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In Brief

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The situation

On the evening of the 10 March 2005, torrential rains fell on the city of Dondo – 170 km from Luanda – for 9 hours. Dondo is surrounded by the Kapacala and Kwanza Norte rivers. This unusual rain caused both rivers to burst their banks, flooding the city and destroying 300 houses and partially destroying a further 1,200 houses and affecting 10,000 people (2,100 households) in Dondo. Schools also suffered damage and are currently closed. On the night of 12 March, torrential rains also caused flooding in five localities in Caxicana in the Bengo province affecting 260 families who all lost their houses. On 15 March, more rain fell in the region: the city of Massangano located 18 km from Dondo was also affected. As of 16 March, a helicopter from the Angola authorities has been evacuating people stranded by the flooding.

Malaria is endemic in Angola; this flooding has resulted in many new cases (635 in Dondo). The flood water has caused contamination of water sources causing increase in the incidence of diarrhoeal diseases.

The Needs

The Angola Red Cross¹ is mobilizing funds to support the implementation of preventive health activities in Dondo and Caxicana and to carry out an assessment in Massangano. As diarrhoeal cases are on the rise with 521 cases having been identified in Dondo, the main need is for the population to access clean water. The national society plans to distribute five-litre jerry cans to each families and water purification tablets for a period of 30 days. The Red Cross volunteers will teach families how to use the tables.

The national society has contacted UNICEF to provide mosquito nets in the two municipalities and WFP to provide food relief to families who lost their harvests. In Caxicana, the aid is slowly coming in. The Angola Red Cross plans to distribute plastic sheeting to families to assist in the rebuilding of their houses.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Angola Red Cross has 30 volunteer trained in First Aid in the affected communities of Dondo and another 15 in Caxicana. In Dondo and Caxicana, the volunteers are involved in social mobilization action to prevent spread of diarrhoeal deceases, choleras and malaria. Angola Red Cross sent two consignments of used clothing to Dondo and one to Caxicana from their central warehouse in Luanda and disaster management staff and volunteers are distributing the clothes to the vulnerable and affected population.

Coordination

The Angola Red Cross has a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Health (MoH) since 1996. It stipulates that the priority areas for coordination are in assistance and protection of the population in time of epidemic caused by natural disasters. Currently, the Angola Red Cross and MoH are setting up a first aid post in Dondo to assist the population affected by diarrhoeal deceases, choleras and malaria. A commission was created to assist the victims of the floods, and is comprised of members of the Ministries of Health, Public Works, Environment, Social Welfare, Agriculture and Communication. The Angola Red Cross is coordinating is response with this commission.

The Ministry of Assistance and Social Reinsertion (MINAR) provided 242 tones of relief goods to the flood victims in Dondo: rice, maize meal, vegetable oil, salt, blankets, roof sheeting and tents. MINAR also visited the Caxicana municipality but no distribution has been done up to this time. In addition the Technical Coordination Unit for Humanitarian Aid (UTCAH) sent 150 tones of relief goods and 450 roof sheets to the affected communities.

Budget summary

The following table offers a breakdown of costs over the next three months.

Description	Total CHF
Clothes distribution costs	13,500
5,500 ORS	1,600
Jerry cans for 2,360 families	5,500
Water purification tablets for 30 days for 2,360 families	3,300
Plastic sheeting for 260 families	3,700
Incentives for 45 volunteers for social mobilization	6,500
T-shirt, bibs and IEC and promotional material	5,000
Transport support	800
Assessment Massangano	400
Administrative costs	1,000
Total	41,300
Programme Support	2,871
Grand Total (DREF)	44,171

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¹ Angola Red Cross – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=18>