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In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.

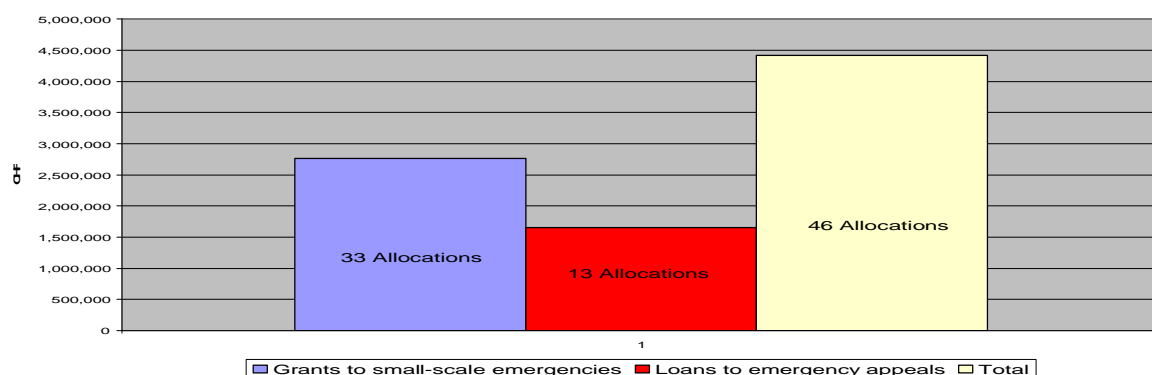


Mozambique floods, Sofala Province: Mozambique Red Cross Society volunteers testing water treated by the Spanish Red Cross water treatment and distribution unit. Spanish Red Cross 2007.

In brief

Programme Summary: During the reporting period, 46 allocations amounting to CHF 4,418,063 were made from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). Of these, 33 allocations amounting to CHF 2,763,989 were made to support small-scale disaster response operations for which no emergency appeal was launched. Thirteen allocations amounting to CHF 1,654,074 were made to provide start-up funding for 11 operations for which emergency appeals were launched. By the end of June, 10 of the 13 allocations above had already been reimbursed to the DREF.

Amount of DREF allocations January - June 2007



Contributions by donors to the DREF in 2007 stood at CHF 1,402,330 by the end of June. The total income, including reimbursements of DREF start-up funding from Emergency Appeals, amounted to CHF 1,819,211. The opening balance of the DREF on 1 January 2007 was CHF 7,910,090 and stands at CHF 6,261,187 as at 30 June 2007.

The International Federation has continued to support national-level disaster response through the DREF. Seventy per cent of allocations and 63 per cent of the value of the allocations made (CHF 2,763,989) were for small-scale disaster response by the National Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies. Donors are encouraged to replenish the DREF to cover these grants as no automatic reimbursement is made. The Netherlands Red Cross, through the Silent Emergencies funding from the Netherlands Government, has continued to replenish the DREF allocations for small-scale emergencies in 2007. They contributed a total of CHF 356,590 to replenish DREF grants, and CHF 295,000 to Appeals for which DREF allocations were made. To view the donor response table, kindly go to < <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010.pdf> >

Needs: The International Federation revised the target of this DREF Appeal (2006-2007) from CHF 15 million to CHF 28.5 million in December 2006 to ensure that National Societies have sufficient funding available to carry out their mandate of responding to natural disasters in their countries. While donors are expressing their support to DREF, the contributions to the appeal amount to CHF 7,874,057 and represent 27.6 per cent appeal coverage. The International Federation therefore encourages its partners to step up their support to the DREF.

Financial Summary	CHF
Revised Appeal 2006-2007 target	28,500,000
Contributions at 30 June 2007	7,874,056
Outstanding needs	20,625,944
Balance of Fund at 01.01.2006	7,044,923
Contributions to fund 2006	6,471,726
DREF Allocations/reimbursements 2006	- 5,653,637
Interest 2006	47,077
Balance of Fund at 31.12.2006	7,910,089
Contributions to fund 2007	1,402,330
DREF Allocations/reimbursements 2007	- 2,832,372
Interest 2007	66,297
Balance of Fund at 04.07.2007	6,546,345

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No. of people we help: Over 4.8 million people.

Our Partners: All National Societies that request disaster relief assistance.

Progress towards objectives

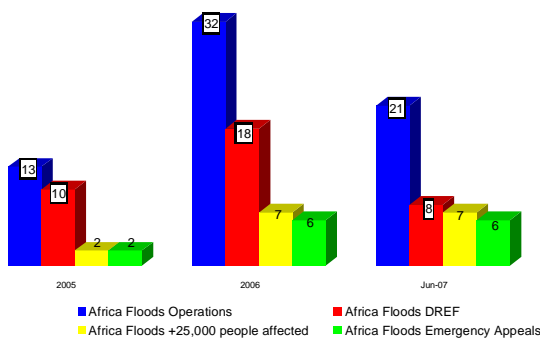
Overall programme objective: All National Societies are aware of DREF, they request for funds to bring rapid disaster response to people affected by large and small-scale disasters, and the Fund is able to respond to all of their requests.

The trend that was seen in 2005 and 2006 - of an increase in funding from the DREF for small-scale emergencies, particularly for the Africa region, has continued. Allocations for emergencies for which no appeal was launched represented 70 per cent of allocations made and 63 percent in value. This reflects the continuing increase in disaster response operations carried out by National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, most of which are carried out without international support and without the disasters making the headlines.

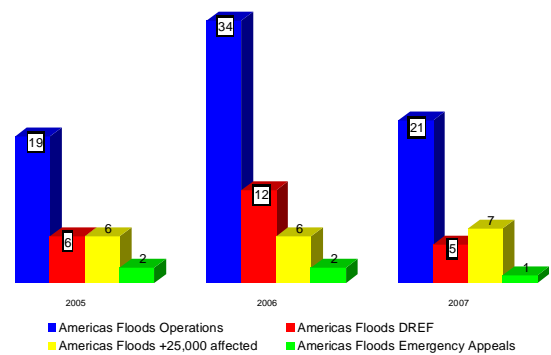
Out of the 47 allocations made during the reporting period, 51 per cent were for Africa and they accounted for 50 per cent the total amount allocated (CHF 2,213,451). Allocations to the Americas region represent 21 per cent of the total. The period was relatively quiet for Asia/Pacific and Europe. The two regions received four DREF allocations to support three minor emergencies and one emergency appeal. The continuing conflict situation in the Middle East led to two allocations being made for the emergency appeal for Iraqi refugees and one small-scale emergency allocation to assist refugees from the Narrh Al Bared Camp in Lebanon.

