



TANZANIA: EARTHQUAKE

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FINAL REPORT

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In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 30 December 2005 to 22 March 2006.

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

- CHF 31,364 was allocated from the Federation's DREF on 30 December 2005 to respond to the needs of this operation. Refer to the DREF Bulletin: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/05/05ME075.pdf>
- This operation was implemented for three months and was completed by 22 March 2006.

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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 5 December 2005, a strong earthquake struck the Lake Tanganyika region of Tanzania. The tremor, which occurred at around 15:20hrs and lasted for less than a minute, caused injuries and panic in the affected areas. Buhingu Division in Kigoma Rural District was most affected by the tremor, with 5,000 people (9.2% of the total population) reportedly affected. A total of 54 houses completely collapsed in 11 villages while 705 houses had cracked walls.

In response to immediate needs of those affected, the Federation allocated CHF 31,364 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to Tanzania Red Cross National Society (TRCNS) on 22 December 2005. The funding was to facilitate the provision of assistance to 54 affected households with essential non-food items (NFIs) for three months and for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged structures. The national society was the only humanitarian organization on the ground, and coordinated the whole response – from the assessment to actual implementation of activities – to support the affected communities. As such, the timely response by the



TRCNS volunteers distribute relief items to beneficiaries in Buhingu division.

Red Cross was highly appreciated by both the affected communities and the local government authorities. This ultimately contributed to the visibility of the national society as a reliable and leading humanitarian actor.

A serious food security situation generalized across a number of countries in the Greater Eastern Africa region was experienced in early 2006; a period which coincided with the final reporting for this operation. The situation prompted fresh assessments and the subsequent launching of a drought emergency appeal ([Appeal MDRTZ001](#)) for Tanzania in March 2006. It also necessitated the national society's active involvement, especially in terms of its reporting capacity. The involvement in the drought operation resulted to some extent, to delays in reporting on the 2005/ earthquake operation.

Analysis of the operation- objectives, achievements and impact

Objective 1: To provide emergency temporary shelter (tarpaulins) and essential household items to 54 affected households for 3 months.

Achievements

The national society distributed 162 blankets, 54 tarpaulins and 648 bars of laundry soap to 54 affected households.

Constraints

The distribution was not an easy exercise as it involved moving from one village to another to ensure that relief items reached targeted beneficiaries. In some cases, the distribution team had to wait for several hours for beneficiaries to arrive due to lack of efficient means of communication between villages. Hence it was difficult to relay the information in advance.

Impact

Generally, blankets and tarpaulins were very useful as they protected children from cold-related illnesses such as pneumonia (the earthquake occurred during the rainy season). Laundry soap used for washing purposes contributed towards maintaining proper hygiene practices.

Objective 2: To maintain the physical well being, health status and environmental hygiene of the affected through the reconstruction and repair of damaged homes, latrines and water tank(s).

Achievements



Red Cross officials inspect a rehabilitated water tank in Sibwesa.

The 54 affected households in Buhingu division in Kigoma Rural District were able to reconstruct their houses using construction materials provided by the national society. In addition, one water tank, 11 primary school classrooms and one dispensary were successfully rehabilitated in Sibwesa village, Buhingu division.

Impact

The 54 affected families were able to improve their hygiene practices through the construction of latrines. The TRCNS used 25 volunteers to fabricate 54 slabs, thus contributing to their capacity building.

Coordination

Given the remoteness of the affected area and its poor accessibility, it was not easy to access reliable information about the situation in a timely manner. This necessitated the TRCNS with financial support from the Spanish Red Cross, to organize an assessment mission. The assessment team that comprised of representatives from local government authorities and the TRCNS traveled for more than 20 hours to reach the affected areas by boat. Team members from the national society included the logistics officer and assistant medical officer based at the Kigoma branch. The government was represented by the district administrative, development and social welfare officers, and also provided police escort for the team as it traveled from Kigoma town to the affected areas. At community level, respective community leaders and other key opinion leaders were contacted during the assessment.

Lesson learned

The DREF allocation allowed the Tanzania Red Cross National Society to respond rapidly to the needs of the displaced families. The national society was able to respond effectively and efficiently by distributing food and NFIs. All members of the communities – including their authorities, representatives, and opinion leaders – rapidly adhered to the programme, especially during the assessment mission. As a result of their total involvement, of the Red Cross visibility is well recognised as a reliable and leading humanitarian actor.

Effective coordination is vital for any response operation and particularly in emergencies. It is important, therefore, that TRCNS continues partnerships with other actors to ensure coordinated, effective and efficient response to humanitarian needs in the future.

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Final financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2005/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2005/1-2006/12
Appeal	M05me075
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		29'220				29'220
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		29'220				29'220
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		29'220				29'220
D. Total Funding = B + C		29'220				29'220

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		29'220				29'220
E. Expenditure		-29'220				-29'220
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			596			596	-596	
Construction Materials			7'730			7'730	-7'730	
Clothing & textiles			671			671	-671	
Water & Sanitation			15'683			15'683	-15'683	
Total Supplies			24'680			24'680	-24'680	
Transport & Storage								
Storage			746			746	-746	
Total Transport & Storage			746			746	-746	
General Expenditure								
Travel			1'577			1'577	-1'577	
Office Costs			205			205	-205	
Financial Charges			112			112	-112	
Total General Expenditure			1'894			1'894	-1'894	
Program Support								
Program Support			1'899			1'899	-1'899	
Total Program Support			1'899			1'899	-1'899	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)			29'220			29'220	-29'220	
VARIANCE (C - D)			-29'220			-29'220		