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BURUNDI: HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODS

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In Brief

Period covered by this update: 22 December 2006 to 19 January 2007.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- A total of CHF 122,000 (USD 100,000 or EUR 75,894) has been allocated from the Federation's DREF to respond to the needs of this operation (CHF 62,000 on 20 December 2006, and CHF 60,000 on 19 January 2007).
- This operation is expected to be implemented for 3 months, and will be completed by 20 March, 2007; a DREF Bulletin Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

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This operation is aligned with the International Federation's 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.

Background and current situation

About 600 households were left homeless in December 2006 after their houses were destroyed following heavy rainfall in Cibitoke and Ruyigi provinces, located to the north and east of Bujumbura (Burundi's capital) respectively. Bubanza, Muramvya, Karuzi and Kayanza provinces were also adversely affected. The local branches of the Burundi Red Cross (BRC) reported that some affected people crossed the border into Tanzania.

The initial heavy rains in December 2006 were followed by floods, beginning 2007, resulting in further serious destruction of houses in the lowland regions of Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie provinces. Part of river Ruzizi bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo changed its path and deviated towards an inhabited area in Gatumba, 16 kilometres from Bujumbura. This resulted in about 1,500 houses being damaged, affecting more than 10,000 people. The affected families are living in deplorable conditions in churches, schools and other makeshift shelters. According to reports from BRC, damages have also been noted in Rukaramu, Rubirizi and Muntimbuzi communes of Maramvya Province, located in the north east of Bujumbura, with a total of 1,300 houses sub-merged (including in Gatumba).

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Currently, there are about 6,500 homeless people sheltered in churches and the nearby schools. The government has already identified a new location where the affected people can be sheltered temporarily as they await return to their communities of origin or to find alternative shelter. The government has also distributed food to the affected population in Gatumba. An appeal for assistance from the humanitarian groups was launched by the government.

Table 1: Damage, threats and vulnerabilities caused by floods in Burundi

Zones	No. of houses damaged	Overall situation	Threats and vulnerabilities
Cibitoke Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 250. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 hectares of crop destroyed in 2006. 452 families displaced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food insecurity
Ruyigi Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 369, (in December 2006). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruction expected to continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of food. Vulnerabilities caused by 2006 repatriations.
Bujumbura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 479 (in Kanyosha, Buterere and Camara). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victims seeking shelter in churches and schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water contamination.
Gatumba Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 549 (sub-merged and inaccessible). Latrines also damaged and overflowing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaharawe and Mashasha areas most affected, with 10% of the population marooned. A minor lake created by stagnant water. Bamboo and clay houses offered better resistance to floods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overflowing latrines and water contamination, exposing communities to risks of waterborne disease outbreaks. Residents' fears of losing land due to migration.
Rubirizi Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 650 (20 seriously affected) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beans crop extensively damaged (maize spared). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food insecurity. Spread of waterborne diseases.
Tenga Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 (Some completely, others partially). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less stagnant water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food insecurity. Spread of waterborne diseases.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The BRC (in collaboration with its branches in Bujumbura Mairie and Bujumbura Rural) and the provincial administration undertook a joint rapid assessment of the situation and the most urgent needs in the zones affected. The floods have wrecked havoc not only to the housing infrastructure but also to latrines, creating high risks of epidemic outbreaks such as cholera, diarrhoea and malaria. At the time of reporting, there were four suspected cases of cholera awaiting confirmation by medical authorities. BRC volunteers carried out water treatment using chlorine, on 14 January 2007, at the Gatumba village site in order to prevent and minimize the risks of outbreaks of cholera and other diarrhoeal diseases. The volunteers have also initiated information, education and communication (IEC) forums on proper hygiene practices so as to prevent outbreaks of diseases.

In response to the disaster, BRC received CHF 62,000 from Federation’s Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) – on 20 December 2006 – towards an emergency plan of action that targeted 600 floods affected households in Ruyigi and Cibitoke provinces. An additional CHF 60,000 was awarded on 19 January 2007, bringing the total DREF allocation to CHF 122,000 and increasing the number of targeted households to 2,100 (to include 1,500 in Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie provinces).

Revised Plan of action

The national society’s plan of action, as reflected in its response to flooding in Cibitoke and Ruyigi provinces ([DREF Bulletin MDRBI002](#)), has been revised to include provision of humanitarian assistance to 1,500 floods-affected households in Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie provinces for three months.



A Burundi Red Cross volunteer sprays a flooded area, for disinfection.

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Goal: To contribute towards the mitigation of the effects of floods in Burundi.

Emergency relief

Objective: Contribute to the improvement of living conditions of floods-affected households in Burundi.

Specific objective 1: To provide 2,100 floods-affected households in Ruyigi, Cibitoke and Bujumbura provinces with essential non-food items (NFI) and temporary shelter.

Activities

- Mobilize, train and deploy volunteers for distribution of household items.
- Purchase and distribute 600 kitchen sets, 1,200 water containers/buckets, 1,200 bars of soap, 600 sheeting and 1,200 blankets to 600 households.
- Distribute 1,500 United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) NFI kits¹ to 1,500 households.

Expected result

- A total of 2,100 floods-affected households (600 in Ruyigi and Cibitoke, and 1,500 in Bujumbura) are temporarily sheltered and have access to essential NFI.

