

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Rwanda: Local Storm

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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 159,334 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 9 October 2009 to support the Rwandan Red Cross in delivering immediate emergency shelter to 1,000 households (5,000 beneficiaries).

A total of 2,259 households from four districts in Rwanda were affected by severe winds and heavy rains which occurred on 28 September 2008. A rapid assessment conducted by the Rwandan Red Cross and partners identified emergency shelter as the main priority needs in the affected districts.

The National Society delivered immediate relief support to some 200 of the most affected households (1,000 people) and provided an additional 991 households with shelter materials through the period of this operation.



One of 1,982 houses in Gisenyi Town (Rubavu District) that was damaged by the extreme wind.

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The situation

Rwanda experienced heavy rains and strong winds on 28 September 2008. The affected districts included Rubavu and Rwamagana located in the western province and Kirehe and Ngoma districts located in the eastern province. The heavy rains and strong winds caused extensive damage to houses, schools and churches.

The residential areas of Majengo Mbugangari in Rubavu District were hardest hit by the winds, which swept away the roofs of more than 1,000 houses. The affected population was forced to seek temporary accommodation with the neighbours, while others found refuge in churches and other structures that were not affected by the severe winds. No deaths were reported. However, a total of 51 people were injured including six serious cases.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Initial response from the Rwandan Red Cross involved assisting some 400 households who were affected by the heavy rains and strong winds. On the day of the disaster local National Society branch volunteers assisted the affected students from Rubavu District, who were traumatized by offering psychological support. The volunteers also transported the wounded people to Gisenyi Hospital.

Over the course of the operation the National Society conducted distribution of relief items in four districts. Plastic sheetings, iron sheets and nails were procured locally though DREF funding (**see table 1 below**).

Table 1: Number of relief items distributed to the affected families

Relief items	Districts				Total
	Rubavu	Kirehe	Ngoma	Rwamagana	
Plastic Sheetings	800	379	118	110	1,407
Iron Sheets	6,300	-	4,150	-	10,450
Iron Nails (Kgs)	355	-	-	-	355

The Rwandan Red Cross participated in regular joint coordination meetings facilitated by the Rwandan Government. The National Society also provided technical support to government offices in Rubavu District who were providing wood for the reframing of houses in the district.

The International Federation through its Eastern Africa Zone Office maintained close contact with the National Society monitored the situation and provided technical support.

Achievements against objectives

The proposed operation was to augment the efforts of the Rwandan Government and other humanitarian organizations by directly assisting 1,000 of the most vulnerable households with shelter and construction materials.

The actions of the National Society resulted in 1,191 households receiving construction materials and as a result were able to repair or rebuild their damaged housing structures.



Rwandan Red Cross volunteers prepare iron sheets for distribution.

Emergency shelter

Objective: **To improve the living conditions of 1,000 households through provision of temporary Shelter and construction tools.**

Expected results	Activities planned
The living condition of the most vulnerable households in the affected areas is improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register the affected people by household. • Identification of most vulnerable household for the iron sheet distribution. • Procurement, transportation and distribution of plastic sheeting. • Procurement, transportation and distribution of iron sheet, nails for reconstruction of the rooftop of the houses.

Impact

A detailed list of households affected by the severe storm was available for the National Society and other responding organizations (**see table 2 below**).

Table 2: Households affected by the storm

Sectors	Houses affected by wind	Iron sheets required	Number of people affected
Gisenyi	1,283	32,413	7,333
Rubavu	354	9,005	1,853
Rugerero	270	5,496	1,080
Nyundo	6	174	19
Nyamyumba	42	558	172
Cyanzarwe	15	189	65
Nyakiriba	9	145	54
Kanama	3	64	17
TOTAL	1,982	48,044	10,593

A total of 20 Rwanda Red Cross volunteers were mobilized to work with the local branch members and local authorities to identify most vulnerable families and distribute the shelter materials (iron sheets and nails). The same team carried out sensitization activities on tree planting in their plots, around their houses as we observed that the wind destroyed houses where there were no trees.

Coordination with the government and other humanitarian organizations ensured an efficient response from all parties with minimal duplication of assistance while also allowing for sharing of resources and technical support. CARE and the Rwanda National Police provided 4,150 and 1,500 iron sheets respectively.

A total of 1,191 of the most vulnerable families received shelter and construction materials and as a result were able to repair or rebuild housing structures and reoccupy their homes (**see table 3 below**).

Table 3: Families provided with shelter and construction materials

Districts	Rubavu	Kirehe	Ngoma	Rwamagana	Total Families
Families who received plastic sheetings	400	189	59	55	703
Families who received iron sheets	183	-	305	-	488
Total Families	583	189	364	55	1,191

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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".

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.

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MDRRW004 - Rwanda Local Storm

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2008/10-2009/4
Budget Timeframe	2008/10-2008/12
Appeal	MDRRW004
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
A. Budget	159,334					159,334
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	159,334					159,334
C5. Other Income	159,334					159,334
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	159,334					159,334
D. Total Funding = B + C	159,334					159,334
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

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. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	159,334					159,334
E. Expenditure	-159,334					-159,334
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	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
BUDGET (C)		159,334					159,334	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	135,960						135,960	
Total Supplies	135,960						135,960	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	4,510						4,510	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,951						1,951	
Total Transport & Storage	6,461						6,461	
Personnel								
National Staff	792						792	
National Society Staff	3,300						3,300	
Total Personnel	4,092						4,092	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relation	1,760						1,760	
Communications	660						660	
Professional Fees	44						44	
Total General Expenditure	2,464						2,464	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		148,977					148,977	
Total Contributions & Transfers		148,977					-148,977	
Programme Support								
Program Support	10,357	10,357					0	
Total Programme Support	10,357	10,357					0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	159,334	159,334				159,334	0	
VARIANCE (C - D)		0				0		