In 2006, the types of disaster operations supported by DREF during the first half of the year were predominately in response to floods, storms and related epidemics. Floods, cyclones and storms generated allocations for 10 emergency appeals and 11 minor emergencies and represented 52 per cent of the total amount allocated from DREF since 1 January 2007. For several African countries, including Madagascar, Mozambique and Namibia, it was the worst cyclone season in years, and the demands of multiple emergencies in the same country within a short time exceeded the capacity of the National Societies to respond. International support in the form of appeals and human resources was requested to assist the National Societies. Prolonged rainfall and isolated storms have also caused severe flooding in Americas; among those worst affected were Haiti, Bolivia, Uruguay and Argentina. Unexpected climatic changes have affected several countries: Niger, Bangladesh and Peru have been suffering from sudden cold waves which affect the most vulnerable; children under the age of five years and the elderly.

Africa Number of flood operations - RCRC Operations

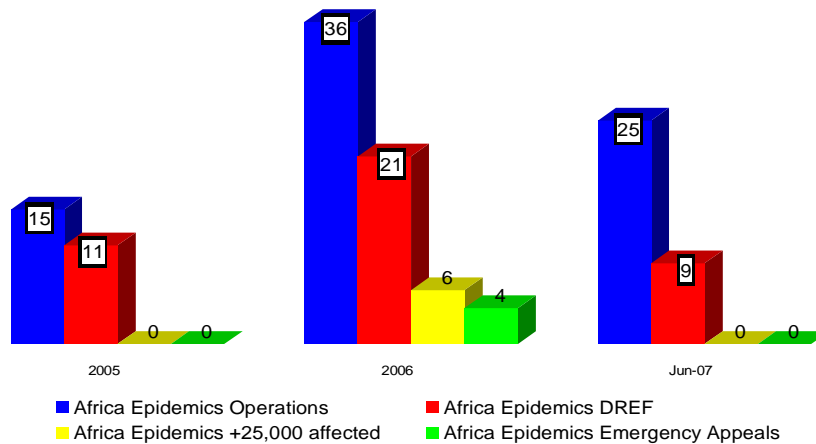


Americas number of flood operations - RCRC operations



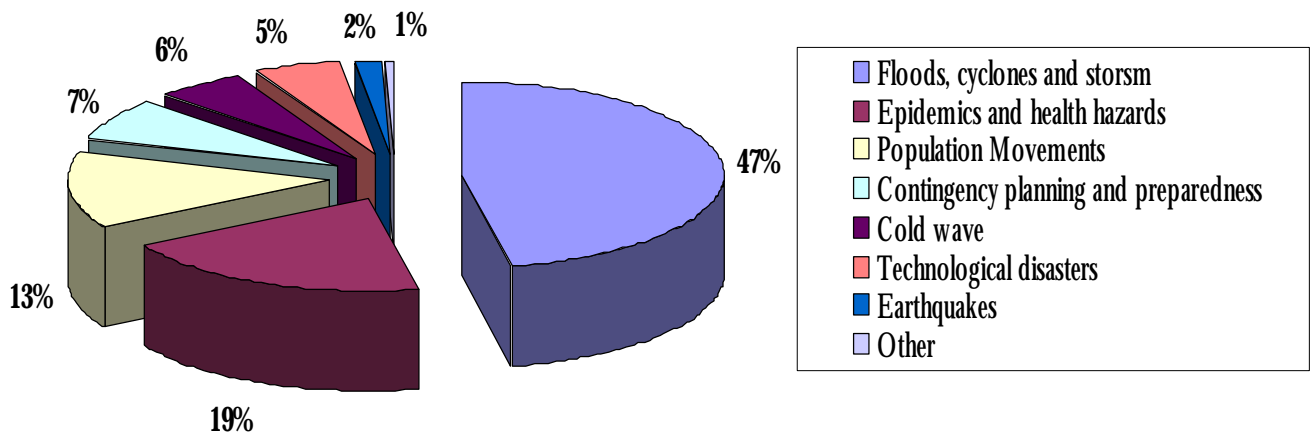
Twenty five per cent of the DREF allocations went to support Red Cross and Red Crescent response to epidemics and health hazards, mainly in Africa. Cases of cholera were registered in most of the flood-hit countries. In Congo, the disease killed 50 people. Since January 2007, an increased number of meningitis cases have been registered in several countries along the meningitis belt in Africa, which stretches across the continent from Senegal in the West to Ethiopia in the East. Operations to control the spread of the disease, which has infected nearly 16,000 people and killed 1,670 in sub-Saharan Africa, were supported by five DREF allocations. An outbreak of dengue fever has affected at least 25,000 people in Paraguay and Bolivia.

Africa Number of epidemics - RCRC operations



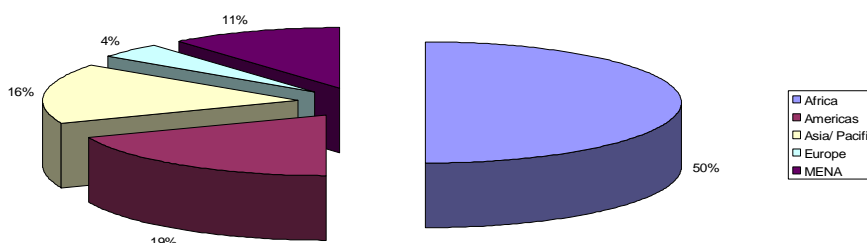
The Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies support the much needed social mobilization activities to prevent the spread of epidemics through their network of active volunteers and presence at grassroots level. However, financial constraints often hamper their activities. To facilitate a rapid response, nine DREF allocations were made by the Federation to support social mobilization efforts by the National Societies.

Types of disasters supported by DREF



Regional Analysis of DREF allocations January-June 2007

DREF Allocations by region at end June 2007



Africa

During the reporting period, a total of 26 allocations amounting to CHF 2,213,451 were made for Africa; eight of the allocations were for emergency appeals (CHF 679,074) and the other 18 were for minor emergencies (CHF 1,534,377).

Cyclones in Madagascar (CHF 283,000)

Madagascar has been hit by seven cyclones and heavy rains, which caused flooding at nearly a national scale. Much of the island had already been suffering from chronic drought. In January 2007, the Federation allocated CHF 98,000 to sponsor immediate response by Malagasy Red Cross Society (MRCS). The National Society mobilized its volunteers to distribute emergency relief items, provide first aid to the injured and relay to communities early warning messages issued by meteorological services. However, the situation has been evolving rapidly and further assessments were necessary to develop an effective response strategy. The Federation provided an additional CHF 185,000 from DREF to facilitate such assessments by the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) and MRCS. The national and regional teams were joined by the Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) deployed by the Federation following the cyclone Indlala, which hit the island on 15 March and caused the worst destruction since the start of the cyclone season this year.

