

Operations update



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Senegal: Floods

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Period covered by this Ops Update: 24th December to 31st January 2010.

Appeal target: With the available resources, the recovery appeal has reached 1,546 beneficiaries (families) in four regions.

Appeal coverage: 47% [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Following the development of a revised plan of action based on the resources available in partnership with the Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS), this preliminary response provided agricultural tools, seeds, fertilizers and cash distribution to 1,546 beneficiaries. However, there remains to cover up to 1,254 more families.



Livestock support to affected families

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 9 September 2009 for CHF 2.1m for 6 months to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 25,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 200,000 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support regional efforts to prepare and respond.
- Operations Update (no. 1) communicated a probable appeal budget revision as the six-month appeal timeframe remains the same.
- Operations Update (no. 2) communicated that a draft Plan of Action would be revised. While there had been plans for a revised appeal budget (reduced), the current budget will remain the same.
- Operations Update (no. 3) communicated the recovery activities targeting 14,000 people (2,800 households) according to the situation changing and beneficiaries real needs.
- This Operations Update (no. 4) communicates the implementation of the recovery phase of the appeal to help support affected families. Out of 2,800 targeted affected families, 1,546 families in 43 villages (communities) and one camp have been reached with agricultural tools, seeds, fertilizers, and unconditional cash support to help beneficiaries in their recovery process.

Summary: Torrential seasonal rains in Senegal, beginning in June and climaxing during the last week of August 2009 caused heavy flooding in the suburbs of Dakar (the capital city), other major towns such as Koalack and Saint-Louis and other regions and villages of the country. Prior to the floods the following actions have been carried out:

- The Federation had provided significant initial assistance through DREF allocation to allow the National Society support the affected communities.
- An Emergency Appeal (EA) was launched on 9 September 2009. With this EA, the Federation supported the SRCS to provide an appropriate and timely response to the immediate needs of the affected

communities through non-food items (NFI) relief distribution, emergency shelter, emergency health (basic care), water, sanitation, hygiene promotion, psycho-social support, livelihoods and early recovery, and logistics.

- The Federation has also deployed a Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) and two Emergency Response Units (ERUs) to support assessment and coordination efforts, and to work with the regional disaster response team members (RDRT) who were already in place.
- Another RDRT member from The Gambia was deployed to support the SRCS in the implementation of recovery appeal to purchase and distribute agricultural tools, seeds, fertilizers, livestock, and cash to affected families in the regions of Fatick, Kaolack, Saint-Louis, and Kolda.

With limited resources as of 25 January, 2010 the SRCS in partnership with the Federation has implemented the following activities:

- 520 agricultural tool kits were purchased based on the needs' assessment and distributed to 786 affected families in the regions of Fatick, Kaolack, and Saint-Louis.
- 400 sheep (200 female and 200 male) was purchased and distributed to 200 families in the region of Kolda.
- 10 tons of seeds mainly rice, 30 tons of fertilizers (10 tons of urea and 20 tons of phosphate) were purchased and distributed to five communities in the region of Saint-Louis.
- 174 families have benefited from an unconditional cash distribution of CHF 92 (40,000 CFA) to each affected family at Camp Richard Toll (in the northern part of the country).

The approach used during the distribution was exclusively based on the desire of the community. In some communities individual affected families benefited from the Red Cross support while six communities in Podor and Dagana have opted for a joint approach. For any distribution, it is made sure that the option the community has chosen is followed. All communities were sensitized and a committee was set up for communities that have opted for community approach to take the responsibility of managing the equipment, procedures and processes upon agreement of community members.

Furthermore, communities supported with seeds and fertilizers are requested to work with volunteers in their localities to ensure their full utilization so that the community earns a maximum of benefit of the assistance.

The overall appeal activities will be implemented within the initially planned 6-month appeal timeframe and will be completed by the end of February 2010.

The situation

Beneficiary selection

With the available resources of CHF 127,000, 520 agricultural tool kits/sets were purchased to cater for equal number of families in the regions of Fatick, Kaolack, and Saint-Louis. However, 24 out of 33 communities have received individual farming tools (by family), while the rest have opted for community approach. This resulted in the increase in the number of beneficiaries from 520 to 786 families (thus an increase of 266 families at community level).

In the region of Kolda (Vélingara), 200 families (166 male and 34 female) in 10 communities have received livestock (sheep). Following verification of selected beneficiaries at Camp Richard Toll, 176 families were identified and were granted with unconditional cash support to help in their recovery process. Likewise, five communities in the region of Saint-Louis also received support in the form of seeds, mainly rice and fertilizers to support them in their farming activities since they mostly suffered from the damage of their farms. The total number of beneficiaries has increased from the original target number of 1,000 families to 1,546.

