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## Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Senegal: Civil Unrest and Election

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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 94,737 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS) in delivering immediate assistance people affected by the current civil unrest prevailing in Senegal. The DREF aims also at preparing for the immediate threat of escalating violence during pre-election, election and post-election periods. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** The Senegalese presidential elections planned for 26 February 2012 have set the country in a situation of instability and violence. This is mainly due to the run for re-election by the incumbent president for a third term, considered unconstitutional by the opposition united under the banner of the June 23 Movement (M23). The validation of the President's application by the Senegalese Constitutional Council has been followed by protests, demonstrations and disturbances which have resulted in four deaths and 62 people critically injured at the time of writing.

SRCS has set up an emergency intervention based on its contingency plan. The National Society is collaborating with ICRC and seeks to implement relief activities for the wounded of clashes, to establish a system for safe evacuation for the injured people and to install advanced medical posts in some strategic points in 8 out of 14 regions.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 8 May 2012. A final report will be made available 3 months after the end of the operation (by August 2012).

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## The situation

Senegal's president Abdoulaye Wade was first elected in 2000, after serving as the main opposition leader to a one party state for almost 30 years. In 2001 he introduced a limit of two presidential terms as part of the country's revised constitution. However, in 2008 term lengths were later changed, which the president insists entitles him to run again. The Senegalese opposition, grouped under the banner of the Movement of 23 June, maintains a third term is in violation of the constitution and has vowed to pressure him to withdraw his candidacy.

The validation of the president's bid for re-election by the Senegalese Constitutional Council on 28 January, 2012 has plunged the country into an unstable situation with clashes between protestors and the police. The clashes have caused four deaths, 62 critically wounded by gunfire, and over 300 minor injuries. The worst is feared because the opposition and youth movements have threatened guerilla violence if the president's candidacy is not withdrawn.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Senegalese Red Cross Society emergency brigades are accepted by the population and the SRCS is therefore putting in place a contingency plan to manage the current situation and intervene where necessary. The regional delegation of ICRC and the National Society have implemented preparedness activities for the elections, setting up Brigades for Operational Emergency Relief (BOSU), refreshing volunteers in First Aid and so on and such plans have been shared with other Movement partners.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In November 2011, SRCS initiated a workshop for Movement partners, meant to raise awareness about the seriousness of the political situation and the need for preparedness. After this preparatory step, SRCS developed and shared a Plan of Action for the 14 regions of Senegal, focusing the work on the registration day of presidential candidates, the voting days and days of a potential second round.

The ICRC has agreed to support the SRCS by taking over some aspects of this plan in 5 regions (Dakar, Ziguinchor, Thies, Kaolack and Diourbel). The first step was a workshop on communication in times of crisis, held on 27 January in Thies with support from the Communications Department of the ICRC Dakar office.

Training of volunteers was also initiated in the five targeted regions. On the day of registration of candidates, an observer team was set up with 168 volunteers mobilized in the five regions. Events turned worse than expected and the National Society's contingency arrangements proved insufficient.

## The needs

The needs to respond to the evolving situation are related to:

- Emergency kits to support response teams and logistic equipment as well as emergency care.
- First Aid kits for CRS teams.
- Logistics for the movement of volunteers as the fleet of the National Society is obsolete.

## The proposed operation

The analysis of the situation shows that the preparedness capacities already deployed by SRCS and supported by the ICRC will be not enough to adequately respond to the expected needs. More First Aid teams must be trained and put in the field.

Regions	Population (source ANSD) <sup>1</sup>	Number of volunteers
Dakar	2,592,191	50
Kolda	603,961	75
Kédougou	129,908	50
Fatick	724,345	75
Tambacounda	651,018	50
Matam	542,201	75
Kaffrine	558,041	50
Saint Louis	894,000	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,695,665</b>	<b>500</b>

### Emergency health

**Outcome: Increased readiness of Red Cross First Aid teams to provide timely First Aid services to casualties during and after the presidential elections of February 2012**

**Outputs (expected results)**

- 500 Red Cross First Aid volunteers are trained, equipped and ready to provide Life saving First Aid services to casualties in the cities most at risk.

**Activities planned:**

- Train additional 500 First Aid volunteers

<sup>1</sup> Agence nationale de la statistique et de la demographie

- Provide equipment to 100 Red Cross First Aid teams (75 First Aid kits and 5 mobile unit help kits)
- Provide transportation and incentives for the deployment of 500 additional volunteers
- Support SRCS on logistics and interventions material
- Monitor the deployment of First Aid teams

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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.