Assessments showed some 126,017 people had been severely affected and in need of immediate help. The Federation, at the request of the National Society, launched a preliminary emergency appeal of CHF 773,000 which was subsequently revised to CHF 2 million (USD 1.6 million or EUR 1.2 million) to mount a multi-faceted disaster response operation. The operation prioritized the provision of food and non-food items, water and sanitation interventions, health education campaigns to minimize outbreaks of water-borne diseases and measures to strengthen MRCS capacity. Donor response to the emergency appeal has been good (88.4%), and this allowed full reimbursement of two of the three DREF allocations for the island.

Floods and cyclone in Mozambique (CHF 187,000)

In early January 2007, in response to rising flood waters in Mozambique, the Mozambique Red Cross Society (MRCS) mobilized 400 volunteers to inform communities and assist in relocating them to safer areas as well as to provide first aid and distribute relief supplies to those affected. A first DREF allocation of CHF 37,000 supported them to carry out water treatment, construction of latrines, distribution of oral re-hydration solutions for sentinel sites and to conduct damage and needs assessments. As the situation got worse, another DREF allocation of CHF 150,000 on 11 February allowed them to step up their response before a Preliminary Emergency Appeal was launched on 16 February.

On 21 February, Cyclone Favio hit the Vilanculos area, killing nine people, affecting more than 130,000 and destroying 6,000 houses and 20,800 hectares of crops. Specifically, Red Cross priorities included the provision of temporary shelter, safe water, sanitation and emergency relief items in the most affected provinces. MRCS volunteers also conducted health education and social mobilization campaigns to prevent cholera and other water-borne diseases. The preliminary emergency appeal for CHF 7.5 million was revised a month later to CHF 20.6 million to assist more than 117,000 people for the next six months. The operation is still ongoing as some 100,000 people are still in accommodation centres while more than 55,000 are in resettlement centres. The latest operations update can be accessed at the Federation's public website at: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=120>.

Floods in Angola, Burundi, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia (CHF 455,778)

The floods in several African countries did not hit the headlines, although the torrential rains and floods that battered Angola, Burundi, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia were immense. In Angola, the heavy rains and subsequent flooding in the provinces of Luanda and Moxico affected more than 16,000 people and caused extensive damage to infrastructure. Cholera is endemic in Angola and the torrential rains have caused the number of cases to increase. Since 1 January, at least 224 people have died and more than 6,500 new cases have been reported in 16 out of 18 provinces. CHF 90,764 was released from DREF to support the Angola Red Cross to respond to the needs of people in Luanda. Following another spate of flooding in Moxico Province, the Federation launched an emergency appeal for CHF 1.4 million to assist 5,000 households for three months. Due to increased needs in Moxico, available relief items and funds were reallocated from Luanda and the two operations were merged.

An emergency appeal was also launched for the floods in Namibia, to which DREF allocated CHF 112,877. The devastating floods that affected the Caprivi area in Namibia received very little media coverage. However, some 6,000 people were displaced and are still in relocation camps. Villages in the flooded plains are still unreachable, houses are either destroyed or partially flooded and water and sanitation is a major challenge.

DREF grants were made for Red Cross Societies in Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania. These countries concentrated their efforts on the provision of adequate shelter and health education to curtail the outbreak of epidemics. A DREF allocation of CHF 54,000 enabled the Zambia Red Cross Society to distribute 780 tents and 1,200 x 250 ml bottles of domestic chlorine, train 40 volunteers in hygiene promotion and to sensitize communities about cholera prevention. In Tanzania, the DREF sponsored a joint Federation/Tanzania Red Cross National Society needs assessment and distribution of relief items to the displaced population.

Hailstorm in Swaziland (CHF 51,535)

CHF 51,535 was allocated from DREF to assist some 500 families in Swaziland affected by hailstorms in February 2007. The storms caused extensive damage in two regions destroying infrastructure, homes and food supplies. With funds made available from DREF, the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society will be able to procure emergency relief items for the affected families to provide them with temporary shelter and to replenish the stock of relief items that had already been distributed.

Meningitis outbreaks in Burkina Faso, Uganda, Congo and Sudan (CHF 353,172)

Three DREF allocations with the total value of CHF 353,172 were made by the Federation to support Red Cross Red Crescent efforts aimed at containing the outbreak of Meningitis in Burkina Faso, Sudan and Uganda, the countries that had been the hardest hit. Specifically, the National Societies action included supporting government-led vaccination campaigns, social mobilization, community training, capacity building activities and early case identification. In Sudan, the DREF funds were also used to supplement the Ministry of Health's vaccine supplies, antibiotics and syringes. A further allocation of CHF 200,000 from DREF assisted National Societies of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Chad in strengthening their volunteer capacities via refresher training on meningitis prevention.

Cholera in Congo (CHF 38,000)

A DREF allocation of CHF 38,000 was made to support a response to cholera outbreak in Congo. The epidemic which started with few cases in December 2006 in the port city of Pointe Noire, spread rapidly and, by the end of January 2007, the number of people affected by the disease exceeded 3,000. Fifty people died and there were fears of rapid spread in a city of around 1 million inhabitants. The DREF allocation enabled the National Society to mobilize its volunteers and launch an information, education and communication campaign. The volunteers were also actively involved in conducting house-to-house visits and epidemiological surveillance in the port city and neighbouring villages affected by the epidemic.

Yellow fever in Togo (CHF 60,069)

A DREF allocation of CHF 60,069 enabled the Togolese Red Cross to mount a social mobilization campaign for mass vaccination, which helped reduce the immediate risk of yellow fever after an outbreak in two adjacent regions of Savane and Kara in the north of the country. The vaccination campaign targeted 1.3 million people; 97 per cent of the region's total population.

Chikungunya virus in Gabon (CHF 40,000)

CHF 40,000 was allocated from DREF to support the Gabonese Red Cross Society in responding to the chikungunya virus that has affected over 5,500 people in Gabon. The chikungunya virus is transmitted to human beings by the bite of an infected mosquito. The spread of the infection is facilitated by poor hygiene and sanitation conditions, particularly since stagnant water, refuse and waste water provide ready mosquito breeding sites. Presently, no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for chikungunya fever is available and there was concern that, without preventive action, the larger population of Libreville and surrounding localities might be infected with the virus. The Gabonese Red Cross Society was requested by the Government of Gabon to handle the social mobilization aspect of intervention. With funds made available from DREF, the National Society informed the population of the signs and symptoms of chikungunya, and encouraged them to go to the nearest health centre. Measures are also taken to promote individual and environmental hygiene in order to stop the chikungunya transmission chain.

