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DREF final report

Republic of Congo: Measles in Pointe Noire

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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 56,281 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 29 June 2011 to support the Congolese Red Cross national society in delivering assistance to some 220,000 beneficiaries.

A measles epidemic was declared officially in Pointe Noire on 10 June 2011. By then, 687 cases and 32 deaths were registered. In response to the epidemic, the Government, supported by its partners, organized an anti-measles immunization campaign that took place from 22 June to 26 July 2011 targeting 142,397 children aged 6 to 8 months. With this DREF allocation, the Congolese Red Cross national society

contributed to the success of the campaign by conducting social mobilization and door-to-door sensitization. While 79,822 (i.e. 56.06%) children were actually vaccinated, an additional 8,957 children received vitamin A. After the immunization campaign, trained Red Cross volunteers conducted behaviour change communication (BCC) sessions to help prevent the spread of measles. About 2,144,000 people were reached with sensitization messages.

The major donors and partners of DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the U.S.A., as well as DG-ECHO, the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, thanks all for their generous contributions. Details of 2011 contributions to DREF are found at: www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf.

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The situation

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Congolese Red Cross volunteers encouraged parents to get their children vaccinated against measles in Pointe Noire. /IFRC

children aged 6 to 8 months. The measles epidemic occurred at a time when the country was still fighting against a poliomyelitis outbreak. In the meantime, other outbreaks occurred, namely chikungunya and cholera, which complicated the implementation of the measles operation. The Congolese Red Cross, supported by IFRC's Central Africa Regional Representation (CARREP), succeeded in implementing all anti-measles activities as planned. At the time the NS was completing this DREF operation, unconfirmed new cases of measles were reported in Bouenza and Brazzaville prefectures. This situation is currently being monitored. The following table summarizes the evolution of measles in RoC in 2011:

Localities	Health centres	Number of cases before the operation	Number of cases after the operation	Cumulated number of deaths
Pointe Noire Division	Tie-Tie	191	00	32
	Loandjili	216	00	
	Lumumba	101	00	
	Nvoumvou	104	00	
Bouenza Division	Madingou	75	00	1
Total		687	00	33

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against outcomes

Emergency health

Outcome: Contribute to improving the health of children from 6 to 8 months in the communities of Pointe Noire and Kouilou through social mobilization during the mass vaccination against measles.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination is enhanced to support response activities, including social mobilization of population in the health districts affected during vaccination against measles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in campaign coordination meetings Recruit and train 10 supervisors (coaches) Recruit and train 150 volunteers Distribute volunteers by geographic area in each district / area Conduct mass awareness outreach (door-to-door) and focus groups with teaching materials Guide parents to vaccination sites Conduct active monitoring of allergic post-vaccination manifestations Represent Congolese RC in the campaign management and supervision team Participate in the campaign final evaluation meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening of epidemiological surveillance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set alert all RC local committees Dissemination of guidelines for managing outbreaks of measles (case definition, support, conduct, tools) Support for the investigation of epidemics in the most affected areas, particularly in Pointe Noire and the southern regions (Kouilou) Strengthening of routine immunization in high risk identified health districts.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the proper management of measles cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure community ownership of measles, including vitamin A supplementation
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Impact:*Enhanced coordination*

Twelve anti-measles coordination meetings were organized by Government, which were attended by Congolese Red Cross officials (Head of the Health and Social Action of the NS, and the measles focal points in Pointe Noire and Bouenza divisions). The meetings were essential to the success of the campaign.

Ten supervisors were recruited and trained on epidemic management, with a focus on measles. During the training, they were briefed on how to supervise volunteers during the operation. The supervisors were distributed on the basis of 2 supervisors for the first subdivision of Pointe Noire, 2 supervisors for the 2nd subdivision, 3 supervisors for the 3rd subdivision, and 3 supervisors for the 4th subdivision.

