, has been launched.

- ***BANGLADESH - Monsoon Floods***

Allocation: CHF 170,000

Date: 06 August 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 170,000
 Status: ongoing
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/210203.pdf

Early monsoons in India this year led to flash floods and river erosions affecting over half out of the 64 Bangladeshi Districts. Over 3.5mn people have been affected with many living in temporary, unhygienic, shelters. The DREF allocation enabled immediate deployment of six mobile medical teams and two internationally experienced Bangladesh Red Crescent Relief Co-ordinators. Together with a 'local supply' framework agreement it allowed a rapid start to the process for procuring relief materials to be distributed in first phase of the operation. The DREF allocation has been fully reimbursed however there still remains over CHF 400,000 of outstanding needs. For developments on the operation please see the above web address.

- ***DPR KOREA - Flash Floods***

Allocation: CHF 75,000
 Date: 09 August 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 75,000
 Status: ongoing
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/2202r.pdf

Exceptionally heavy rains on 5th August caused severe flash floods in the western parts of the country and the main cities in South Phyongan Province, Nyongwon, Eunsan, Mundok and Sukchon. Over 22,000 people were left homeless as a result of these floods. Populated towns and villages situated in-between valleys were washed away by flash floods and landslides, leaving thousands of people homeless and destroying railways, main roads and thousands of hectares of croplands. In Anju city alone over 1,800 houses were submerged in water, 407 houses were completely destroyed and over 2,000 people were left homeless. The DREF allocation was used to provide assistance to the most needy people in the operational areas.

- ***NEPAL - Monsoon Flooding and Landslides***

Allocation: CHF 150,000
 Date: 12 August 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 150,000
 Status: ongoing - pledges should cover appeal
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/230201.pdf

The July monsoon rains in Nepal have been the heaviest recorded in the last three decades. Over 300,000 people in 49 of the county's 75 districts have been severely affected and 32,000 have been made homeless. The DREF allocation, which has been fully reimbursed, contributed significantly in enabling the immediate and initial deployment of 600 Nepal Red Cross volunteers to carry out field surveys in six different regions of the country and initiate the local procurement process of relief items. To date response to the appeal has been positive and pledges are being secured to cover the outstanding needs. The latest report on the situation can be found in the above web address.

- ***INDIA - Monsoon Floods***

Allocation: CHF 180,000
 Date: 14 August 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 180,000
 Status: ongoing
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/240203.pdf

Extensive flooding due to heavy monsoon rains in the region has left 654 people dead, 21 million people displaced, and over 400,000 houses destroyed in the northern and the eastern states of India. Two of India's poorest states, Assam and Bihar, were the worst affected. The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and its branches in the affected areas were among the first to respond to the floods and provide relief materials to the affected population. The DREF allocation made (now fully reimbursed) was used to initiate the relief activities. The latest operations report could be found on the above web address.

- ***CENTRAL EUROPE - Floods***

Allocation: CHF 100,000
 Date: 15 August 2002
 Reimbursed: CHF 100,000
 Status: Fully funded
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?02/250202.PDF

Due to the heavy flooding in many of the regions in Central Europe over 450,000 people have had to live in temporary shelter. Each country faced a different set of challenges. The Red Cross operation covered the immediate needs of the evacuated populations. Co-ordination and assistance from neighbouring national societies was very good. The appeal has been fully covered and the DREF has been reimbursed. The last operation update can be found on the Federations web site.

- ***MOZAMBIQUE - Preparedness***

Allocation: CHF 393,750
 Date: 19 August 2002
 Reimbursed: -
 Status: to be reimbursed once dispatch has been effected

1,800 tents have been purchased for disaster preparedness in Southern Africa as natural disasters are seasonally encountered in this region. Should an emergency arise elsewhere this stock will be deployed. Accordingly, DREF funds will be fully or partially reimbursed from the first occurring emergency.

- ***SEYCHELLES - Heavy Rains and Strong Winds***

Allocation: CHF 40,000
 Date: 13 September 2002
 Reimbursed: -
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts02/Seychelles1.pdf

Heavy flooding and strong winds over a period of 2 days forced 375 families to take refuge. The total number of people affected is estimated at 6,800, of which 375 families were forced to take refuge in their homes or with relatives. The wind damaged housing, public buildings, roads power supplies and telecommunications. Some villages and settlements in the Grand Anse and Bay St Anne district were submerged and many hectares of cultivated land have been destroyed. Some livestock was also killed. The effects were devastating to a community heavily reliant on agriculture. The DREF allocation was used to provide relief assistance and is unlikely to be reimbursed as no funds have been donated to this operation.