# DREF OPERATION

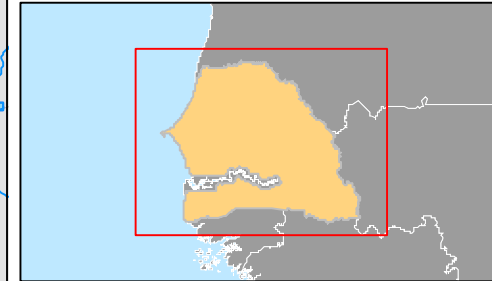
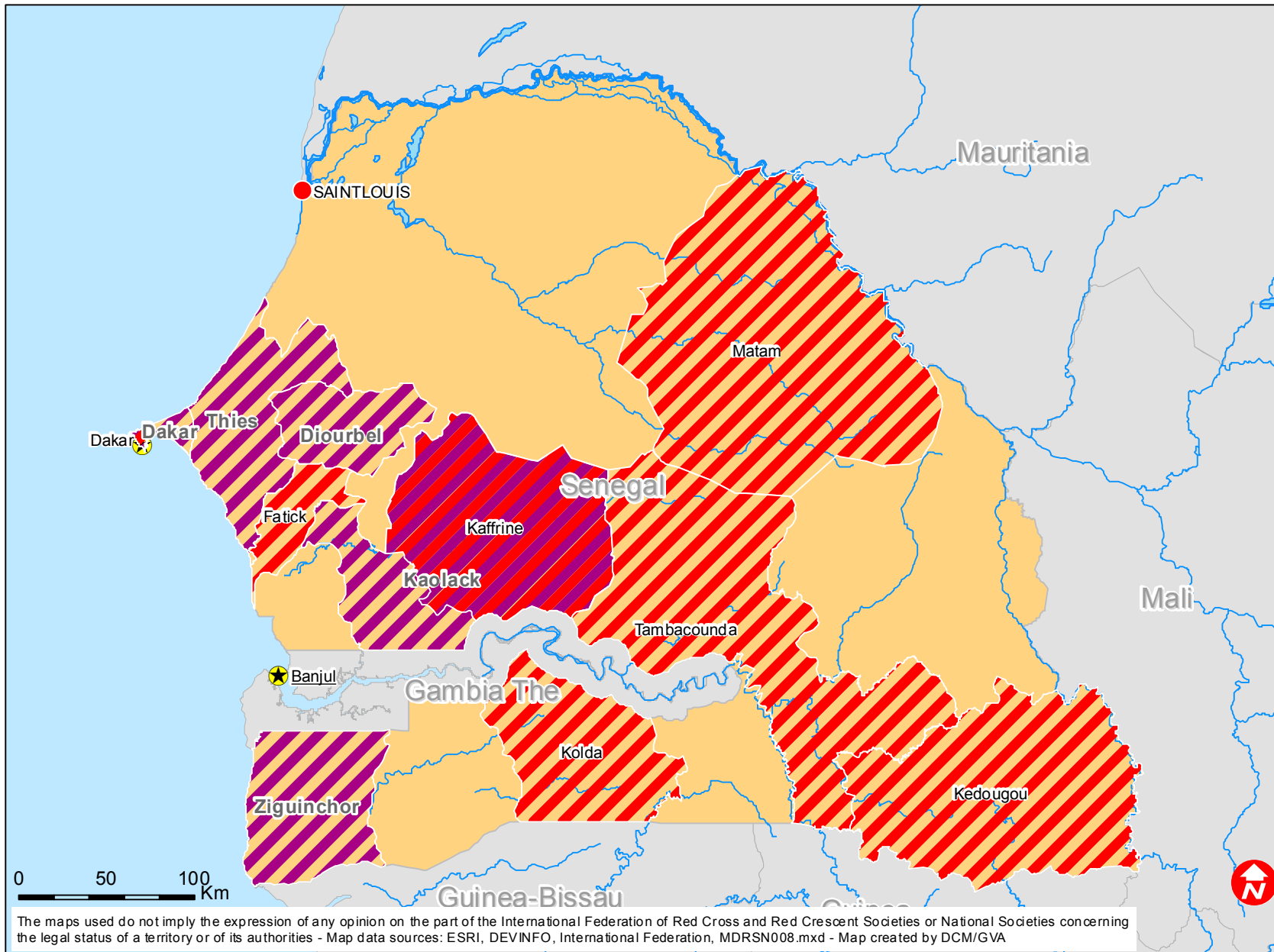
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<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	2,160
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	
Medical & First Aid	37,625
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>39,785</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	3,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,670
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>6,670</b>
International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	
Volunteers	30,500
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>30,500</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	10,000
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Travel	
Information & Public Relations	500
Office Costs	0
Communications	0
Financial Charges	1,500
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Support Services	
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	5,782
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>5,782</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>94,737</b>



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-  Targetted regions
-  Targetted departments for first aid