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## Emergency appeal operation update Mali: Food insecurity

 International Federation  
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**Emergency Appeal n° MDRML009**  
**GLIDE n° OT-2011-000205-MLI**  
**Operation update n°2**  
**25 January, 2013**

**Period covered by this Operations Update:** 1  
December, 2012 to 17 January, 2013.

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 1,042,363

**Appeal coverage:** 73 percent [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, here to go directly to the interim financial report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

### Appeal history:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was initially launched on 7 June 2012 for CHF 2,537,138 to support the Mali Red Cross to assist 142,740 beneficiaries (21,960 households) until end February, 2013 (approximately 9 months).
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)** CHF 258,538 was allocated on 5 June 2012 to support the National Society begin the operation.
- The Emergency Appeal was [revised](#) on 18 October 2012. The budget was reduced to CHF 1,042,363 to assist 58,500 beneficiaries (9,000 households).
- A [6 month summary update](#) of the operation was issued on 14 January, 2013 to summarize progress in the first 6 months.
- This **Operation update** announces a 1 month extension to the operation timeframe in order to complete the community garden activities. The operation will now be completed by the end of March 2013 and a Final Report will be made available by end of May 2013 (timeframe for the final report remains unchanged).



**Crop inspection following the emergency seed donation in Diema in September 2012. Photo/IFRC**

### Summary:

Mali has been facing many crises since 2011 and during 2012 experienced a country-wide drought and food insecurity; armed rebellions in the north and a military coup d'état in March 2012. On 11 January 2013, François Hollande, the President of France announced that he had agreed to a request from the Mali government for foreign aid and that "French forces have provided support to Mali". During the past week an armed conflict<sup>1</sup> led by the Malian army with support from the French army begun with probable further

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jan/17/eu-back-french-war-mali> and "France begins Mali military intervention". Al Jazeera. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2013/01/2013111135659836345.html>.

deployment of military contingency troops from the Economic Community of West African States<sup>2</sup> (ECOWAS) to regain the north from the various armed rebels.

Except for this recent armed conflict that started on 11 January 2013, there are no operational changes since the launch of the 6 month summary update of 14 January, 2013.

## The situation

The security situation in Mali has worsened in recent weeks and remains fluid. The ramifications of a military coup in March 2012 continue to be felt across the region. The northern districts of Gao, Kidal, Timbuktu and parts of Mopti are currently under the control of various, mainly extremist, militant groups, predominantly, Ansar Dine, MUJAO and AQIM. Mali's security forces are overstretched and under-resourced due to the ongoing crisis in northern Mali and a lack of clear leadership from the capital Bamako. French military intervention has commenced through air and ground support. A preparation for a regional military deployment of ECOWAS troops is imminent. With the recent sacking of the Prime Minister Cheick Modibo Diarra, the three-way power balance between President Traoré, Captain Sanogo (chief of the Malian army), and the new Prime Minister, Django Sissoko, remains tenuous.

The fragile security situation in Mali is likely to exacerbate the impact of the food crisis. Large internal population movements and emigration from Mali will continue to place a strain on already scarce resources across the region. Risk zones include Mali's border regions, and notably those shared with Burkina Faso and Niger to the South and East, and Mauritania to the West.

The IFRC has had a permanent presence on the ground in Mali since 2011. The IFRC team's security plans are in accordance with the Minimum Security Regulations. The Africa Security Team will continue to monitor closely the security situation in Mali and to provide security input as necessary.

## Coordination and partnerships

Coordination and partnership remain as reported in the recent 6 month summary update.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

This remains as reported in the recent 6 month summary update.

## Progress towards objectives

No new progress towards the objectives has been reported.