Contingency plan in Guinea (CHF 185,000)

In January, a 17-day general strike in Guinea led to escalating violence, with over 100 people killed and 400 injured. The situation remained very tense which prompted the Red Cross Society of Guinea to request a DREF allocation of CHF 150,000 in late January 2007 to allow the National Societies of Guinea and its neighbouring countries, in particular Mali, to work on preparedness for potential population movements. As soon as the funds were received, the National Society deployed 39 first aid brigades in strategic locations. The planning was very timely and when violence re-erupted in February, the brigades attended to over 400 casualties and transported them to different hospitals.

In Mali, a radio network has been established, covering the border regions with a high potential of population influx. The Mali Red Cross reactivated its contingency plan and alerted four of its emergency brigades and National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members for possible deployment. Refresher training for 25 volunteers was conducted in Nyafwila and Kourémalé. Some emergency stocks for 100 families (mats, blankets and bars of soap) have been pre-positioned in Sierra Leone, Mali, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire for use in the event of population movements. An additional CHF 35,000 was provided from DREF to support the National Society in mobilizing voluntary blood donations to the National Blood Transfusion Centre to ensure blood banks within Guinea had sufficient supplies of blood should the situation further deteriorate.

Contingency planning for population movement in Cameroon (CHF 166,876)

In May, following an escalation of the violence in the Central African Republic, an increased number of people started fleeing the country to Cameroon. The total number of the displaced population in the east of Cameroon is over 20,400, including women and children from pastoral and agricultural minority groups. They are faced with severe malnutrition and food insecurity due to reduced livelihood activities. Recent assessment reports indicate that the malnutrition rate is 27 per cent among children under the age of five years. In addition, the area lacks health and

sanitation facilities. CHF 166,876 was allocated from DREF to improve the livelihood of some 20,000 displaced persons. The focus is on food distribution, provision of safe water, health education and advocacy.

Oil pipeline disaster in Abule Egba, Nigeria (CHF 75,000)

On 26 December 2006, the explosion of a ruptured oil pipeline in Abule Egba area of Lagos State and the resulting fire claimed hundreds of lives and left over 65 people seriously burned. Immediately after the disaster occurred, the Nigerian Red Cross Society's Emergency And First Aid Team (EFAT) was the first to deliver first aid to survivors at the site. The team evacuated survivors to hospitals and set up a register to help people identify bodies of family members and to locate missing persons. A DREF allocation of CHF 75,000 was made to procure urgent medical items and provide humanitarian services to the injured people. The disaster received attention from within and outside Nigeria: The Spanish Red Cross pledged CHF 19,290 (in addition to CHF 75,000 disbursed from DREF) to support of the operation mounted by the National Society. The additional funds were used to disinfect the disaster site to prevent environmental pollution as well as a possible outbreak of infectious diseases. A total of 150 affected households were provided with blankets, mats, buckets, soap and kitchen utensils. The Norwegian Red Cross also made a pledge to replenish the DREF funds.

Americas

During the reporting period, a total of 10 allocations amounting to CHF 826,900 were made for Americas; one allocation was for emergency appeals (CHF 120,000) and nine for minor emergencies (CHF 706,900).

Floods (CHF 733,400)

Of the 10 allocations for Americas, six were in response to floods, for a total of CHF 733,400. The flooding wreaked havoc in Haiti, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil, causing destruction of houses and infrastructures, loss of life and displacement. It is estimated that close to one million people were affected in the region, particularly the poor and vulnerable groups (children, women and elderly).

In Bolivia, the situation was aggravated with outbreaks of dengue fever. A DREF allocation of CHF 120,000 was made on 15 February - the same day that the Emergency Appeal was launched - to support immediate response by the Bolivian Red Cross while waiting for additional donor support. The International Federation also supported the operation through its regional delegation in Lima by mobilizing two Regional Intervention Team (RIT) members to assist in coordination, assessments and relief distributions.

The Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) also mobilized four RIT members and one disaster management delegate to support the Uruguay Red Cross when it was called upon to respond to the worst floods in over 50 years after prolonged rain in March and April. A DREF allocation of CHF 140,000 supported the National Society in its relief operation by providing psycho-social support to the affected families and in capacity building of Uruguayan Red Cross volunteers through a training course for National Intervention Team (NIT) members.

In addition, heavy rainfall in the region severely affected Argentina. In response, the Argentine Red Cross mobilized 200 volunteers to meet the needs of those affected by conducting hygiene promotion and health education activities to prevent outbreak of water-borne diseases. The National Society received a DREF allocation of CHF 178,400 to respond to this disaster.

The largest DREF allocation made during the first six months in the Americas region was a CHF 200,000 grant to the Haiti Red Cross to support them in bringing relief to 5,500 families affected by flooding after prolonged heavy rainfall in March, April and May 2007. The DREF funds also allowed the National Society to replenish the non-food items it distributed to families in four out of the five affected districts and to mobilize previously trained volunteers to carry out awareness-raising sessions among the affected communities in environmental health and sanitation. Educational materials were produced to support the sensitization campaigns.

Cold wave in Peru (CHF 18,000)

Towards the end of June 2007, a DREF allocation of CHF 18,000 was allocated to respond to the most urgent needs of the population in Peru that was affected by sudden cold waves. The winter season started in June with an abrupt change of temperature which has fallen to a low of -25°C. The Peruvian Government qualified the situation as 'dramatic' and declared a state of emergency for a period of 60 days in 13 departments in the country. Many children living in poor regions of the country are malnourished and have been the main victims of the severe cold wave. Official reports state that 48 children under five years of age have died and more than 200,000 Peruvians are affected by this emergency. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made an official request for international assistance. The preliminary DREF request made by the Peruvian Red Cross seeks to cover logistics costs associated with planned assessments to be carried out by three Red Cross teams in the four of the most affected departments.

Dengue Fever outbreak in Paraguay (CHF 68,000)

Two DREF allocations of CHF 68,000 were made to support the Paraguayan Red Cross (PRC) in its efforts to improve the living conditions of the population affected by the recent dengue fever outbreak and help prevent the further spread of the disease. According to official statistics, dengue fever has affected over 25,000 people in Paraguay since the start of the year. However, there are fears the actual number may be in the realm of 100,000. The infection rates have been worryingly high and the Government of Paraguay declared a state of national emergency. The PRC's three-month Plan of Action, which is currently being implemented, targets five departments at the regional level and focuses on two main areas of action, the provision of medical equipment and medicines for patients with the disease, and raising awareness among local communities on dengue prevention. The beneficiaries include those who are most seriously affected and those who are most vulnerable to infection.