One hundred and fifty Red Cross volunteers were mobilized and trained on social mobilization techniques to facilitate the anti-measles campaign. The trained volunteers were then distributed to cover all affected localities as described in the following table:

Localities		Number of volunteers	Number of supervisors
Pointe Noire	1 st subdivision	30	2
	2 nd subdivision	24	2
	3 rd subdivision	46	3
	4 th subdivision	50	3
Total		150	10

The trained 150 volunteers sensitized 197,067 households in the four subdivisions of Pointe Noire, i.e. about 985,335 people, on measles transmission and prevention methods and the need to get children vaccinated.

The heads of the 197,067 households visited by Red Cross volunteers were guided to the 17 integrated health centres identified by Government for the anti-measles campaign.

The volunteers deployed for the operation did not register cases of allergic post-vaccination manifestations.

The 10 supervisors trained for the operation participated in all daily supervision meetings that were organized by Government supervisory team.

Two officials of the Congolese Red Cross attended the campaign's final evaluation meeting in Pointe Noire.

Strengthened epidemiological surveillance

An early alert system has been put in place in each local committee of the four subdivisions of Pointe Noire. The members of those alert systems have been briefed on how to immediately communicate any available information to their hierarchy for proper management.

The 150 volunteers mobilized for the operation were trained on the use of the epidemic control manual for volunteers (ECV) and the community-based health and first aid approach (CBHFA). After the training, copies of the ECV manual were distributed to Red Cross volunteers to facilitate their intervention within the framework of this operation and in subsequent operations.

The volunteers trained for the operation were also briefed on how to better contribute to epidemiological surveillance in their respective localities.

Trained Red Cross volunteers were put at the disposal of the Ministry of Public Health not only for this operation, but also for subsequent occasions such as routine immunization in high risk health districts.

Proper management of measles cases

Thanks to the sensitization action carried out by Red Cross volunteers, most parents accepted to get their children vaccinated. A total of 79,822 children were vaccinated and 8,957 received vitamin A supplementation during the campaign. After the CBHFA and ECV training, Red Cross volunteers organized focus groups discussions during which they encouraged the populations to take charge of the management of the various epidemics affecting their respective localities.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 29 June 2011 for CHF 56,281 for 05 months to assist 220,000 beneficiaries.
 - No DREF operation updates issued.
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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
 2. Enable healthy and safe living.
 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/5-2012/2
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/8
Appeal	MDRCG008
Budget	APPROVED

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget		56,281				56,281
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		48,615				48,615
C4. Other Income		48,615				48,615
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		48,615				48,615
D. Total Funding = B + C		48,615				48,615
Appeal Coverage		86%				86%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		48,615				48,615
E. Expenditure		-48,615				-48,615
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

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Final Report

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		56,281					56,281	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Teaching Materials	10,000						10,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Suj	10,000						10,000	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,550		1,895			1,895	1,655	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	3,550		1,895			1,895	1,655	
Personnel								
International Staff			1,659			1,659	-1,659	
National Staff	4,400		1,319			1,319	3,081	
National Society Staff	22,900		2,140			2,140	20,760	
Volunteers			28,260			28,260	-28,260	
Total Personnel	27,300		33,378			33,378	-6,078	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants			5			5	-5	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe			5			5	-5	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,760		6,517			6,517	-3,757	
Total Workshops & Training	2,760		6,517			6,517	-3,757	
General Expenditure								
Travel	4,800		135			135	4,665	
Information & Public Relations	1,200		312			312	888	
Office Costs	1,000		1,050			1,050	-50	
Communications	2,000		867			867	1,133	
Financial Charges	236		1,238			1,238	-1,002	
Other General Expenses			250			250	-250	
Total General Expenditure	9,236		3,853			3,853	5,383	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	3,435		2,967			2,967	468	
Total Indirect Costs	3,435		2,967			2,967	468	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	56,281		48,615			48,615	7,666	
VARIANCE (C - D)			7,666			7,666		