



SUDAN: EXPLOSION IN JUBA

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FINAL REPORT

The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 185 countries.

In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 18 March to 16 December 2005.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 200,000 was allocated from the Federations DREF on 17 March 2005 to respond to the needs of this operation. Refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/05/05ME014.pdf> for the DREF Bulletin.
- This operation was implemented in nine months, and was completed on 16 December 2005.

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This operation was aligned with the International Federation's 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.

Background and Summary

On 23 February 2005, an ammunition store at a military depot exploded in Juba, southern Sudan. The blast killed 31 people and wounded 150 others. An official statement from the Government of South Sudan (GoSS) attributed the explosion to high temperatures. The explosion and the ensuing fire extensively burnt and damaged 900 *tukuls* (local housing units) in a nearby residential area. The Customs Market, the second largest market in the area, was also completely gutted down, disrupting the livelihoods of thousands of people who depended on it.

In response, the international Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement – led by a team comprising of the Sudanese Red Crescent (SRC), the Netherlands Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) based in Juba – was among the first at the scene. The team provided first aid and ambulance services, evacuated the wounded to Juba Hospital and removed dead bodies. The SRC deployed 45 volunteers and two vehicles for this operation. Due to the lack of local level presence at the time of the disaster, the Federation was not represented in the initial response. However, the Federation responded in the reconstruction phase by allocating CHF 200,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable the SRC implement its plan of action.

Overall, the operation was successful and beneficiaries confirmed their satisfaction through informal discussions. The SRC and the Federation believe that this strategy enhanced the community's capacity in returning to normal life as well as the return to economic activity in the nearby markets.

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Coordination

Coordination was undertaken in a series of phases from the initial response, where a team from the SRC, the Netherlands Red Cross and the ICRC was among the first to respond to the disaster. After this initial response, coordination was led by the Sudanese Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) who initiated an assessment of the situation with the participation of the SRC as well as other humanitarian agencies. The assessment revealed that over 3,000 people (more than 660 households) were rendered homeless after losing their homes, household goods and food reserves in the resultant fire. On the basis of these findings, human, material and financial resources were immediately mobilized by humanitarian agencies, faith-based organizations (FBOs) and the local authorities to provide the much needed assistance to those affected by the explosion.

Further coordination of the Federation-supported response was via a committee comprising of HAC, the SRC and the Fire Committee (made up of members from the beneficiary community). Military personnel cleared out the unexploded ammunitions that were scattered around Juba, thus effectively preventing further explosions.

Analysis of the operation - objectives, achievements and impact

Objective: To renovate and reconstruct 900 *tukuls* through provision of local building materials to the affected households.

Achievements

The Federation was not part of this initial response team due to the lack of a presence in Juba at the time of the disaster. That has since been rectified with the establishment of a sub-delegation in Juba to assist the Movement's programmes in the south of Sudan. The Federation responded in the reconstruction phase of the response by allocating CHF 200,000 from DREF in March 2005 to assist 900 families who had lost their homes from the explosion in repairing and rebuilding their dwellings. The allocated amount covered the cost of grass, bamboos, zinc sheets, timber and transportation.

Impact

- Construction material including timber, zinc sheets, bamboos and straws was provided to the affected families in Juba, for 700 *tukuls* in April and 724 *tukuls* in May 2005. This ensured that beneficiary families, particularly women, children and the elderly, were protected from rain and cold weather. The renovation of the 900 *tukuls* also gave a sense of security and privacy to the victims by providing a conducive environment for them to return to a degree of economic and social normalcy.
- The DREF allocation provided an opportunity for the SRC to respond effectively to the needs of the population affected by the explosion. The assistance has contributed to the increased visibility of the national society in a disaster situation.
- Reduction of stigma as well as protection of individual and family values was enhanced due to timely humanitarian response by the Red Cross/Red Crescent and other partners.

Constraints

- During the implementation of activities, the prices of local building materials increased. Moreover, due to the increased need to compensate the shortage of building materials it was necessary to procure local building materials outside Juba town leading to increased costs. As a result of the extra costs, 158 *tukuls* were not renovated.
- There were poor sanitary conditions as the project prioritized the reconstruction of the *tukuls* over the renovation and reconstruction of toilets.

Lessons learned

In implementing such activities in future, the costing of the programme should make provisions for potential increases in prices of local building materials as well as transport costs. Similarly, it is critical to consider the weather patterns when designing interventions, particularly during the rainy season, which could lead to a slower than predicted implementation rate.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2005/1-2005/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2006/10
Appeal	M05me014
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		0				0
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
DREF		199'995				199'995
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		199'995				199'995
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		199'995				199'995
D. Total Funding = B + C		199'995				199'995

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		199'995				199'995
E. Expenditure		-199'995				-199'995
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			0			0		
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief			153'578			153'578	-153'578	
Medical & First Aid			28'295			28'295	-28'295	
Total Supplies			181'873			181'873	-181'873	
General Expenditure								
Office Costs			964			964	-964	
Financial Charges			-10'035			-10'035	10'035	
Other General Expenses			14'193			14'193	-14'193	
Total General Expenditure			5'123			5'123	-5'123	
Program Support								
Program Support			13'000			13'000	-13'000	
Total Program Support			13'000			13'000	-13'000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)			199'995			199'995	-199'995	
VARIANCE (C - D)			-199'995			-199'995		