Fires in Panama (CHF 7,500)

The smallest allocation made this year was for recent fires in Panama (on 12 June 2007) which affected 49 families (240 persons) living in poor districts of the capital. The DREF allocation, CHF 7,500, will be used by the Red Cross Society of Panama to procure kitchen sets, hygiene kits and clothes for those who lost all their belongings during the incident.

Asia/Pacific

Two allocations were made for Asia/Pacific for a total of CHF 215,000; one of CHF 65,000 for an emergency appeal and the other a CHF 150,000 minor emergency grant.

Earthquake and tidal wave in Solomon Islands (CHF 65,000)

The first DREF allocation was made on 2 April 2007 in response to an earthquake that struck Western and Choiseul provinces of the Solomon Islands, causing a localized tsunami. The combined effect of the earthquake and tsunami resulted in significant damage and loss of life. The unconfirmed death toll is at 52 with the number of displaced people estimated at 9,000. A DREF allocation of CHF 65,000 was made to carry out early assessments and to distribute relief goods to people made homeless by the disaster. A total of 1,857 families were provided with food and non-food items. When the true scale of the disaster started to emerge, the Federation, at the request of the National Society, launched a preliminary emergency appeal for CHF 1.1 million for four months to assist 5,000 people. The revised appeal increased the budget to CHF 1.6 million for nine months to assist 9,000 people. Red Cross response is focused on the medium-term needs for shelter as Government figures estimate over 6,000 households are in need of shelter support.

Cold Wave in Bangladesh (CHF 150,000)

A DREF allocation of CHF 150,000 was made to support a minor emergency in Bangladesh when a cold wave in January caused suffering to approximately 1.9 million people across the country. A total of 141 people died. People who were poorly resourced to cope with colder weather and unable to buy warm clothing, quilts and blankets were heavily impacted by the cold. The number of patients suffering from cold-related diseases like pneumonia, fever, cold, diarrhoea, asthma and respiratory problems increased. Children, women and the elderly are the worst affected, along with homeless people in towns and cities. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society responded by

distributing 8,700 blankets from its emergency stock. An additional 30,000 blankets were procured, through the allocated DREF funds. By the end of the operation, a total of 25,050 blankets had been dispatched to Red Crescent branches, of which 24,066 were reported as distributed, and a further 13,650 were kept as a buffer stock.

Europe

Two small-scale emergency operations were supported in Europe; a mine blast in Russia to which CHF 105,000 was released and, floods in Tajikistan for which CHF 85,115 was allocated from DREF.

Mine blast in Russia (CHF 105,000)

A total of 110 died people died in a mine explosion in Russia's Kemerevo Region in Western Siberia. A DREF allocation of CHF 105,000 was made to the Russian Red Cross (RRC) to sponsor psycho-social support to family members of the deceased and those involved in rescue operations. A mobile team of psychologists and nurses from the RRC centre in Beslan will support their colleagues in Kemerovo.

Floods and mudflows in Tajikistan (CHF 85,115)

During the night of 16 to 17 April, torrential and heavy rainfall resulted in flash floods and debris flows in the eastern and northern part of the country. There was damage to the already poor infrastructure, residential buildings and agriculture. A number of villages were heavily affected and isolated when bridges and kilometres of road were washed away. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) immediately sent teams to assess the situation and damage, give first aid to the injured and provide non-food items from its contingency stock. A DREF allocation of CHF 85,115 was made to procure plastic sheeting, sets of bed linen, mattresses, pillows, hygiene kits, cooking sets, quilts, plastic buckets and water cans for 300 most affected households whose homes were totally or partly destroyed and their properties were lost.

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

During the reporting period, a total of five allocations were made for MENA for CHF 472,597; two allocations were made for emergency appeals (CHF 290,000) and three for minor emergencies (CHF 182,597).

Displaced from Iraq (CHF 290,000)

The extremely volatile security situation, the high level of violence, an economy in chaos and the limited possibilities of the Iraqi Government to cater for the basic needs of its population continued to force thousands of Iraqis to either leave their country or look for a safer location in Iraq. It is estimated around 2 million Iraqis are currently seeking a place of safety abroad, mainly in Syria and Jordan. The burden on the host communities and governments has been enormous. To encourage these governments to maintain the generous policy they have shown towards the displaced in their countries, the Federation has called on the Movement and other humanitarian actors to take a fair share of responsibility for the displaced and ease the burden on the host countries. In March 2007, it released CHF 40,000 from DREF to sponsor a Technical Assessment Mission to Middle East to assist the National Societies of the region to define humanitarian needs of the displaced as well as means to respond to them. On 16 April, an Emergency Appeal was launched for CHF 18 million to assist up to 100,000 displaced families (60,000 Iraqis in Syria and 40,000 in Jordan) for 12 months, with possible extension depending on the situation in the region. A further allocation of CHF 250,000 was made on 27 April 2007 to support a start-up of the emergency operation which prioritizes the provision of curative and preventive primary health care services and the targeted non-food assistance by the host Red Crescent National Societies.

Refugees in Palestine (CHF 67,597)

A DREF of CHF 67,597 was allocated on 30 May 2007 to support the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Lebanon (PRCS/L) in delivering humanitarian assistance to Palestinian refugees in the northern city of Tripoli in Lebanon. For several days, the

refugees had been caught in clashes between the Lebanese Armed Forces and an armed group inside a refugee camp. In close cooperation with LRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation in Lebanon and the PRCS/L operated throughout the crisis in the camp by treating wounded people at the PRCS health clinic. The PRCS/L also established a field hospital, which was operated by three PRCS doctors and 11 nurses, who live in the camp. With funds made available from DREF, PRCS/L has, in addition, provided food and non-food items to the refugees.

Fire in Egypt (CHF 70,000)

A fire in one of the squatter areas of Cairo left 370 families (some 2,000 people) homeless. A DREF of CHF 70,000 was provided to facilitate the relocation of the affected families to a temporary accommodation for a couple of months until they would be moved by the authorities to a permanent housing under the government-led urban development project. Part of the DREF money was used to replenish the National Society's disaster preparedness stocks that have already been distributed to the affected families.

Floods in Tunisia (CHF 45,000)

The Tunisian Red Crescent requested CHF 45,000 from DREF to sponsor the procurement and distribution of blankets, mattresses and food parcels for 372 families who had been affected by floods in April 2007.

