



## NIGERIA: FLOODS

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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: 29 August to 30 November 2005.

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

- CHF 100,000 was allocated to the from the Federation's DREF on 29 August 2005 to respond to the needs of this operation (Refer to the [DREF Bulletin](#) for more information).
- An Interim Final Report was issued on 30 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

On 7 August 2005, heavy rains that lasted for eight hours caused flooding with unusual heavy currents in Jalingo, the state capital of Taraba (north-east of Nigeria). A bridge collapsed when the Jalingo river burst its banks as a result of the heavy downpour. 50,000 people were displaced from their homes and over 100 people died as a result of the floods. The flooding was said to be unprecedented in the last 40 years. It cleared away major bridges and road networks linking the city with other parts of the country.

In response, CHF 100,000 was allocated to the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS<sup>1</sup>) from the Federation's DREF to assist 500 families (2,700 beneficiaries with food and non-food items). Red Cross volunteers were mobilized to distribute relief items as well as to conduct hygiene and sanitation campaigns among the floods-affected populations.

<sup>1</sup> Nigerian Red Cross Society - refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=128>

## **Coordination**

The governor of Taraba State inspected the four most affected areas and set up a technical committee that improvised a road linkage through an old bridge, following the collapse of the bridge on Jalingo river. A relief committee was also set up to verify the number of displaced people and the extent of damage caused by the flooding. The relief committee also assisted in setting up three camps (Magami, Mafindi and Lamorde) and provided basic relief items to the affected people.

The World Health Organization (WHO) conducted vaccination campaigns in the camps and distributed oral rehydration salts (ORS). The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) distributed drugs to children and adults in the camps. The British Red Cross supported the mobilization of NRCS volunteers.

## **Analysis of the operation – objectives, achievements and impact**

**Goal: To provide immediate non-food and dry food relief assistance to 500 vulnerable families affected by the floods disaster in Jalingo, Taraba state of Nigeria.**

### **Progress**

Over 50 Red Cross volunteers were mobilized before and during the relief distribution exercise. The volunteers assisted in distributing food (rice, beans, gari, vegetable oil, salt, and sugar) and non-food items to the floods-affected populations in Jalingo. They also conducted hygiene and sanitation campaigns in the three camps. The British Red Cross supported the mobilization of volunteers towards relief distribution as well the assessment of the floods disaster.



*Red Cross volunteers during a distribution exercise*

During the last week of the floods-operation, the Taraba State government proposed that all the people in the three camps should be given NGN 10,000 (CHF 95) to pay for accommodation anywhere in Taraba State, pending allocation of land for rehabilitation and resettlement. The reason was that the schools, where the camps were set up, were about to resume normal academic sessions.

The volunteers were motivated through the payment of per diems. They received commendations from the Secretary General, the President, Taraba Governor and his deputy, the people of Taraba State, beneficiaries as well as UNICEF and WHO for their efforts.

### **Impact**

The image of the national society has improved due to the prompt response of Red Cross staff and volunteers to the floods disaster in Jalingo. As a result, more members registered themselves as volunteers because of the motivation they saw among the existing volunteers. Stakeholders in the floods operation identified the Nigerian Red Cross Society as a reliable partner in mitigation of disasters.

Coordination between UNICEF, WHO, the Taraba State Emergency and Relief Committee, the Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other stakeholders enhanced the disaster management capacities of the national society. The European First Aid (EFA) training increased the value of the national society as Red Cross staff and volunteers demonstrated excellent first aid skills during the floods response.

### **Constraints**

Delays were experienced during the food distributions exercise. This was due to failure of releasing the relief items from government stores for distribution alongside other relief items. At times, the relief committee got names of beneficiaries from government holders instead of getting them from the national society. This led to inequitable distribution of the relief items as some of vulnerable families in the camps received less food than the floods-affected populations outside the camps.

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In addition, only one vehicle was available to transport staff and volunteers to the floods-affected areas. This greatly hampered the coordination of activities because the same vehicle also served as an ambulance. There were delays in receiving and updating reports from the field due to transport and communication difficulties.

As this was the first major operation for the Taraba Red Cross branch in disaster response activities (since its creation 14 years ago), there was lack of experience in the implementation of activities during disasters.

### **Lessons learned**

For effective implementation of emergency response activities, it is important for the government to understand and respect the code of conduct of humanitarian organizations. In addition, sharing of information with other stakeholders involved in emergency operations greatly contributes to the successful mitigation of disasters.

Moreover, it is essential to carry out continuous registration of new volunteers during any given disaster operation, and training needs to be conducted as the activities are being implemented. This strategy could increase the number of volunteers.

### **Recommendations**

Before entering into any relief partnership with the government, a code of conduct needs to be drafted and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be signed by both parties. This will ensure that each party knows its responsibilities, limits and resources while responding to disasters.

First aid teams should be established and extended to more local government areas to serve as a first point of response in any emergency. For maximum efficiency and effectiveness in coordination, appropriate training in all the required fields such as disaster management, project management, leadership training and first aid services should be provided and extended to more staff and volunteers.

The Federation's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) should be made available to Nigerian Red Cross Society to promptly share disaster reports and information with the Federation at all times. Vehicles and mobile high frequency (HF) radios need also to be provided for all the six zonal offices. This will enhance timely reporting as well as proper coordination and monitoring of all branches within each zone.

Pre-positioned stock in all the strategic warehouses needs to be recorded and adequately replenished to cater for the needs of affected populations in the event of any disaster.

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# International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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Final financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2005/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2005/1-2006/12
Appeal	M05me051
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		100'000				100'000
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		100'000				100'000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		100'000				100'000
D. Total Funding = B + C		100'000				100'000

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		100'000				100'000
E. Expenditure		-100'000				-100'000
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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			0			0		
Supplies								
Food			65'627			65'627	-65'627	
Medical & First Aid			3'856			3'856	-3'856	
<b>Total Supplies</b>			69'483			69'483	-69'483	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring			285			285	-285	
Transport & Vehicle Costs			8'162			8'162	-8'162	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>			8'447			8'447	-8'447	
Personnel Expenditures								
National Staff			1'603			1'603	-1'603	
National Society Staff			6'803			6'803	-6'803	
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>			8'406			8'406	-8'406	
General Expenditure								
Travel			3'822			3'822	-3'822	
Information & Public Relation			555			555	-555	
Office Costs			135			135	-135	
Communications			2'082			2'082	-2'082	
Professional Fees			570			570	-570	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>			7'165			7'165	-7'165	
Program Support								
Program Support			6'500			6'500	-6'500	
<b>Total Program Support</b>			6'500			6'500	-6'500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>			100'000			100'000	-100'000	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			-100'000			-100'000		