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Emergency appeal operation update

Kenya: Floods

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Emergency appeal n° MDRKE025
GLIDE n° FL-2013-000038-KEN
Operation update n°1
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Period covered by this Ops Update:
22 April to 13 May 2013

Appeal target (current): The floods emergency appeal seeks to raise CHF 3,538,548 in cash, kind or services to support Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) to assist an estimated 52,183 beneficiaries for a six months period.

Appeal coverage: 9% So far the appeal has received both hard and soft pledges and commitments from PNS, UN agencies, developmental and private partners.

Appeal history:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was initially launched on 22 April 2013 for CHF 3,538,548 for 6 months to assist 52,183 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 350,000 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society to respond.

Summary:

The seasonal March-April-May (MAM) rainfall is expected to cease between the second and the third week of May over the Central and the Eastern regions of the country but will continue into June over the Western and Coastal regions. However, the effects of the flood water will continue to disrupt normal livelihood and potential for disease outbreak eminent if not mitigated.

To date, more than 106,429 people (19,161HH) have been displaced, with a total of 95 floods associated deaths and 19 injuries.

Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) jointly with partners are continuously responding to the floods through search and rescue missions, provision of shelter and non-food items, provision of safe water and sanitation services, provision of basic health care and logistical support to the affected population.

The support for the appeal received to date includes pledges from Partner National Societies (PNS), UN agencies and private partners; however the gap to meet the required intervention is still wide.

This operations update 1 provides an overview of the contributions and cooperation made so far to the emergency appeal. The second operations update will be published soon to provide a report of the progress to date.



*Aerial view of marooned villages in Magarini, Coast region on 9th May 2013.
Photo by KRCS*

The situation

The MAM rainfall in various parts of the country continues to affect human population and property due to widespread flooding. The seasonal rainfall is expected to cease between the second and the third week of May over the central region and the Eastern sector of the country but will continue into June over the western and Coastal regions. During the 2nd week of May, River Nyando and Nzoia burst its banks with heavy flooding affecting several districts that include; Muhoroni, Nyando, Kisumu East, Busia, and Bundalangi.

Flood waters have continued to displace populations, destruction of property, infrastructure, livestock and farmlands in various regions of the country. Death and injuries associated with the floods have been reported. The worst hit regions include Coast (Mulanjio, Voi, Bura, Tana, Malindi & Taveta) North Eastern, (Balambala, Wajir West, Garissa, and Dadaab refugee camp) West Kenya, (Hamisi, Vihiga, Nyatike, Kisumu West, Nyando & Gucha) and Rift Valley (Kalokol, Turkana West, Solai, Baringo, Nakuru, Kajiado & Narok).

Since the floods started in early April to date, more than 106,429 people (19,161HH) have been displaced, with a total of 95 deaths and 19 injuries due to the floods. Destroyed arable farm acreage is 13,895 with a large number of livestock killed. KRCS together with its partners has been assisting the affected populations with shelter, relief supplies, basic health services, safe water, provision of sanitation facilities and immediate search and rescue operations.

Coordination and partnerships

Kenya Red Cross is working closely with partners that include but are not limited to;

Government:

- a. Government of Kenya – Food for the internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- b. Ministry of Health – Joint provision of basic health services and hygiene promotion
- c. Ministry of Water and Irrigation – Water supply to IDP camps
- d. Provincial Administration – food distribution, security and mobilization
- e. County Governments – Pledged funds for the disaster kits in various counties.

Red Cross Red Crescent Movement/PNS:

KRCS and the Federation are currently discussing with Participating National Societies (PNS) for potential support of the appeal. American and Danish Red Cross have provided funds towards the appeal, and several soft pledges and interest have been expressed from other PNS partners. Contributions towards the appeal are for example expected shortly from Canadian Red Cross, German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, and Austrian Red Cross.

Humanitarian / Development Partners:

An in kind soft pledge has also been received from Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and interest expressed from the Department of International Development (DFID), Austrian Aid, and European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) to contribute to the emergency operation.

United Nations (UN) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs):

- The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) is supporting with WASH commodities and nutrition assessments for some areas.
- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is funding reproductive health in the IDP camps and provision of Reproductive health kits for the affected population.
- World Health Organization (WHO) has contributed with some funds from the Voluntary Emergency Relief (VERF).
- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is supporting basic health and WASH activities in North Eastern and West Kenya.
- CARE is assisting in provision of basic health care services in West Kenya.

