

DREF operation update Cameroon: Polio

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Period covered by this update:

13 December 2011 -13 January 2012

Summary: CHF 129,083 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 13 December 2011 to support the Cameroon Red Cross (CRC) in delivering assistance to some 421,000 beneficiaries.

Following the discovery of a case of poliomyelitis in Kolofata towards the end of 2011, the Cameroon government launched an immunization campaign as a preventive measure in the three northern regions of Cameroon: Adamaoua, North and far North. IFRC's Central Africa regional representation facilitated the allocation of DREF funds to enable Cameroon Red Cross to support the campaign by conducting social mobilization in targeted localities. With the allocation, CRC volunteers mobilized the populations in the three regions and encouraged them to participate in the immunization campaign.

The National Society conducted social mobilization activities two days before the start of the campaign and continued throughout the operation. At time of reporting, up to 46,073 children below five years were vaccinated in North region, 351,870 in Far North region, and 18,649 in Adamaoua region, reaching a total of 416,592 children. These figures, collected by the National Society's coaches, are in the process of being verified with the various heads of health districts, and represent 98.95% of targeted beneficiaries.

This operation is expected to be implemented in four months, and completed by 13 April 2012. In line with Federation reporting standards, the Final Report is due 90 days after the end of the operation, by 13 July 2012.



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Partners who supported the replenishment of this DREF allocation include the Canadian Red Cross/ Canadian government.

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IFRC, on behalf of the Cameroon Red Cross, would like to thank all donors for their generous contributions.

Details of all contributions to the DREF for 2011 can be found on:

http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf

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The situation

Two preventive national immunization days (NID) were organized in April and May 2011 respectively in the Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon that are highly exposed to the risk of polio. However, with the persistent threat of polio cases from neighbouring countries such as Chad and the Republic of Congo (RoC), Cameroon organized another two rounds of NIDs, synchronized with Chad, in September and November 2011 respectively to help prevent the outbreak of a polio epidemic. Despite all these preventive measures, a polio case was registered in the Kolofata health district of Far North region on 6 October 2011. In response to this unexpected new development, Cameroon and its partners, including the Red Cross, conducted a polio response on 20 - 22 December 2011. The statistics of this campaign are not published by government authorities at time of reporting.

Coordination and partnerships

The World Health Organization (WHO) supported by the Red Cross conducted a technical monitoring of the campaign with support from the Red Cross, especially in North region. The government did not have the required means to produce posters for the campaign and appealed on the Red Cross for assistance. All 18,000 posters used for the campaign in the three regions were produced by the National Society with DREF funds.

UNICEF supported all communication activities relating to the campaign, while the government made available their personnel and facilities. UNICEF and WHO provided the vaccines used during the campaign.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Emergency health

Outcome: Contribute to strengthening collective immunity in children below five years by administering the oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) 1 & 3 to all children in targeted localities (Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon).

Outputs (expected results):	Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epidemiological surveillance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Red Cross local committees on alert in the

<p>is strengthened in Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinate 100% of children from 0 to 5 months in the three regions where the risk of importation of polio is higher, namely Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon. • Effective social mobilization is conducted in the health districts identified and targeted. 	<p>Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct active search of cases of polio in communities. • Strengthen routine EIP in health districts identified as being at high risk. • Train or retrain 150 volunteers and team leaders on CBHFA and on the use of the Epidemic Control for Volunteers Manual and toolkit in the three regions targeted by this operation, namely Adamaoua, North and Far North regions of Cameroon. • Participate in campaign coordination meetings. • Recruit and train 15 supervisors (coaches). • Recruit and train 250 volunteers, including the 150 that will be trained on CBHFA. This is a briefing to be organized by the MPH at the beginning of the campaign. • Distribute the trained Red Cross volunteers by geographic area in each subdivision and/or neighbourhood. • Conduct mass and door-to-door sensitization, organize focus group discussions using education aids two days before and during the campaign. • Conduct door-to-door vaccination. • Mark children vaccinated with indelible ink. • Conduct internal and external monitoring during the campaign to assess the quality of activities on a daily basis. • Carry out a post-campaign evaluation. • Guide parents to vaccination sites. • Ensure CRC presence in the management and supervision team. • Participate in the final evaluation meeting of the campaign.
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Progress:

Adamaoua region

A total of 50 Cameroon Red Cross volunteers and three coaches were mobilized, trained and deployed in the field to support the anti-polio immunization campaign that ran from 18 to 22 December 2011. Of this total, 25 volunteers and a coach were deployed to Ngaoundéré, 15 volunteers and a coach was deployed to Meiganga, and 10 volunteers and a coach were deployed to Mbé. These volunteers and coaches visited 28,704 households, facilitating the vaccination of 18,649 children below five years in Adamaoua region. The following table summarizes the achievements in Adamaoua region:

