

# DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Nigeria: Measles

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The International Federation's 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 Red Crescent response to emergencies. 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.

**Summary: CHF 153,189 (USD 138,695 or EUR 99,712) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 13 December, 2007 to support the national society in delivering assistance to some thousands of beneficiaries.**

During the last quarter of 2007, outbreaks of measles in the northern part of Nigeria claimed about 200 lives in Kaduna State. The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) initially deployed its Health Action Team in the affected areas for sensitization and health education. With support from the Federation, the NRCS complemented the vaccination activities of the government by carrying out social mobilization in the affected communities.

The Red Cross trained its volunteers in mobilization and health education. About 1.5 million beneficiaries were reached with Red Cross messages. The good collaboration between the NRCS, government agencies, corporate organizations and other stakeholders impacted well in the implementation of planned activities. However, the operation was delayed due to administrative and logistics constraints.

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**Red Cross volunteer assisted parents and their children to vaccination centre/Nigerian Red Cross Society**

## The situation

The northern part of Nigeria is a region endemic to diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, polio and measles. Since the beginning of November 2007, cases of measles outbreak were reported in the northern states of Sokoto and Kaduna with the epidemic spreading fast across Kaduna. By the end of the first week in December, the epidemic spread to several local government areas in Kaduna with thousands of cases reported and about 200 deaths. According to Kaduna State health officials, the situation exacerbated because of poor hygiene and sanitation habits of the affected communities coupled with their refusal of routine immunization.

In collaboration with government agencies and other stakeholders, the Kaduna State branch of the Red Cross mobilized its Action Health Teams to carry out sensitization and hygiene education in the affected areas. The Red Cross volunteers were also involved in referring cases to the health facilities. The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) as usual was assigned the lead role of sensitizing and mobilizing population for vaccination. With support from the Federation, the national society mobilized communities and strengthened hygiene education.

The exercise scheduled to be carried out during the month of December 2008 was delayed due to administrative and logistics constraints. However, Red Cross volunteers carried out community mobilization and house-to-house campaign on preventive measures. The national society had earlier trained 500 members of the Mothers' Club and Health Action Team on mobilization techniques and hygiene education messages. The national society also used radio broadcasts to disseminate the measles messages in local languages to reach wider coverage. About 1.5 million target beneficiaries were reached with the Red Cross messages during the campaign period. The immunization also recorded a high turnout as against the past as more parents allowed their children to be vaccinated.

With technical support from the West coast regional representation of the Federation, the NRCS worked in collaboration with the Government of Kaduna State, local governments, traditional chiefs, religious leaders and other stakeholders in the implementation of its activities. The national society also worked in partnership with the media and corporate organizations.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Progress towards objectives

#### Emergency health

**Objective: To complement government efforts in the next 45 days in prevention and control of the disease by reducing the morbidity and mortality from measles and other epidemics in the most affected communities through campaigns and programmes.**

Activities planned	Expected outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in national coordination meetings (task force) and in district health task force meetings in Kaduna State to get relevant statistics;</li> <li>• Train 500 mothers' club members, Health Action team members and volunteers;</li> <li>• Provide regular technical advice to the Health Action team and assist in the training sessions (regional health officer);</li> <li>• Carry out social mobilization activities before and during the vaccination exercise to ensure compliance;</li> <li>• Carry out community mobilization and house-to-house campaign on preventive measures for measles and produce and distribute IEC material concerning measles transmission and preventive measures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Red Cross activities are implemented in a coordinated way thus avoiding duplication of services with other actors. Red Cross experience is also shared with others at coordination meetings and during surveillance, reporting, response and advocacy activities at national and district levels;</li> <li>• 500 well trained and motivated volunteers have been able to reach the most affected people and have referred any cases to the nearest health clinics;</li> <li>• The regional health officer from West Coast representation has assisted in strengthening the capacity of the health team of the NRCS by providing technical support and advice;</li> <li>• All children under the age of five years are vaccinated against the measles virus;</li> <li>• Knowledge of the communities on the spread of the virus has improved;</li> <li>• The public has come to know more about the role of the Red Cross Movement;</li> <li>• There is a significant reduction (about 75%) in the morbidity and mortality of measles affected children.</li> </ul>