Private donors:

Also, there are private donors that have committed funds towards the KRCS emergency operation, most notably Safaricom.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

KRCS, in cooperation with its partners, has been assisting the affected populations with shelter, relief supplies, basic health services, safe water, provision of sanitation facilities and immediate search and rescue operations.

A total of 150 children have been evacuated and search for nine missing persons due to the floods have been undertaken.

Around 1,000 beneficiaries have benefitted from basic health services provided through medical camps and outreach activities to displaced households. Specific actions to monitor the nutritional status of children and pregnant and lactating women have been undertaken, and verification to ensure that identified individuals is participating in programmes targeting the malnutrition, including referrals made. Specific attention has been given to gender based violence and post-trauma counselling for affected individuals. Additionally, HIV/AIDS affected individuals have been encouraged to continue with their medication, and advice and support have been provided to those who lost their medical cards for what they should do for continued access to medication.

A total 30 KRCS volunteers have been trained in Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) and the structures for implementing and monitoring community based activities have been set up. Two emergency response units (ERUs) have been set up which provides safe water to the displaced communities, and water trucking is being undertaken. KRCS has distributed jerry cans, water filters, water purification tablets and sachets, and soap to the affected population.

Three KRCS staff and 12 volunteers have been trained in cash transfer programming and Rapid Market Assessment (methodology and tools developed by the American Red Cross) to appropriately prepare for the cash transfer programme. Structures for implementation of the programme have been set up.

No progress in the livelihood and DRR component so far, however as some funds have been received now from the Danish Red Cross, activities are now being initiated.

More detailed reporting on progress against outcomes will be provided in the upcoming operations update 2 that will be posted soon.

Search and rescue and restoring family links

Outcome: Family contacts are re-established and maintained between family members separated by floods within and outside the affected areas.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The persons affected and at risk due to the floods are evacuated to safer grounds Support tracing of missing persons and restoration of family links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation of affected persons to safer grounds Active tracing is considered in support to persons who have not succeeded in re-establishing contact with family members. Support continued tracing of missing persons and the restoration of family links at the household level. Search for missing persons in all possible areas including morgues to ascertain identities of the deceased linked to the floods.

Shelter and non-food items

Outcome: To increase the purchasing power of affected households and assist the most vulnerable and displaced households in West Kenya region with resilient shelters

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic purchasing power of 3,443 floods affected households in West Kenya is ensured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orient staff and volunteers in cash transfer programming Conduct a rapid market assessment Using the target criteria, identify and register beneficiaries of cash

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 310 households have constructed floods resilient and safer shelters. 	<p>transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and sign agreements with payment service providers to deliver cash transfers Formation of complaints and feedback mechanism Disburse funds to 3,443 affected households in West Kenya each household will receive unconditional cash transfer with a value of KSH 5,500 as a support to meet their basic needs Monitor and evaluate cash transfer activities. Provide staff and community with training, guidelines and construction instructions Conduct training to thirty (30) KRCS volunteers on safe construction techniques and sustainable building materials alternatives Conduct training in target communities to improve understanding of quality of materials and best practise techniques for flood resistant shelter. Design, production and distribution of 310 commodity vouchers for purchase of safer shelter construction materials Produce and distribute IEC materials (brochures, poster and video on safe construction Detailed needs assessment and design for shelter needs through community participation and ownership in identifying the most used or required local materials Selection of village committees to assist in the identification of the most vulnerable households to benefit from cash based shelter based intervention Selection of suppliers to provide shelter materials Local meetings with beneficiaries to agree on time period for construction and the conditionality of the assistance Trained staff and volunteers to provide technical assistance to the beneficiaries during construction of the safer shelters Issue completion certificates to the families who have completed construction Formation of beneficiary communication system
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Livelihoods

Outcome: To contribute to the re-establishment of disrupted livelihoods by assisting 218 households whose crops were destroyed by floods in Magarini District, Coast Region	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Output 1: Food security for 218 households is enhanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure and distribute 218 digging hoes and 1.38 metric tonnes of assorted seeds comprising of cowpeas, green grams and fast maturing maize seeds to 218 affected households in Magarini district.