The cash distribution meant to support three hundred (300) displaced families; 176 were identified and supported. Remaining funds from various budget lines were transferred to other lines so that the operation could reach more beneficiaries. Initial plan was to provide agricultural tools and livestock but with the balance of funds from other budget lines, seeds and fertilizers were purchased and distributed to five communities.

Coordination and partnerships

During the entire implementation of the recovery appeal, there has been minimum or limited co-ordination with other institutions. All activities have been coordinated and implemented in partnership with the Senegalese Red

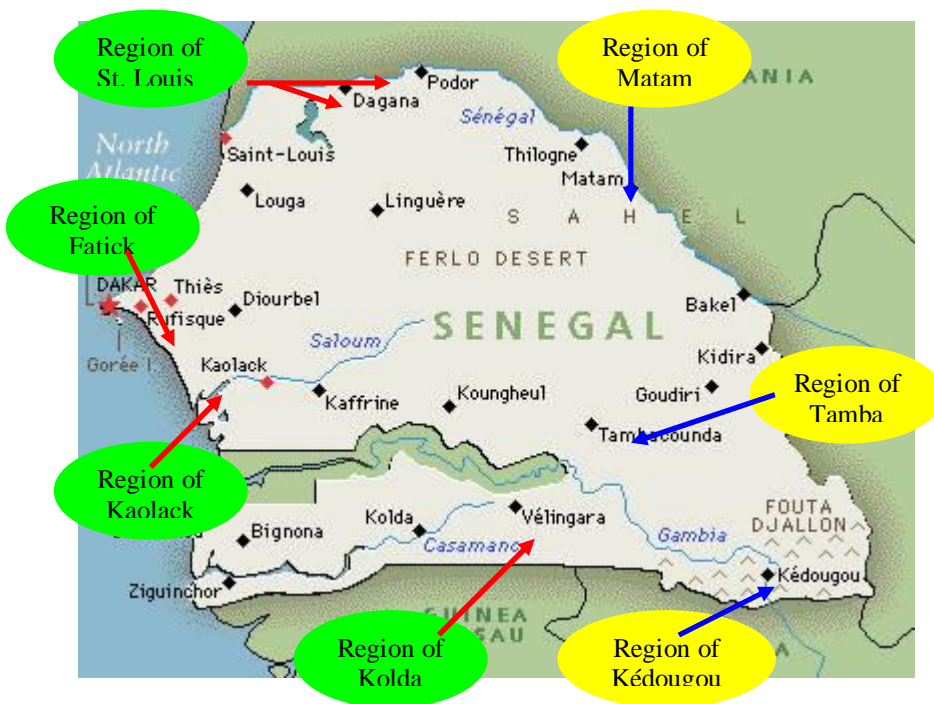
Cross and the Federation Zone Office. The Federation through its deployed RDRT personnel worked with the Senegalese National Headquarters' staff and regional presidents, coordinators and volunteers. The relationship has been cordial. Information has not been properly filtering to the branches and this hindered to some extent the implementation at community level.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Recovery
Objective 1: To improve the livelihood of 2,500 families with the provision of agricultural tools, seeds, fertilizers, and livestock in the flooded regions.
Expected results: Agricultural tools, seeds, fertilizers, and livestock are purchased and distributed to 2,500 flood affected families to help support in their recovery process.
Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 520 agricultural kits/sets were purchased and distributed to 786 families in 43 communities. • 10 tons of rice as seeds, 10 tons of urea, and 20 tons of phosphate were purchased and distributed to five communities.
Objective 2: To improve the living conditions of 300 displaced families residing at Camp Richard Toll with unconditional cash distribution to help in their recovery process.
Expected results: Unconditional cash support is granted to target displaced families residing at Camp Richard Toll.
Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 176 families were identified during the beneficiaries' selection. • Each identified displaced family was paid CHF 92 (40,000 FCFA) as cash distribution support.
Objective 3: To improve the living conditions of 1,300 families in their recovery process with the provision of agricultural tools, livestock, seeds, and fertilizers in the regions of Kédougou, Matam and Tambacounda.
Expected results: Agricultural tools, livestock, fertilizers and seeds are purchased and distributed to 1,300 families.
Activities planned: With the availability of additional resources, the under-mentioned action points will be carried out to reach the target number of beneficiaries as highlighted in Operations update no. 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of beneficiaries in all three regions; • Sensitization of all beneficiaries to receive their materials from distribution points; • Distribution of purchased materials to all beneficiaries in all three regions.