Food security / livelihood interventions	
<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Appropriate access to food for 6,500 food crisis affected agro pastoral households in 3 regions (Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso) is secured through the lean season and off season.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> 6,500 agro-pastoral households (42,250 beneficiaries) affected by the food crisis are provided with appropriate food production means (seeds and fodder) and 2,500 households (16,250 beneficiaries) are provided with livelihood support to enhance their self-sufficiency (market gardening).</p>	
Outputs	Planned activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6,500 households are assisted with food aid for 3 months</li> <li>6,500 households are provided with certified seeds for the main planting season and livestock fodder for 2 months</li> <li>2,500 women engaged in market gardening to receive support for income generating activities through provision of gardening-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing with the revised appeal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute of WFP food parcels (cereal, oil, vegetable and salt) to 6,500 households involved in main-season farming.</li> <li>Monitor use of food assistance provided and evaluate any further food needs of targeted households.</li> <li>Distribute market gardening seeds, fertilizer and tools to 2,500 women with communal market gardening experience.</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-20726391>

<p>seeds, tools, fences, pumps for irrigation to ensure the communities food supply and strengthen their earning potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRC food security strategic aims are strengthened through relevant training for volunteers, emergency programming and coordination with PNS involved in food security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve and repair fences to protect the communal vegetable gardens over a total surface of 10ha (4 in Kayes, 2 each in the other 3 regions)</li> <li>Construct new communal gardens complete with storage facilities and pumps for 3ha (2 in Kayes, 1 in Koulikoro)</li> <li>Rehabilitate 8 market gardens by rebuilding fences and irrigation well or replacing pumps and (4 in Kayes and 4 in Koulikoro)</li> <li>Carry out food security assessments in the intervention areas in December 2012 to determine unmet needs and self sufficiency among assisted families thereby feed into an exit strategy planned for February 2013.</li> <li>Coordinate food security training, assessment and monitoring tools with PNS.</li> <li>Support the MRC to identify long-term food security programmes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Completed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilise/train MRC volunteers for beneficiary selection processes and relief distribution activities.</li> <li>Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.</li> <li>Identify 6.500 households for cash-crop seed provision.</li> <li>Distribute adequate seeds and livestock fodder to 6,500 households.</li> <li>Identify 2,000 women previously engaged in market gardening activities.</li> <li>Train 40 MRC volunteers and 12 MRC staff in food security assessment techniques.</li> </ul>
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**Progress:** Refer to the 6 month summary update.

<b>Nutrition</b>	
<b>Outcome:</b> To improve the nutritional status of children under 5, pregnant and lactating women in Kayes, Koulikoro, Mopti, Ségou and Sikasso regions.	
<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Planned activities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutritional screening for children under 5 years, pregnant and lactating women in the intervention zones is conducted by trained MRC community volunteers and the malnourished children and mothers referred to the existing health facilities.</li> <li>Increased knowledge on the importance of breastfeeding amongst women of childbearing age, pregnant and lactating.</li> <li>Improved infant and young child feeding practices through nutrition and health education sessions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Completed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct refresher trainings for 60 (80 were planned) MRC volunteers on malnutrition screening, delivery of messages on nutrition and health (including infant and young child feeding practices)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing with the revised appeal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disseminate key messages focusing on best practices in nutrition, screening of malnourished children and hygiene promotion.</li> <li>Undertake mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening in communities.</li> <li>Refer moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases to existing nutritional centres.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unable to complete:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide necessary support to nutritional centres and referral centres.</li> <li>Organize sensitization sessions on good nutritional practices and breastfeeding.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Refer to the 6 month summary update.