Emergency health, nutrition and care

Outcome 1: Reduced morbidity and mortality among the 9,865 HH floods and dengue fever affected households through provision of basic health care services during three months.	
Outcome 2: Improved nutritional status of populations in emergencies (10,437 under fives, 2,087 pregnant and lactating women)	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aid services and psychosocial support has been provided to households affected by the disaster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of first aid services and psycho-social support to the affected persons and families through mobile health units. Through 200 volunteers, support the MOH in assessing and responding to the basic health and nutrition needs for the affected 9,865

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to basic health and nutrition services among the disaster affected populations. • Increase knowledge on preventable public health diseases among the disaster affected populations. • Reduced incidences of disease outbreaks among the disaster affected populations. • Improved level of preparedness for health and nutrition related emergencies 	<p>households, 10,437 under fives and 2,087 pregnant and lactating women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers will undergo a rapid training in nutrition assessments, triage and health messaging. • Conduct at least 6 health promotion and disease prevention campaigns focussing on disease with epidemic potential including malaria, cholera in Coast (Tana River, Taita Taveta and Magarini), Kisumu County (Nyando, Muhoroni, Nyakach, Kisumu East and West), Homabay County (Homabay and Rachuonyo), Western (Bunyala), Upper Eastern (Garbatulla) and North Rift (Turkana, Trans-Nzoia and West Pokot). • Design and Produce assorted IEC materials to support health education by health promotion teams. • Procure and distribute insecticides, 6,234 insecticide treated mosquito nets for vector control in Mombasa (Kizingo, Ganjoni, Tononoka and Tudor areas) and conduct space spraying in the dengue affected areas of Mombasa (Kizingo, Ganjoni, Tononoka and Tudor areas) • Procure and distribute 15,655 dignity kits (7828 Female and 7827 male kits (wrapping cloth for babies, sanitary towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bathing soap, medicated betting soap, washing detergent) and distribute to the targeted 5,000 households • Support the county health teams (in Migori, Kisumu and Homa bay) to develop emergency health and nutrition contingency and response plans through monthly joint planning meetings and sensitization forums • Continuous monitoring, evaluation and development of operational updates.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved preparedness and enhanced capacity to respond to epidemics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and preposition 2 Interagency Emergency Health Kit (IEHK) and 2 supplementary modules and 2 malaria modules. • Continuous monitoring, evaluation and development of operational updates.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

<p>Outcome: Reduced risk of water and sanitation related diseases for 9,865 flood affected households in the affected regions, during the 6 months of operation.</p>	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<p>Output 1: 9,865 HH floods affected people have access to appropriate Hygiene education, safe water and improved sanitation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, development and distribution of assorted key hygiene promotion IEC materials • Mobilize 100 volunteers to conduct PHASTER and household water treatment education for the affected 9,865 households for a period of 5 months • Procure and distribute appropriate point of use water treatment solutions for 9,865 affected households for a period of 6 months • Provide water vouchers to target approximately 500 households (3,000 beneficiaries) with access to water vendors • Provide for water trucking for hard to reach communities, targeting approximately 250 households (1,500 beneficiaries) • Rehabilitate 6 key community water supplies affected by the floods, including pipelines, shallow wells, boreholes, water pans and water distribution points in Pokot, Kibwezi, Mwingi, Wajir, Garissa and Tana River • Train existing water supply management committee members in operations, maintenance and project management for all rehabilitated water supplies • Procure, distribute and install 1,000 Sanitation Platforms in Tana River, West Kenya, Garissa, Coast and North Rift Areas. These will target IDP camps, schools, health facilities and affected households • Procure and install 1,000 hand washing facilities in Tana River, West Kenya, Garissa, Coast and North Rift Areas, targeting IDP camps,

	<p>schools, health facilities and affected households</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure assorted vector control chemicals and protective gear and carry out spraying in displaced areas, targeting Coast, Tana River, Garissa and West Kenya • Excavate drainage systems within affected areas in IDP camps in Tana River and Garissa
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Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Outcome: Communities' resilience to floods and landslide risks is strengthened in 10 targeted counties in the affected regions.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<p>Output 1: Flood and landslide affected communities are better prepared to predict, respond and recover to disasters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct trainings for 120 staff and volunteers on Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) guidelines and tools in the affected areas. • Conduct VCA with communities in 10 targeted counties • Develop community hazard maps for each of the mapped communities. • Develop community contingency plans and community based early warning systems • Public awareness and public education for DRR activities • Develop community action plans • Improvement of early warning systems by constructing river level monitoring poles in rivers Awach, Nzoia, Nyando, Miriu, Kuja, Migori Tana and Sabaki and purchase of 20 megaphones. • Strengthening of community response structures through awareness creation on flood detection and evacuation search rescue and recovery through short trainings.

Logistics

Outcome: To provide effective logistical support that enables rapid assistance provided to targeted beneficiaries.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<p>Relief items are distributed in a timely manner to the targeted population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport relief supplies to final distribution points. • Identify suitable warehouses for storage of relief items • Maintain mobilisation table • Reinforce regional logistics capacity in warehousing and transportation

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