The recovery appeal which targeted to support 2,800 families was able to secure only CHF 127,000. Based on this amount, a plan of action was developed to support 700 affected families in the regions of Kolda, Fatick, Kaolack, and Saint-Louis. Furthermore, the plan aimed also to equally support 300 displaced families due to the flooding with unconditional cash support. However, during the implementation process, the number of beneficiaries has increased (1,348). Two hundred (200) affected families in 10 communities within the department of Vélingara in the region of Kolda received livestock (each family received one female and one male sheep). In Fatick and Kaolack, 300 families in 30 communities have received agricultural tools. The region of Saint-Louis has received almost half of the response; 120 individual families have received agricultural tools; three communities have opted for community approach. The total number of beneficiaries is 672. Five communities in the same region have received seeds (rice), farming tools, and fertilizers. About 174 families at Camp Richard Toll were also assisted with seeds, farming tools, fertilizers and unconditional cash distribution.



Map of Senegal

After the needs' assessment, the following items have been distributed:

- 520 sets of agricultural tools kits/sets for which the distribution varied from one region to the other;
- 400 livestock (200 female and male respectively – two for each family);
- 10 tons of seeds (rice);
- 30 tons of fertilizers (10 tons of urea and 20 tons of phosphate) were purchased and distributed to affected communities.

On this table are listed the commodities that were distributed to all beneficiaries:

No	Regions	Number of villages	Number of affected families	Number of benefiting people	Quantity distributed				
					Livestock	Agric. Tool Kits	Seeds (tons)	Fertilizer (tons)	Cash distribution (CHF)
1	Kolda	10	200	1,000	400				
2	Kaolack	10	100	500		100			
3	Fatick	10	200	1,000		200			
4	St. Louis	14	1,046	5,230		220	10	30	16,192
Total		44	1,546	7,730	400	520	10	30	16,192

The agricultural tool kits include the following:

- 01 wheel barrow, 01 cutlass, 01 rake, 01 fox, 02 spades, 01 watering cant, 01 hoe, 01 pick axe, 01 pair of boots, 01 spraying machine and 01 protection mask.
- 10 tons of seeds (mainly rice) were also purchased and distributed to five communities.
- 30 tons of fertilizer (10 tons of urea and 20 tons of phosphate) were purchased and distributed to five affected communities.
- 400 livestock were distributed to 200 families.
- Each displaced family at Camp Richard Toll has received unconditional cash distribution of CHF 92 (40,000 CFA).



Livestock and agricultural kits distributed to beneficiaries



Distribution of seeds and cash to affected families

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Federation provided monitoring and advice to the SRCS throughout the proposed operation to ensure appropriate accountability, transparency and financial management of the operations. This was mainly done by the deployed RDRT members who have been preparing periodical updates. Following the completion of each distribution in each region, an evaluation is conducted to assess the achievements and constraints and make recommendations for a better implementation. Generally, the outcome of all evaluations has revealed that the operation was successful with minor difficulties. However, there have been capacity gaps identified mainly by the Saint-Louis Regional Branch.

Impact

The number of targeted beneficiaries has increased from 1,000 to 1,546 in the three regions. Due to budget balances, additional stock such as seeds (10 tons of rice) and fertilizers (30 tons of two different fertilizers) have also been distributed. The beneficiaries highly appreciated the nature of the support they have received. Some of the beneficiaries interviewed expressed their satisfaction. This has contributed in building the image of the National Society. Prior to each verification and distribution to beneficiaries, an orientation of volunteers was organized through which capacities of volunteers were built. The operation included distribution, procurement and logistics. All Senegalese Local Government Authorities visited and briefed on the operation, expressed their satisfaction and did not meddle in the operation which has contributed in completely excluding the possibility of political interference. Some of them even highlighted that our actions are the primary role of the government. Therefore, our action are commended and supported and this facilitated the easy transportation of materials and livestock from one region to another without any security issue. Furthermore, due to the motivation they have received, the volunteers stayed as long as the operation lasted. Volunteers even used to close late in the evening with minimal pay. The operation integrated all aspects including multi-cultural and social issues and all personnel engaged in the operation took note of it and this facilitated the integration of volunteers in all aspects of life.

Constraints and Assumptions

The major constraint is the swift flow of information to local level and this has created at some point confusion and has slightly delayed the implementation of some of the planned activities. The lack of capacity at regional Red Cross level slightly constrained the implementation of the operation and contributed at some point the confusion of the materials to be distributed from one location to the other. This is further aggravated due to the

low level of coordination and monitoring of immediate supervisors and lack of adequate information (people were not in the same level of information).

Remaining Beneficiaries

With an availability of additional resources, 1,254 beneficiaries in the regions that are marked with yellow colour (see the map of Senegal above) will be supported based on their needs. The distribution will be based on the needs and the number of families depends on the number of registered families affected by floods in each region.

How we work

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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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