## Security

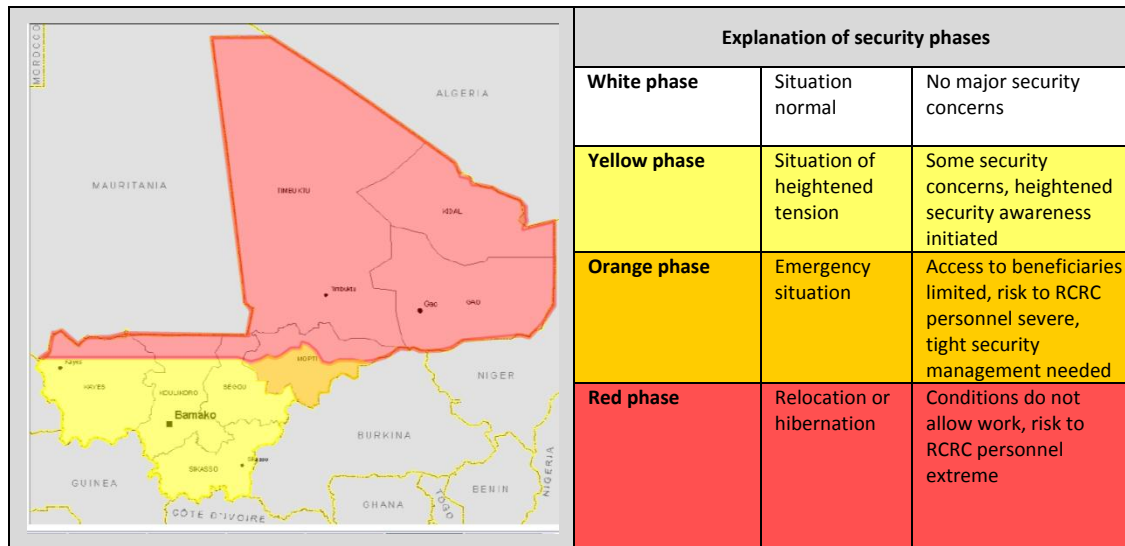
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The northern districts of Gao, Kidal, Timbuktu and parts of Mopti are currently under the control of various, mainly extremist, militant groups, predominantly, Ansar Dine, MUJAO and AQMI. Mali's security forces are overstretched and under-resourced and a lack of clear leadership from the capital Bamako. Preparations are ongoing for a regional military intervention against militant groups occupying Mali's northern regions. The political and fragile security situation in Mali is likely to exacerbate the impact of the food crisis.

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**Figure 1 - Security phases in Mali**



## Human resources

**Planned resources:** For the implementation of this operation, the following human resources were identified in the Appeal:

- Operations Manager for the duration of the appeal.
- Relief delegate for five months.
- Logistics delegate for four months.
- Support staff from the Regional Office on demands (i.e. a Finance Manager in December).
- The funding of National Society staff including a food security officer, four drivers, five field supervisors, an assistant accountant, an assistant logistician and an assistant in the disaster management department.

**Actual resources.** Given the current level of funding and volume of operations, the following resources have been deployed:

- Two simultaneous operations managers, both supported by the Canadian Red Cross, for a total of 26 weeks.
- Security delegate, supported by the New Zealand Red Cross, from the Regional Office went to Mali on a security mission for one week.

- Logistics officer from the Regional Office for two weeks.
- Logistics delegate supported by the Canadian Red Cross for 16 weeks.
- Logistics RDRD for seven weeks.
- A second RDRT for 6 weeks.
- From the MRC salaries: the funding of a food security manager and three drivers.

## Finances

The appeal is currently 73 percent funded. The contributions to date have been received from the World Food Programme, Canadian Red Cross and Government (including in kind contribution of personnel) Japanese and Monaco Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and Government.

More funding for agricultural input and seeds would enable MRC support a greater number of the targeted beneficiaries.

## Administration

IFRC staff is working hand in hand with the National Society, in an effort to increase its operational capacity to respond to the food crisis. Due to a lack of space at the MRC office, IFRC shares an office with the National Society staff. Temporary work space is being used for the field supervisors and volunteer pending the transformation an old storage room into additional offices. IFRC is also looking into the partial funding of a much needed generator for the office as electricity cuts have increased with the unstable political situation.

All Federation staff members have been sharing one residence in Bamako, on an initial renewable three-month lease. With only one delegate in place, alternative accommodations are being sought to reduce costs.