Health district	No. of households visited	No. of children below five years vaccinated	No. of households not opened to Red Cross volunteers	No. of people who refused vaccination	No. of people who refused vaccination but were convinced by Red Cross volunteer	No. of people who refused vaccination not convinced by Red Cross volunteer
Ngaoundéré Rural (Mbé)	4,762	2,723	58	00	00	00
Ngaoundéré Urban	14,984	8,944	89	27	17	10
Meiganga	8,958	6,982	45	12	12	00
Total	28,704	18,649	192	00	29	10

In North region

A total of 70 Cameroon Red Cross volunteers and 4 coaches were mobilized, trained and deployed in the field to support the anti-polio immunization campaign. Of the 70, 15 volunteers were

deployed to Gashiga, 15 to Pitoa, 20 to Lagdo and 20 to Figuil. Four coaches were deployed, on the basis of one coach for each of the four districts. Some of the trained volunteers were also involved in the administration of vaccines by the Ministry of Public Health (MPH) as of the third day of activities. A Cameroon Red Cross representative in North region and 3 volunteers also participated in the external monitoring of the campaign alongside with WHO. The Red Cross made available posters that were used in all targeted districts for the campaign, which also contained messages on yellow fever, measles and meningitis.

The volunteers and their coaches succeeded in covering four health areas, visiting 5,352 households and facilitating the vaccination of 10,251 children below five years in Figuil. In Pitoa, the volunteers covered 4 health areas, visited 2,866 households and facilitated the vaccination of 5,717 children below five years. In Lagdo, the volunteers covered 10 health areas, visited 2,268 households and facilitated the vaccination of 5,993 children below five years. In Gashiga, the volunteers covered 15 health areas, visited 15,024 households and facilitated the vaccination of 24,112 children below five years. These data were collected from the reports submitted by the respective Red Cross coaches and are in the process of being verified against information held by the health authorities. Red Cross messages were also broadcasted over the radio in local languages facilitating social mobilization for the campaign.

In Far North region

A total of 130 Cameroon Red Cross volunteers and six coaches were mobilized, trained and deployed in the field to support the anti-polio immunization campaign.

Locality	Volunteers	Coach
Maroua Urban	20	01
Kousseri	20	01
Mokolo	25	01
Kolofata	15	01
Yagoua	30	01
Fotokol	20	01

These volunteers and coaches carried out door-to-door sensitization, facilitating the vaccination of 351,870 children below five years in Far North region.

Challenges:

Some villages along the borders with Nigeria are difficult to access, especially in the Gashiga health district. Other villages in the Figuil and Lagdo health districts are also enclosed. This somehow prevented the smooth implementation of activities as planned.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 13 December 2011 for CHF 129,083 for 4 months to assist 421,000 beneficiaries.



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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
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Reporting Timeframe	2011/12-2012/1
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I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	129,083					129,083	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	129,083					129,083	
C4. Other Income	129,083					129,083	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	129,083					129,083	
D. Total Funding = B +C	129,083					129,083	
Coverage = D/A	100%					100%	

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
C. Income	129,083					129,083	
E. Expenditure	-51,070					-51,070	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	78,013					78,013	

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III. Expenditure

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)		129,083					129,083	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	12,427						12,427	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	250						250	
Teaching Materials		8,451				8,451	-8,451	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	12,677	8,451				8,451	4,226	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring		1,142				1,142	-1,142	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	12,906	1,288				1,288	11,618	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	12,906	2,430				2,430	10,476	
Personnel								
National Staff	800	2,332				2,332	-1,532	
National Society Staff	7,140	250				250	6,890	
Volunteers	25,750	7,627				7,627	18,123	
Total Personnel	33,690	10,209				10,209	23,481	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	18,624						18,624	
Total Workshops & Training	18,624						18,624	
General Expenditure								
Travel	16,600	17				17	16,583	
Information & Public Relations	20,000						20,000	
Office Costs	3,000						3,000	
Communications	3,000						3,000	
Financial Charges	708	94				94	614	
Total General Expenditure	43,308	111				111	43,197	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		26,752				26,752	-26,752	
Total Operational Provisions		26,752				26,752	-26,752	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	7,878	3,117				3,117	4,761	
Total Indirect Costs	7,878	3,117				3,117	4,761	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	129,083	51,070				51,070	78,014	
VARIANCE (C - D)		78,014				78,014		