

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Tanzania: Floods

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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 88,353 (USD 84,146 or EUR 54,039) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 23 January 2008 to support the Tanzania Red Cross National Society (TRCNS) in delivering assistance to some 7,500 beneficiaries affected by the floods.

The affected communities in Rukwa, Kigoma, Ruvuma and Pwani Regions received relief support and recovered and returned to their normal livelihood. No outbreak of diseases were reported. The economic and social conditions of the communities to some extent improved through social networking and harvesting of seasonal agricultural crops such as maize, paddy, legumes and sweet potatoes. This in turn reduced the impact of the heavy downpours these communities had experienced in as far as food supplies were concerned.

Training on community based First Aid (CBFA) and promotion of hygiene and malaria education was conducted using the cascade methodology of reaching out to communities. Trained volunteers were deployed to disseminate appropriate messages and skills to other volunteers and community members. With support from the National Society Headquarters, respective branches organized trainings with the assistance of internal facilitators and other resource persons from government regional and/or district health officers.

The operation time frame for this operation was from 23 January to 18 April 2008.

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The situation

Heavy rains were experienced in Rukwa, Kigoma, Ruvuma and Pwani areas of Tanzania. These torrential downpours, which started on 10 January 2008 continued throughout March and April 2008, resulted in the displacement of substantial number of families.

The heavy rains caused flooding which engulfed the Mererani tanzanite mining area in Manyara Region. More than 70 people were reported dead and dozens of people were pulled out alive from the mining pits and taken to hospital. Search and rescue operations continued for almost two months and as of mid June 2008, a total of 63 bodies were recovered. In Arusha at Mto wa Mbu area, more than 1,500 people were left homeless after their houses flooded, following a heavy downpour between 28 and 29 March 2008. One death was reported and several houses collapsed. In Dar es Salaam, more than five deaths were reported as a result of drowning in flood water and/or stagnant water. In the same period (March to April 2008), floods affected Kyela district – Mbeya Region in South Western Tanzania affecting more than 39,000 people (9,466 households), the National Society made available a total of 2,000 pieces of blankets and 72,000 water guards from its stock as

an immediate support to the displaced families and later conducted a detailed assessment, from which unmet needs identified which requires a long period intervention especially on improving damaged sanitation and water facilities.

The National Society in collaboration with local authorities and other partners participated in assessments and provided basic needed relief items such as blankets, mosquito nets, buckets and water guards depending on the level of its disaster preparedness stock.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To provide non-food items to cover basic non-food and shelter needs of 1500 affected households in Rukwa, Kigoma and Rufiji in Pwani and Ruvuma Regions.

Activities planned

- Identify and set up distribution sites.
- Procure relief items including 750 blankets, 600 water buckets, 750 mosquito nets, 1,500 pieces of laundry soap, 500 bags of cement, 2,500 pieces of timber (12ft) and 1,000kgs of nails.
- Distribute relief and shelter items to the targeted communities.

Impact

The National Society procured and distributed relief items to support affected households in targeted locations. This support improved shelter conditions of those affected by the floods as well as enabled the affected households to recover and resume to their normal livelihood.

Table 1: Distribution of non-food items to the flood affected people.

| Items | | | | | | DP Stock | Total distributions |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|---------------------|
| | Rukwa | Kigoma | Ruvuma | Pwani | Tabata | | |
| Blankets | 180 | 300 | 100 | 50 | 200 | 20 | 850 |
| ITNS | 180 | 300 | 100 | 50 | 200 | | 830 |
| Buckets | 150 | 250 | 70 | 50 | | 130 | 650 |
| Soap | 200 | 1,100 | 100 | 100 | | | 1,500 |
| Timbers | 600 | 1,400 | 500 | 500 | | | 3,000 |
| Nails | 300 | 500 | 100 | 100 | | | 1,000 |
| Cement | 100 | 100 | | 50 | | | 250 |
| F/Aid Kits | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | | 40 | 100 |
| IEC Materials | 2,000 | 4,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | 8,000 |

** 80 pieces of mosquito nets were drawn from the NS DP stock*

Challenges

- At the time the NS was implementing the floods planned intervention activities, other emergencies emerged thus overstretching the NS disaster preparedness stock available for timely response.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Objective: Safeguard health and promote hygiene awareness among the populations affected by floods.

Activities planned

- To develop, produce and distribute 8,000 information, education and communication (IEC) materials and/or leaflets.
- Conduct CBFA training to 100 volunteers.
- Conduct community education on malaria prevention and hygiene promotion campaign to the affected families.

