



MALI: MENINGITIS

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In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 27,000 (USD 20,788 or EUR 17,110) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to assist some 30,000 beneficiaries. This operation is expected to be implemented over two months, and will be completed by 6 June 2006; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (6 September 2006). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This operation is 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.

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¹ Mali Red Cross- refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=112>

The situation

In Mali, the Ministry of Health (MoH) has declared a meningitis outbreak in the area of Sikasso and has spread in eight other health regions of the country. According to the MoH, 428 persons have been infected by the meningitis virus with 30 deaths so far.

The Mali government, through the MoH, has begun a social mobilization and vaccination/immunization campaign with the technical and financial support of partners. This country-wide campaign will be administered for free country-wide.

The Mali Red Cross is also mobilizing resources to assist the government in the region of Sikasso and other areas in the fight against meningitis through social mobilization of Red Cross volunteers in nine health districts.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Mali Red Cross has been closely working with the MoH in the affected districts on the evaluation and mobilization of the health community for the coming campaign. The Red Cross will take part in the government plan of action in the identified zones. The national society has been a partner of the MoH for years and has developed a plan of action to accompany the actions of the Ministry. Red Cross volunteers are already in the field supporting the identification process.

Plan of action

The Red Cross will continue to the eradication of the epidemic in the nine most affected health districts of Sikasso, Kadiolo, Kolondieba, Selingue, Zegoua, Finkolo Ganadou, Niema, Miniko and Zaniema. The 30,000 beneficiaries in nine districts will be reached through mobilization, community training and capacity building activities for 15 days.

Objective: To vaccinate 800 children from five to fifteen years in the affected areas in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH).

Activities

- Training of 1,000 volunteers on health education to supervisors;
- Organization of community mobilization and sensitization activities;
- Communities sensitization and delivering of key-messages on hygiene;
- Use of education vans to inform the public.

Expected results

- 1,000 volunteers, 20 supervisors and 65 team leaders are trained;
- 30,000 people are reached through sensitization activities;
- 1,105 didactic materials are produced;
- 30 focus group discussions are organized.

Budget outline

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Annex 1

Mali: Meningitis (Budget)

Designation	Quantity	Unit Cost		Total (XAF)	Total (CHF)
Training of team leaders	65	2,500	1	162,500	390
Training of 20 supervisors	20	3,000	1	60,000	144
Training of 1000 volunteers	1,000	2,500	1	2,500,000	6,000
Per diem for trainers	4	10,000	15	600,000	1,440
Didactic materiel	1,105	300	1	331,500	796
Lodging for trainers and drivers	5	12,000	15	900,000	2,160
Sub total 1				4,554,000	10,930
Organize information sessions	300	6,000	1	1,800,000	4,320
Organize focus group discussions	30	10,000	1	300,000	720
Follow up	5	22,500	10	1,125,000	2,700
Fuel	760	510	1	387,600	930
Per diem for drivers	15	7,500	1	112,500	270
Fuel	300		600	180,000	432
Communication	7	10,000	1	70,000	168
Sub total 2				3,975,100	9,540
Total 1 and 2				8,529,100	20,470
Admin fee (2.5%)				215,400	517
Field evaluation	1	5		818,550	1,965
Field management costs/DRAOC				1,000,000	2,400
Total budget without PSR				10,563,050	25,352
Geneva PSR (6.5%)				686,598	1,648
Total budget (with PSR)				11,249,648	27,000