Conclusion

In countries where infrastructure and public health systems are weak or inexistent the needs caused by floods and epidemics can often only be met by local humanitarian organizations. In sub-Saharan Africa, most countries are below a HDI index level of 150 and weak peripheral health care systems, which means they have serious problems to cope with or recover from disasters. The National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are often in the front line and financial support for their emergency response is vital. For 67% of the operations carried out in 2006 by the National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation provided the funds necessary to cover the costs of an operation. The amount of grant allocations that are not reimbursed to the DREF has increased by 400% since 2004. The International Federation relies on the donors to replenish the DREF so as to allow them to continue supporting this scale-up of national level disaster response

Climate change can be expected to aggravate the effects of extreme weather conditions and it will again be the poorest countries that suffer most. The lack of water in many countries will lead to migration, conflict and further vulnerability of the poorest people. Community level response by National Society volunteers is vital to preventing further suffering and even to survival of those affected.

Looking ahead

In the second half of 2007, the International Federation will continue to encourage the use of the DREF by its National Societies and promote the fund with the donor community by highlighting its impact and by encouraging innovative and effective funding partnerships similar to what it has with the Netherlands Red Cross and Netherlands Government.

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Appeal Target		28,500,000				0
B. Opening Balance		7,044,923				7,044,923
Contributions DREF Appeal						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
Australian Red Cross		0				0
British Red Cross		0				0
Canadian Red Cross Society		0				0
Charities Aid Foundation		10,208				10,208
Danish Red Cross		510,097				510,097
Denmark - Private Donors		50,255				50,255
DFID Partnership		709,604				709,604
France - Private Donors		390				390
Great Britain - Private Donors		21,826				21,826
Icelandic Red Cross		208,588				208,588
Irish Government		1,591,000				1,591,000
Japanese Red Cross Society		156,000				156,000
Lichtenstein - Private Donors		69,396				69,396
Luxembourg Red Cross		4,533				4,533
Netherlands Red Cross		1,040,712				1,040,712
New York Office		306,711				306,711
Norwegian Red Cross		2,219,373				2,219,373
On Line donations		14,335				14,335
Other		-565				-565
PRM		97,560				97,560
Singapore Red Cross Society		1,501				1,501
Spanish Red Cross		18,709				18,709
Swedish Red Cross		170,571				170,571
Switzerland - Private Donors		101,780				101,780
Turkish Govt		184,500				184,500
Unidentified donor		-2,093				-2,093
United States - Private Donors		36,080				36,080
C1. Cash contributions		7,521,074				7,521,074
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
DFID Partnership		194,201				194,201
Icelandic Red Cross		-66,950				-66,950
Netherlands Red Cross		20,384				20,384
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		147,636				147,636
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
DFID Partnership		205,347				205,347
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)		205,347				205,347
Total Contributions		7,874,057				7,874,057
DREF						
<u>DREF Allocations/Reimbursements</u>						
DREF		-8,486,009				2,606,163
C4. DREF Allocations/Reimbursements		-8,486,009				2,606,163
INTEREST						
<u>Other Income</u>						
Interest Paid on General Funds		113,374				113,374
C5. Other Income		113,374				113,374
D. Closing Balance		6,546,345				6,546,345

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AFRICA					
	M04ME030	WEST AFRICA: CIVIL UNREST IN COTE D'	0.00	-15.16	-15.16
	M05EA018	SIERRA LEONE: FLOODS	0.00	-79,046.52	-79,046.52
	M05EA025	SUDAN: ASSISTANCE TO RETURNEES & AFF	0.00	-500,000.00	-500,000.00
	M05ME008	UGANDA: CONGOLESE REFUGEES	0.00	-39,316.66	-39,316.66
	M05ME013	SOUTHERN AFRICA EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDN	0.00	-21.61	-21.61
	M05ME016	ANGOLA - FLOODS 2005	0.00	-17,143.73	-17,143.73
	M05ME020	SENEGAL: CHOLERA	0.00	-2,942.42	-2,942.42
	M05ME021	ANGOLA: MARBURG HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER O	0.00	-113,918.80	-113,918.80
	M05ME025	TANZANIA/ZANZIBAR: FLOODS	0.00	-62.68	-62.68
	M05ME054	SENEGAL: FLOODS 2005	0.00	-4,841.60	-4,841.60
	M05ME067	MALI: YELLOW FEVER	0.00	-26,590.87	-26,590.87
	M05ME068	SUDAN: YELLOW FEVER	0.00	-54.00	-54.00
	M05ME069	GHANA: CHOLERA	0.00	-7,488.72	-7,488.72
	M05ME075	TANZANIA: EARTHQUAKE	0.00	-2,144.12	-2,144.12
	MDR61001	WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA - MENINGITIS	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
	MDR62001	CENTRAL AFRICA - CONTINGENCY PLAN. P	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00
	MDR62002	CENTRAL AFRICA SUB REG FLOODS	169,213.00	0.00	169,213.00
	MDR64001	EAST AFRICA: REGIONAL DROUGHT RESPON	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
	MDRAO001	ANGOLA - CHOLERA	200,166.00	0.00	200,166.00
	MDRAO002	ANGOLA - LUANDA FLOOD	90,764.00	-90,764.00	0.00
	MDRBF001	BURKINA FASO - MENINGITIS	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	MDRBF002	BURKINA FASO: FLOODS	59,111.00	-2,945.48	56,165.52
	MDRBF003	BURKINA FASO MENINGITIS 07	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00
	MDRBI001	BURUNDI REFUGEES & IDP RETURNEES	90,525.00	-90,525.00	0.00
	MDRBI002	BURUNDI - HEAVY RAINS	122,000.00	0.00	122,000.00
	MDRCG001	CONGO - FLOODS	145,912.00	0.00	145,912.00
	MDRCG002	REP OF CONGO - CHOLERA	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00
	MDRCI001	COTE D'IVOIRE - HEALTH HAZARD	120,000.00	-983.93	119,016.07
	MDRCM001	CAMEROON - POP MVT IN CENTRAL AFRICA	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
	MDRCM002	CAMEROON - CHOLERA BAFOUSSAM	38,000.00	-0.90	37,999.10
	MDRCM003	CAMEROON - PLANE CRASH	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
	MDRCM004	CAMEROON - POPULATION MOVEMENT	166,876.00	0.00	166,876.00
	MDRET001	ETHIOPIA - DROUGHT	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
	MDRET002	ETHIOPIA: DIARRHOEA OUTBREAK	56,000.00	0.00	56,000.00
	MDRET003	ETHIOPIA: FLOODS	294,000.00	-294,000.00	0.00
	MDRGA001	GABON - CHIKUNGUNYA	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
	MDRGM001	GAMBIA - POPULATION MOVEMENT	45,000.00	-248.56	44,751.44
	MDRGM002	GAMBIA - FIRE	20,325.00	-135.72	20,189.28
	MDRGN001	GUINEA - CHOLERA OUTBREAK	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
	MDRGN002	GUINEA - POPULATION MOVEMENT	185,000.00	0.00	185,000.00
	MDRKE001	KENYA DROUGHT	427,808.00	-427,808.00	0.00
	MDRKE002	KENYA - AVIAN FLU	21,300.00	0.00	21,300.00
	MDRKE003	KENYA - FLOODS	750,000.00	-750,000.00	0.00
	MDRMG001	MADAGASCAR - CYCLONE CLOVIS	98,000.00	0.00	98,000.00
	MDRMG002	MADAGASCAR - CYCLONES	185,000.00	-185,000.00	0.00
	MDRML001	MALI: MENINGITIS	27,000.00	-536.75	26,463.25
	MDRML002	MALI - DROUGHT	156,400.00	-5,094.30	151,305.70
	MDRML003	MALI - FIRE	53,044.00	0.00	53,044.00
	MDRMR001	MAURITANIA - FLOODS	60,000.00	-1,272.97	58,727.03
	MDRMW001	MALAWI - FLOODS	99,826.00	-3,052.55	96,773.45
	MDRMW002	MALAWI - FLOODS	88,704.00	0.00	88,704.00

