

DREF operation final report



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MALI: FIRE

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

Summary: CHF 53,044 (USD 43,475 or EUR 33,021) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 28 December 2006 to respond to the needs of some 5,000 beneficiaries affected by a serious fire in the south-west of Mali. Having undertaken a needs assessment, the Mali Red Cross (MRC) undertook the subsequent distribution of essential food and non-food relief to the affected households. The operation was implemented over a period of 3 months and was completed at the end of March 2007.

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The situation

During the night of 19 December 2006, a serious fire occurred in Dialakoto, a village of over 8,050 inhabitants located in the southwest of Mali. The fire was caused by a mosquito net that caught fire from an oil lamp. According to reliable reports, the strong harmattan winds caused the flames to spread uncontrollably. The affected village is some 300 km from Kayes and 750 km from Bamako, close to Kéniéba, In the Commune of Guénugoré. Access to the village is difficult and lengthy, with certain stretches of unpaved road reachable only by 4x4 vehicles.

There were no deaths, and the 30 injured people received the necessary care, thanks to the collaboration of local health services.

Nevertheless, many basic housing materials were damaged, and 5,000 people were left without shelter (46% of them children). Initial assessments concluded the following:

- 311 residences destroyed;
- 52 cereal storage structures destroyed;
- 48 kitchens destroyed;
- 3 shops destroyed;
- 1 school library destroyed;
- 193 families (approximately 5,000 people) identified without shelters.

It is important to note that households in this area comprise extended families and are on average made up of between 20-45 members, with a large proportion of children. Furthermore, at the time of year in question, Mali generally faces a fall in temperatures due to the "harmattan" season and its associated winds. There were thus concerns regarding a heightened risk of colds and/or respiratory diseases due to exposure to the bad weather and precarious living conditions.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Mali Red Cross (MRC) organized an assessment team, composed of one Regional Disaster response Team (RDRT) member, two local committee members from the Kéniéba branch of the MRC and twenty volunteers from the affected village of Dialokoto. The RC assessment team worked alongside local community authorities to identify the worst affected and specify their needs.

The team also advised on steps to be taken to diminish the risk of disease and respiratory illness, together with authorities from the governmental Sanitary Services.

Based on the assessment, it was determined that emergency relief of essential food and non-food items was required as a matter of urgency, along with provisional shelter and general health care support if a general deterioration in the health situation was to be avoided. Children were considered to be particularly prone to exposure, and therefore at risk.

Assistance available from local authorities was limited to a small financial contribution to the community (150,000 CFA) and 20 sleeping mats – insufficient to meet the needs of all families left without shelter.

Following a meeting organized by the governmental authorities in Bamako on 27 December 2006, an urgent request was made to the Mali Red Cross – in its role as auxiliary to the government – to provide additional assistance.

DREF funds enabled Mali RC to procure and distribute the necessary food and non-food relief to cover the needs of 5,000 people affected by the fire.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To provide basic food and non-food relief to 5,000 people affected by the fire in Dialokoto.

Activities:

Distribution of food and non-food relief was carried out to 5,000 beneficiaries, as per the final distribution table set out below:

Distribution Dialokoto	HH	Number of Beneficiaries	Food Items			Non-Food Items					
			Millet	Sugar	Oil	Kitchen Sets	Soap (bars)	Blankets	Clothing (2 nd hand pieces)	Mosquito nets	Mats
TOTAL	193	5,000	40,800 kg	1,000 kg	1,192 L	193	5,000	1,000	1,264	150	1,000

Mali RC undertook the following activities in carrying out this objective:

- Procurement of necessary food and non-food items for 5,000 beneficiaries
- Transport by road to Dialokoto
- Identification and registration of beneficiary households
- Management of distribution process with assistance from 20 volunteers.

For the purposes of this operation, the Mali RC team was composed of 1 RDRT member, 1 National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) member, 2 regional branch representatives, 2 local branch representatives and 20 local volunteers.

Impact:

Relief items were procured, delivered by truck to the affected area and distributed to the 193 most needy families, comprised of 5,000 individual beneficiaries.

Challenges:

- Road access to the affected community was limited and slow.
- Due to the extended nature of families in the area, the number of beneficiaries per household varied a great deal, and exceeded 40 people per HH in a number of cases.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Roles, Principles and initiatives

The Mali Red Cross was fully committed in its role as auxiliary to the government in providing essential relief assistance to the people affected by the fire in Dialokoto. The NS attended regular meetings and coordinated its actions with local authorities, acting in accordance with the Movement's seven Fundamental Principles.

How we work	
<p><i>All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.</i></p>	
<p>The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/12-2007/11
Budget Timeframe	2006/12-2007/03
Appeal	MDRML003
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		53,044				53,044
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
DREF		52,919				52,919
C1. Cash contributions		52,919				52,919
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		52,919				52,919
D. Total Funding = B + C		52,919				52,919
Appeal Coverage		100%				100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		52,919				52,919
E. Expenditure		-52,919				-52,919
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

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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)		53,044					53,044	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	10,320						10,320	
Clothing & textiles	8,400		17,000			17,000	-8,600	
Food	15,369		17,798			17,798	-2,429	
Utensils & Tools	2,400		1,210			1,210	1,190	
Other Supplies & Services	2,064						2,064	
Total Supplies	38,553		36,008			36,008	2,545	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Medical Equipment	360						360	
Others Machinery & Equipment			214			214	-214	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	360		214			214	146	
Transport & Storage								
Storage			198			198	-198	
Distribution & Monitoring			5,367			5,367	-5,367	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,600		1,876			1,876	1,724	
Total Transport & Storage	3,600		7,441			7,441	-3,841	
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits			185			185	-185	
National Society Staff	1,440		3,538			3,538	-2,098	
Total Personnel	1,440		3,723			3,723	-2,283	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	672						672	
Total Workshops & Training	672						672	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relation	360		585			585	-225	
Office Costs	4,323						4,323	
Communications	288		1,191			1,191	-903	
Professional Fees			104			104	-104	
Financial Charges			-953			-953	953	
Other General Expenses			1,168			1,168	-1,168	
Total General Expenditure	4,971		2,095			2,095	2,876	
Programme Support								
Program Support	3,448		3,440			3,440	8	
Total Programme Support	3,448		3,440			3,440	8	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	53,044		52,919			52,919	125	
VARIANCE (C - D)			125			125		