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## How we work

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The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
  2. Enable healthy and safe living.
  3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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MDRML009 - Mali - Food Insecurity

Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2012/6-12
Budget Timeframe	2012/6-2013/2
Appeal	MDRML009
Budget	APPROVED

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## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>1,042,363</b>					<b>1,042,363</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Cash contributions</b>						
<i>Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)</i>	76,604					76,604
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	83,700					83,700
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>	6,021					6,021
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	95,380					95,380
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government)</i>	231,429					231,429
<i>WFP - World Food Programme</i>	149,986					149,986
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>	<b>643,121</b>					<b>643,121</b>
<b>Inkind Personnel</b>						
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	99,680					99,680
<b>C3. Inkind Personnel</b>	<b>99,680</b>					<b>99,680</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	258,538					258,538
<b>C4. Other Income</b>	<b>258,538</b>					<b>258,538</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>	<b>1,001,339</b>					<b>1,001,339</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>1,001,339</b>					<b>1,001,339</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>96%</b>					<b>96%</b>

## II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>C. Income</b>	<b>1,001,339</b>					<b>1,001,339</b>
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-677,404</b>					<b>-677,404</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>323,934</b>					<b>323,934</b>

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## III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>1,042,363</b>					<b>1,042,363</b>	
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Seeds & Plants	304,908	301,019				301,019	3,889	
Teaching Materials	3,495						3,495	
Utensils & Tools	10,493	7,197				7,197	3,297	
Other Supplies & Services	204,417						204,417	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>	<b>523,314</b>	<b>308,216</b>				<b>308,216</b>	<b>215,098</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	3,495	3,403				3,403	92	
Office & Household Equipment	7,767						7,767	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>3,403</b>				<b>3,403</b>	<b>7,859</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		5,420				5,420	-5,420	
Distribution & Monitoring	23,204	6,765				6,765	16,439	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	56,656	28,417				28,417	28,240	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>79,860</b>	<b>40,601</b>				<b>40,601</b>	<b>39,259</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	269,126	149,051				149,051	120,076	
National Staff		1,367				1,367	-1,367	
National Society Staff	52,379	34,368				34,368	18,011	
Volunteers	7,013	6,119				6,119	894	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>328,518</b>	<b>190,905</b>				<b>190,905</b>	<b>137,613</b>	
<b>Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>								
Consultants		46				46	-46	
Professional Fees		320				320	-320	
<b>Total Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>		<b>366</b>				<b>366</b>	<b>-366</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	4,272	122				122	4,150	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>122</b>				<b>122</b>	<b>4,150</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	11,951	9,106				9,106	2,846	
Information & Public Relations	4,612	3,810				3,810	802	
Office Costs	8,039	4,179				4,179	3,860	
Communications	3,417	2,997				2,997	420	
Financial Charges	3,500	1,406				1,406	2,094	
Other General Expenses		147				147	-147	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>31,519</b>	<b>21,644</b>				<b>21,644</b>	<b>9,875</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		70,942				70,942	-70,942	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>70,942</b>				<b>70,942</b>	<b>-70,942</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recov	63,618	34,874				34,874	28,745	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>63,618</b>	<b>34,874</b>				<b>34,874</b>	<b>28,745</b>	
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								
Pledge Earmarking Fee		1,531				1,531	-1,531	
Pledge Reporting Fees		4,800				4,800	-4,800	
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>		<b>6,331</b>				<b>6,331</b>	<b>-6,331</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>1,042,363</b>	<b>677,404</b>				<b>677,404</b>	<b>364,959</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>364,959</b>				<b>364,959</b>		

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**IV. Project Details**

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
<b>Disaster_Management</b>							
PML022	Mali Food Insecurity	0	1,001,339	-677,404	323,934	1,042,363	364,959
<b>Sub-Total Disaster_Management</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1,001,339</b>	<b>-677,404</b>	<b>323,934</b>	<b>1,042,363</b>	<b>364,959</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Mali - Food Insecurity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,001,339</b>	<b>-677,404</b>	<b>323,934</b>	<b>1,042,363</b>	<b>364,959</b>