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	MDRMZ001	MOZAMBIQUE: CHOLERA	50,000.00	-1.17	49,998.83
	MDRMZ002	MOZAMBIQUE - FLOODS & CYCLONES	187,000.00	-187,000.00	0.00
	MDRNA001	NAMIBIA - FLOODS	90,000.00	-6,055.63	83,944.37
	MDRNA002	NAMIBIA - POLIO	55,247.00	0.00	55,247.00
	MDRNA003	NAMIBIA - FLOODS CAPRIVI	112,310.00	-112,310.00	0.00
	MDRNE001	NIGER - FLOODS BILMA	48,800.00	0.00	48,800.00
	MDRNG001	NIGERIA - AVIAN INFLUENZA	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
	MDRNG002	NIGERIA PIPELINE	94,290.00	0.00	94,290.00
	MDRNG003	NIGERIA - CONTINGENCY PLAN ELECTION	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
	MDRRW001	RWANDA - DROUGHT	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00
	MDRRW002	RWANDA - POPULATION MOVEMENT	160,000.00	0.00	160,000.00
	MDRSC001	SEYCHELLES - CHIKUNGUNYA EPIDEMIC	35,518.00	-698.18	34,819.82
	MDRSD001	SUDAN - CHOLERA	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00
	MDRSD002	SUDAN - FLOODS	225,015.00	0.00	225,015.00
	MDRSD003	SUDAN - MENINGITIS	214,172.00	0.00	214,172.00
	MDRSL001	SIERRA LEONE - CHOLERA	149,805.00	0.00	149,805.00
	MDRSZ001	SWAZILAND: HAILSTORM	74,250.90	0.00	74,250.90
	MDRSZ002	SWAZILAND - HEAVY RAINS	51,535.00	0.00	51,535.00
	MDRTD001	CHAD - CHOLERA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	MDRTD002	CHAD - FLOODS 2006	90,000.00	-0.01	89,999.99
	MDRTG001	TOGO: YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
	MDRTZ001	TANZANIA - DROUGHT	250,000.00	-250,000.00	0.00
	MDRTZ002	TANZANIA - FLOODS	73,000.00	-228.60	72,771.40
	MDRTZ003	TANZANIA - MALARIA	42,500.00	-16,739.54	25,760.46
	MDRTZ004	TANZANIA - FLOODS	30,470.00	-0.75	30,469.25
	MDRTZ005	TANZANIA - FLOODS	93,000.00	-50,000.00	43,000.00
	MDRUG001	UGANDA - CHOLERA	35,847.00	-2,519.06	33,327.94
	MDRUG002	UGANDA - FLOODS	41,393.00	0.00	41,393.00
	MDRUG003	UGANDA - CHOLERA OUTBREAK	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
	MDRUG004	UGANDA - MENINGITIS	69,000.00	0.00	69,000.00
	MDRZM001	ZAMBIA CHOLERA	50,000.00	-28.15	49,971.85
	MDRZM002	ZAMBIA - KAZUNGULA FLOODS	60,000.03	0.00	60,000.03
	MDRZM003	ZAMBIA - CHOLERA	57,213.00	-643.95	56,569.05
	MDRZM004	ZAMBIA - SOLWEZI/MPULUNGU FLOODS	54,000.00	-54,000.00	0.00
	MDRZR001	DR CONGO - CHOLERA 2006	49,000.00	-8.66	48,991.34
	MDRZR002	DR CONGO - FLOODS	28,718.00	-18.05	28,699.95
		AFRICA	8,085,057.93	-3,626,206.80	4,458,851.13

AMERICAS

	M04ME022	CARIBBEAN: HURRICANE JEANNE	0.00	-24,891.53	-24,891.53
	M05ME031	EL SALVADOR: TROPICAL STORM ADRIAN	0.00	-52,137.14	-52,137.14
	M05ME033	BOLIVIA: SOCIAL UNREST	0.00	-788.10	-788.10
	M05ME036	CHILE: EARTHQUAKE	0.00	-4,894.39	-4,894.39
	M05ME042	CARIBBEAN: HURRICANE DENNIS 2005	0.00	-207,547.05	-207,547.05
	M05ME055	PADRU: HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS	0.00	-1,027.69	-1,027.69
	M05ME056	BOLIVIA: FIRE SEPTEMBER 2005	0.00	-440.76	-440.76
	M05ME060	PARAGUAY: DROUGHT 2005	0.00	-2,238.92	-2,238.92
	M05ME062	COLOMBIA & NICARAGUA. HURRICANE BETA	0.00	-23,284.30	-23,284.30
	M05ME065	COLOMBIA: GALERAS VOLCANO & FLOODS	0.00	-7,646.22	-7,646.22
	M05ME066	HONDURAS: TROPICAL STORM GAMMA	0.00	-3,655.31	-3,655.31
	MDR42001	PADRU - HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNES	100,000.00	-40,886.49	59,113.51
	MDRAR001	ARGENTINA: FLOODS	100,000.00	-1,610.42	98,389.58
	MDRAR002	ARGENTINA - FLOODS	178,400.00	0.00	178,400.00