### Achievements and Impact:

The NRCS had carried out advocacy visits to the authorities of the affected local governments and the Ministry of Health in Kaduna State to expand immunization and collaborate in the social mobilization campaign for immunization. With the national society taking the lead role in mobilization, the Ministry of Health made available the vaccines used during the exercise. The State branch of NRCS actively participated in all coordination meetings at the state Ministry of Health. This resulted in the effective implementation of activities during immunization campaign.

The national society mobilized and trained 500 Red Cross volunteers from the state branch. Trained volunteers were members of the Mothers' Club and Health Action Team. They were selected based on their knowledge of the culture and tradition of the target communities. With the technical support of the West Coast Health Manager of the Federation, they were trained in health education, prevention of measles, detection and referral to health facilities. The training enhanced the capacity of volunteers to reach communities using local languages to deliver Red Cross messages against measles. The involvement of Mothers' Club members in the operation really impacted a lot as they were able to reach out mothers and convinced them of the importance of vaccination. The NRCS had commenced activation of its hygiene promoters and volunteers at the beginning of the outbreak.

Mobilization activities of the Red Cross were strengthened with the production and distribution of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material during the campaign. Knowledge of the target communities on the epidemic was enhanced. Volunteers enlightened them on the causes, symptoms and prevention of the epidemic. They were able to use their knowledge to further enlighten target populations who are mostly illiterates on the need for personal and environmental hygiene.

### Challenges:

Administrative and logistics constraints delayed the commencement of the mobilization activities. The bad state of roads and the long distance between communities were also some of the challenges faced by volunteers during the exercise. However, with determination and the support from the Federation, the state government and some other corporate organizations, NRCS was able to deliver its messages to most of the target communities.

## Conclusion

### Lessons learned

Collaboration with government agencies and other stakeholders contributed to the success of the operation; and a good network of volunteers in the branch facilitated its effective implementation. There is a need to conduct regular health education on personal and environmental hygiene activities in communities. The capacity of the Red Cross volunteers in the branch to deliver health education messages has improved.

How we work	
<i>All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the <a href="#">Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief</a> and is committed to the <a href="#">Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere)</a> in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.</i>	
The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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".	<b>Global Agenda Goals:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.</li><li>• Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.</li><li>• Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.</li><li>• Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.</li></ul>

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/12-2008/11
Budget Timeframe	2007/12-2008/2
Appeal	MDRNG005
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	153,189					153,189
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	151,915					151,915
<b>C5. Other Income</b>	151,915					151,915
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>	151,915					151,915
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	151,915					151,915
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	99%					99%

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	151,915					151,915
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-151,915					-151,915
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0

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### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>153,189</b>					<b>153,189</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Teaching Materials	2,100							2,100
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>2,100</b>							<b>2,100</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,700	6,023					6,023	-2,323
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>6,023</b>					<b>6,023</b>	<b>-2,323</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff		618					618	-618
National Staff		11,619					11,619	-11,619
National Society Staff	43,480	32,926					32,926	10,554
Consultants		870					870	-870
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>43,480</b>	<b>46,033</b>					<b>46,033</b>	<b>-2,553</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training		1,742					1,742	-1,742
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>		<b>1,742</b>					<b>1,742</b>	<b>-1,742</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel		6,997					6,997	-6,997
Information & Public Relation	77,850	71,553					71,553	6,297
Office Costs	14,602	4,976					4,976	9,626
Communications	1,500	3,760					3,760	-2,260
Professional Fees		950					950	-950
Financial Charges		7					7	-7
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>93,952</b>	<b>88,243</b>					<b>88,243</b>	<b>5,709</b>
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	9,957	9,874					9,874	83
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>9,874</b>					<b>9,874</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>151,915</b>					<b>151,915</b>	<b>1,274</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>1,274</b>					<b>1,274</b>	