Livelihoods

Objective: Secure the food security situation of the affected population in Ruyigi and Cibitoke provinces

Specific objective 2: To provide 600 floods-affected households with seeds for replanting.

Activities

- Identify affected households.
- Purchase and distribute early maturing seeds to the identified households in close collaboration with the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Expected result

- Destroyed farms are restored as soon as possible to avert a possible future food crisis.

Health

Objective: Safeguard the health of the population affected by floods in Burundi.

Specific objective 3: Promote the usage of long lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLITNs) for the prevention of malaria within the target groups.

Activities

- Identify the target beneficiaries for LLITN distributions.
- Organize distribution strategies.
- Organize sensitization forums for the beneficiaries to learn the importance of using LLITNs, in collaboration with provincial health administration.
- Purchase and distribute 1,200 LLITNs to 600 floods-affected households in Cibitoke and Ruyigi.
- Distribute LLITNs to 1,500 floods affected households in Bujumbura (UNICEF NFI kits).
- Follow up and supervise the usage of LLITNs by beneficiaries.

Expected result

- The most vulnerable groups, including children aged under of five years as well as expectant and breastfeeding women, have received the LLITNs to prevent malaria

¹ The NFI kits from UNICEF contain the following: Buckets, clothing items, cooking sets, digging hoes, water treatment chemicals, soap, tarpaulins, mosquito nets and jerry cans.

Water and sanitation

Objective: Contribute to the prevention of waterborne diseases in the affected communities.

Specific objective 4: To disinfect the floods-affected areas and treat drinking water using chlorine-based tablets.

Activities

- Train volunteers on methods of domestic water treatment.
- Conduct community hygiene sensitization sessions on the importance of domestic water treatment in the prevention of waterborne diseases.
- Distribute chlorine tablets to beneficiaries.
- Follow up and supervise the usage of the chlorine tablets distributed to beneficiaries.

Expected result

- 2,100 beneficiary households can treat water for domestic use in order to prevent outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

Coordination

The BRC's headquarters, in collaboration with its provincial branches which are equipped with emergency response operations volunteer teams, is coordinating the operation. All the partners with operations in Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie Provinces will play an active role in the coordination of activities in the operation, with technical support from the Federation, during assessments and implementation.

The BRC received 45 kilos of kryolin disinfectant from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Disinfection around the flooded areas, mainly latrines and cemeteries, has been ongoing. An ICRC borehole sinking project is also expected to begin in Gatumba zone. It is estimated that the borehole will be operational by early February and will provide clean water to the neighbouring population.

The national society will receive 1,500 NFI kits from UNICEF under an emergency partnership agreement for the floods affected population in Bujumbura provinces. The NS will also be responsible for beneficiary identification.

The NS and ICRC, together with UNICEF, International Rescue Committee (IRC), and the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) held a meeting on 15 January 2007 to identify the zones affected by the floods in the plains of Imbo. The meeting also aimed at preparing for a joint mission on 16 January 2007.

IRC continues to supply water to a 45 cubic metre reservoir for the health centre at Gatumba. The health centre is supported by a civil society voluntary group, *Groupe Volontaire Civile* (GVC).

A forum involving partners within the health sector – from the BRC, WHO, UNICEF, GVC, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Belgium and the provincial medical team from Bujumbura – will be initiated to put in place a road map on the prevention of epidemic outbreaks and identification of additional needs, including drainage of latrines.

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Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/4
Appeal	MDRBI002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		122,000				122,000
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>DREF</i>		62,000				62,000
<i>C3. Reallocations (within appeal or</i>		62,000				62,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		62,000				62,000
D. Total Funding = B +C		62,000				62,000

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		62,000				62,000
E. Expenditure		-25,426				-25,426
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		36,574				36,574

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		122,000					122,000	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	16,044						16,044	
Clothing & textiles	17,233		8,147			8,147	9,086	
Seeds,Plants	4,509						4,509	
Water & Sanitation			151			151	-151	
Utensils & Tools	9,324		4,434			4,434	4,890	
Other Supplies & Services	2,300						2,300	
Total Supplies	49,410		12,732			12,732	36,678	
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	26,371						26,371	
Total Transport & Storage	26,371						26,371	
Personnel Expenditures								
National Staff	3,341						3,341	
Total Personnel Expenditures	3,341						3,341	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	11,726						11,726	
Total Workshops & Training	11,726						11,726	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relation	13,920						13,920	
Office Costs	9,303						9,303	
Financial Charges			18			18	-18	
Total General Expenditure	23,223		18			18	23,204	
Program Support								
Program Support	7,930		1,653			1,653	6,277	
Total Program Support	7,930		1,653			1,653	6,277	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			11,023			11,023	-11,023	
Total Operational Provisions			11,023			11,023	-11,023	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	122,000		25,426			25,426	96,574	
VARIANCE (C - D)			96,574			96,574		

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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
Disaster Management							
PBI003	Heavy Rains	0	62,000	-25,426	36,574	122,000	96,574
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	62,000	-25,426	36,574	122,000	96,574
Total	BURUNDI - HEAVY RAINS	0	62,000	-25,426	36,574	122,000	96,574