Impact

A total of 100 volunteers were trained on CBFA including hygiene promotion and prevention of malaria in Rukwa, Kigoma, Ruvuma and Pwani Regions. The trainings were facilitated by TRCNS resource persons from branches, supported by National Society Headquarters staff and government, regional and/or district health officers. The training focused on equipping volunteers with knowledge on basic and appropriate First Aid measures, diseases transmission especially malaria and diarrhoea as well as treatment and prevention. Volunteers were also trained on proper hygiene practices, use and promotion of insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs) and use of key educational messages included in produced leaflets during community education and awareness campaigns. The CBFA trainings further sensitized participants on the Red Cross Movement, its roles, activities and principles. Volunteers were sensitized on the need to observe Red Cross principles in the distribution of IEC Materials and non-food items. The HIV and AIDS related issues were also covered during plenary discussions.

A total of 8,000 leaflets, carrying hygiene promotion and malaria prevention messages were produced and distributed to affected communities. At the same time, the volunteers conducted community education and awareness campaigns on hygiene promotion and malaria prevention. It was anticipated that one leaflet would be read by a minimum of three people, this means a total of 8,000 distributed leaflets would reach about 24,000 people. The CBFA trainings conducted community education sessions on malaria prevention and hygiene promotion and the distribution of IEC materials reduced the community vulnerability towards diseases such as malaria and waterborne infections.

Conclusion

Lessons learned

The National Society at the end of the intervention appreciates the need for effective coordination during emergency response operations and will therefore maintain its close collaboration with IFRC and other humanitarian actors to ensure a coordinated, effective and efficient response to humanitarian needs.

Furthermore, the NS as a result of challenges it faced due to inadequate levels of appropriate disaster preparedness stocks were undertaken to replenish the disaster preparedness stocks to optimal and acceptable levels for effective and rapid disaster intervention incases of future emergencies.

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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Final Financial Report

| Selected Parameters | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/9 |
| Budget Timeframe | 2008/1-2008/4 |
| Appeal | MDRTZ006 |
| 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 | 88,353 | | | | | 88,353 |
| B. Opening Balance | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| <u>Other Income</u> | | | | | | |
| <i>Voluntary Income</i> | 79,452 | | | | | 79,452 |
| C5. Other Income | 79,452 | | | | | 79,452 |
| C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5) | 79,452 | | | | | 79,452 |
| D. Total Funding = B + C | 79,452 | | | | | 79,452 |
| Appeal Coverage | 90% | | | | | 90% |

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 | 79,452 | | | | | 79,452 |
| E. Expenditure | -79,452 | | | | | -79,452 |
| 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) | | 88,353 | | | | | 88,353 | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Construction Materials | 16,000 | 15,530 | | | | 15,530 | 471 | |
| Clothing & textiles | 8,450 | 10,672 | | | | 10,672 | -2,222 | |
| Medical & First Aid | 3,700 | 3,749 | | | | 3,749 | -49 | |
| Teaching Materials | 24,000 | | | | | | 24,000 | |
| Utensils & Tools | 3,640 | | | | | | 3,640 | |
| Other Supplies & Services | 1,300 | | | | | | 1,300 | |
| Total Supplies | 57,090 | 29,950 | | | | 29,950 | 27,140 | |
| Transport & Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Storage | 3,000 | 142 | | | | 142 | 2,858 | |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | | 2,274 | | | | 2,274 | -2,274 | |
| Total Transport & Storage | 3,000 | 2,415 | | | | 2,415 | 585 | |
| Personnel | | | | | | | | |
| National Staff | 14,000 | 286 | | | | 286 | 13,714 | |
| Total Personnel | 14,000 | 286 | | | | 286 | 13,714 | |
| Workshops & Training | | | | | | | | |
| Workshops & Training | | 35,265 | | | | 35,265 | -35,265 | |
| Total Workshops & Training | | 35,265 | | | | 35,265 | -35,265 | |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Office Costs | 3,704 | | | | | | 3,704 | |
| Financial Charges | | 105 | | | | 105 | -105 | |
| Other General Expenses | 4,816 | 6,266 | | | | 6,266 | -1,450 | |
| Total General Expenditure | 8,520 | 6,371 | | | | 6,371 | 2,149 | |
| Programme Support | | | | | | | | |
| Program Support | 5,743 | 5,164 | | | | 5,164 | 579 | |
| Total Programme Support | 5,743 | 5,164 | | | | 5,164 | 579 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D) | 88,353 | 79,452 | | | | 79,452 | 8,901 | |
| VARIANCE (C - D) | | 8,901 | | | | 8,901 | | |