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	MDRBO001	BOLIVIA - FLOODS	108,000.00	-1,168.12	106,831.88
	MDRBO002	BOLIVIA - FLOODS	120,000.00	-120,000.00	0.00
	MDRBR001	BRAZIL FLOODS	95,000.00	0.00	95,000.00
	MDRCL001	CHILE - FLOODS	130,000.00	-0.03	129,999.97
	MDRCO001	COLOMBIA - HEAVY RAINS	160,000.00	0.00	160,000.00
	MDREC001	ECUADOR - FLOODS	80,000.00	-0.01	79,999.99
	MDREC002	ECUADOR - TUNGURAHUA VOLCANO	85,000.00	-85,000.00	0.00
	MDRHT001	HAITI - TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00
	MDRHT002	HAITI - FLOODS	80,000.00	-80,000.00	0.00
	MDRHT003	HAITI - FLOODS	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
	MDRJM001	JAMAICA - FLOODS	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
	MDRPA001	PANAMA - FLOODS	67,922.00	-70.78	67,851.22
	MDRPA002	PANAMA - FLOODS COLON	69,509.00	-2,368.23	67,140.77
	MDRPA003	PANAMA - FIRES	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
	MDRPE001	PERU - FLOODS	53,300.00	-0.74	53,299.26
	MDRPE002	PERU - COLD WAVE	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
	MDRPY001	PARAGUAY - DENGUE OUTBREAK	68,000.00	0.00	68,000.00
	MDRSR001	SURINAM - FLOODS	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00
	MDRSV001	EL SALVADOR SEISMIC SWARM	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
	MDRUY001	URUGUAY - FLOODS	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00
		AMERICAS	2,135,631.00	-759,656.23	1,375,974.77

ASIA & PACIFIC

	M04ME029	PAPUA NEW GUINEA: MANAM VOLCANO ERUP	0.00	-21.92	-21.92
	M05EA012	PAPUA NEW GUINEA: MANAM & LANGILA VO	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	M05ME028	PACIFIC WATSAN PROJECT	0.00	-134.95	-134.95
	M05ME040	DPR KOREA: FLOODS	0.00	-82,555.55	-82,555.55
	M05ME070	CHINA: JIANGXI EARTHQUAKE	0.00	-1,237.63	-1,237.63
	MAACN001	CHINA	280,000.00	-280,000.00	0.00
	MAAVN001	VIETNAM	250,000.00	-250,000.00	0.00
	MDRBD001	BANGLADESH - COLD WAVE	150,000.00	-42,460.47	107,539.53
	MDRBD002	BANGLADESH - FLOODS, LANDSLIDES, TOR	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
	MDRCN001	CHINA - FLOODS	213,000.00	0.00	213,000.00
	MDRIN001	INDIA: FLOODS	100,000.00	-17,467.59	82,532.41
	MDRMM001	MYANMAR - CYCLONE MALA	50,000.00	-23,161.42	26,838.58
	MDRMY001	MALAYSIA FLOODS	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
	MDRPG001	PNG - VOLCANO MOUNT TAVURVUR	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	MDRPH001	PHILIPPINES - LANDSLIDES & FLOODS	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
	MDRPH002	PHILIPPINES TYPHOONS	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
	MDRSB001	SOLOMON ISLANDS - EARTHQUAKE & TSUNA	65,000.00	-65,000.00	0.00
	MDRTP001	EAST TIMOR - STORMS & FLOODS	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
	MDRVN001	VIETNAM TYPHOONS	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
		ASIA & PACIFIC	2,238,000.00	-1,532,039.53	705,960.47

EUROPE

	M05EA009	ROMANIA: FLOODS	0.00	-106.59	-106.59
	M05ME027	GEORGIA: FLOODS	0.00	-3,626.88	-3,626.88
	M05ME035	BULGARIA: FLOODS	0.00	-377.21	-377.21
	M05ME039	ROMANIA: FLOODS 2ND 2005	0.00	-288.26	-288.26
	M05ME047	BULGARIA: FLOODS - 2	0.00	-1,847.99	-1,847.99
	M05ME063	RUSSIA: AVIAN INFLUENZA	0.00	-1,038.19	-1,038.19
	M05ME064	KOSOVO: WINTER 2005	0.00	-32,016.12	-32,016.12
	M05ME071	RUSSIA: SPILL OF TOXIC WASTE	0.00	-7,357.80	-7,357.80

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	M05ME072	UKRAINE:AVIAN FLU AWARENESS CAMPAIGN	0.00	-113.97	-113.97
	M05ME074	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: WINTER FLOODS	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
	MDR67001	BRUM SEVERE WINTER	200,139.58	0.00	200,139.58
	MDRKG001	KYRGYZSTAN EARTHQUAKE	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
	MDRKV001	KOSOVO - FLOODS	131,250.00	-9,786.62	121,463.38
	MDRRO001	ROMANIA - FLOODS	168,217.00	0.00	168,217.00
	MDRRU001	RUSSIA - KORYAKIA EARTHQUAKE	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
	MDRRU002	RUSSIA - MINE BLAST KEMEROVO REGION	105,000.00	0.00	105,000.00
	MDRTJ001	TAJKISTAN: EARTHQUAKE	100,000.00	-20,833.33	79,166.67
	MDRTJ002	TAJKISTAN - FLOODS	85,115.00	-3,413.68	81,701.32
	MDRUA001	UKRAINE - FLOODS	98,000.00	0.00	98,000.00
	MDRYU001	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO - FLOODS 2006	128,150.00	0.00	128,150.00
		EUROPE	1,265,871.58	-80,806.65	1,185,064.93

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	MDR81001	HUMANITARIAN CRISIS - MIDDLE EAST	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00
	MDR81002	MIDDLE EAST - DISPLACED FROM IRAQ	290,000.00	-40,000.00	250,000.00
	MDREG001	EGYPT - FERRY DISASTER	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
	MDREG002	EGYPT - AVIAN FLU	40,000.00	-64.01	39,935.99
	MDREG003	EGYPT - DAHAB TERRORIST ATTACKS	30,000.00	-0.01	29,999.99
	MDREG004	EGYPT - FIRE ZEINHOM AREA	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00
	MDRIQ001	IRAQ - FLOODS	400,000.00	-256,272.81	143,727.19
	MDRPS001	PALESTINE CALL FOR ASSISTANCE	250,000.00	-250,000.00	0.00
	MDRPS002	PALESTINE - REFUGEES NARH AL-BARED C	67,597.00	0.00	67,597.00
	MDRTN001	TUNISIA - FLOODS	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00
	MDRYE001	YEMEN - FLOODS	63,900.00	-2.78	63,897.22
		MENA	1,506,497.00	-746,339.61	760,157.39
		TOTAL ALL OPERATIONS	15,231,057.51	-6,745,048.82	8,486,008.69