- ***CÔTE D'IVOIRE - Support to National Society***

Allocation: CHF 10,000
 Date: 23 September 2002
 Reimbursed:
 Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts02/cotedivoireunrest02a1.pdf

Intense fighting between Ivoirian army factions broke out in Abidjan, Boake and Khorogo - the largest three in the Ivory Coast. Soldiers were protesting their impending demobilisation from the army although the sites targeted by the rebels indicated a more complex aim to their actions. Over 270 people were killed and 300 injured in the fighting. In response the national society reactivated its emergency response teams who were very limited in access and movement. A needs assessment was carried out by the national society, in co-ordination with ICRC to evaluate the humanitarian needs for those displaced. Accordingly the allocation was used to complement the ICRCs support to the national society in the areas of logistics, communication equipment and first aid kits through the Regional Delegation.

- ***MEXICO - Hurricane Isidore***

Allocation: CHF 88,000
 Date: 23 September 2002

Reimbursed: CHF 88,000

Status:

Web address: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts02/isidore5.pdf

On 23rd September Hurricane Isidore hit Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula uprooting trees and destroying houses. A total of 70,000 people have been evacuated from high risk areas and over 300,000 have lost their homes. Approximately 90% of the trees in the affected area have fallen, 200,000 hectares of maize crops have been lost, 40,000 hectares of fruit trees have been damaged and pig rearing, bee keeping and poultry farming, all major activity, have been severely affected. The Mexican Red Cross distributed food, water, clothing, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, basic medication and blankets in shelters. The DREF allocation, now fully reimbursed, was used to provide food and non-food items to those whose houses have been destroyed. The latest update could be found in the above web site.

Preconditions and critical assumptions

For DREF to continue being the aggressive intervention tool it was planned to be (and currently is), a punctual reimbursement is crucial. Funds must also be continually injected into it so as to achieve the targeted amount and to compensate for projects which are unable to reimburse due lack of funding. It is also necessary to highlight that donations to DREF are occasionally earmarked against certain disasters while others are left unmarked to allow for flexibility in allocations.

Outstanding needs

Over 50% of the appeal has been covered. Contributions have been generous with a noticeable increase in the number of online and private donation. The fund requires CHF 1,577,000 to reach the CHF 10,000,000 target.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation web site at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

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Disaster Relief Emergency Fund Contributions

APPEAL No. 01.61/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				31.09.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				CHF 3'500'000.00		TOTAL APPEAL COVERAGE	
						54.8%	
AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR				4'381.00	22.05.2002		
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT		110'000.00	USD	163'020.00	14.08.2002		
AMERICAN - RC		10'000.00	USD	14'740.00	20.08.2002		
AUSTRALIAN - RC		16'654.00	AUD	14'326.00	11.02.2002	PERU FIRE, REPLENISHMENT	
AUSTRALIAN - RC				7'905.00	15.08.2002		
AUSTRIAN - RC		35'000.00	EUR	51'047.50	09.09.2002		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				600'000.00	19.02.2002	GRANT 2002	
BRITISH - RC				5'000.00	29.05.2002	COSTA RICA & PANAMA FLOODS, REPLENISHMENT	
DANISH GVMNT VIA DANISH RC				185'012.07	30.07.2002		
JAPANESE - RC		11'500'000.00	JPY	146'223.00	18.12.2001		
JAPANESE - RC		28'000.00	USD	41'902.00	29.08.2002		
NEW ZEALAND - RC		20'000.00	NZD	15'188.00	09.07.2002	MICRONESIA RC TYPHOON/ LANDSLIDE	
NEW ZEALAND - RC				13'799.98	25.07.2002	MICRONESIA TYPHOON - EARMARKED	
PRIVATE ONLINE DONATIONS		6'041.07	EUR	8'918.43		JULY TOTAL	
PRIVATE ONLINE DONATIONS		521.60	EUR	763.34		AUGUST TOTAL	
PRIVATE ONLINE DONATIONS		1'203.00	EUR	1'763.98		SEPTEMBER TOTAL	
SWEDISH - RC		3'000'000.00	SEK	477'000.00	29.01.2002		
SWISS PRIVATE DONOR				300.00	24.04.2002		
US PRIVATE DONORS				165'495.00	08.05.2002		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				CHF 1'916'785.30			