



## **NIGERIA: OIL PIPELINE DISASTER IN ABULE EGBA INTERIM FINAL REPORT**

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*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 December 2006 to 18 January 2007.**

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

- CHF 75,000 (USD 62,138 or EUR 47,140) was allocated from the Federation's DREF to respond to the needs in this operation. A further CHF 19,290 was later provided following support from the Spanish Red Cross, bringing the total to CHF 94,290 (USD 77,287 or EUR 58,656).
- This operation was implemented over 1 month, and was completed by 27 January 2007.

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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**

The 26 December 2006 oil pipeline disaster, which claimed hundreds of lives and left over 65 people seriously burned in Abule Egba area of Lagos State, continues to receive attention from within and outside Nigeria. The pipeline blast, and the resultant fire, occurred as vandals scooped petroleum products from a pipeline.

Immediately after the disaster occurred, the Nigerian Red Cross Society's emergency and first aid team (EFAT), was the first to deliver first aid to survivors at the site. The team evacuated survivors to hospitals and set up a register to help people identify bodies of family members and to locate missing persons. With support of the Federation Lagos sub-regional office, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) later intensified its efforts by ensuring immediate provision of medical support as well as effective and efficient provision of humanitarian services to the injured and their relations so as to prevent further death and to improve their health.

To enable the NRCS respond effectively and efficiently to the needs of the affected people, the International Federation provided the national society (NS) with CHF 75,000 from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). The funds were used to procure urgent medical items and provide humanitarian services to the injured people.

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In addition to the earlier DREF amount, the Spanish Red Cross pledged EUR 12,000 (CHF 19,290) in support of the operation. This brought the total amount provided to the NS to CHF 94,290. Further, the Norwegian Red Cross shipped some medical items for distribution to the treatment centres catering for those injured in the disaster.

### **Coordination**

The NRCS worked closely with the Federation sub-regional office in Lagos and Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (which was the coordinating centre for all treatment centres). The Norwegian Red Cross provided some medical items for distribution to the treatment centres. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) provided VHF radio handsets that were being used by leaders of various teams. The NS also collaborated with both print and electronic media, particularly in organizing forums to sensitize the public on the dangers of tampering with petroleum pipelines.

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

**Objective 1: To provide first aid, psychological support and health services to 2,000 affected people.**

#### **Achievements**

In response to the disaster, the NRCS mobilized its team of volunteer who provided first aid to the injured. The volunteers also assisted in evacuating the injured to various treatment centres in Lagos, using the NS's ambulances. In addition, dressing materials were donated to the treatment centres.

**Objective 2: To provide medical supplies and support to public health authorities to prevent deaths and deterioration of the condition of 70 injured people being treated at treatment centres.**

#### **Achievements**

On 30 December 2006, a combined team comprising of staff from NRCS and the Federation sub-regional office in Lagos provided medical supplies to the various treatment centres. The team was led by the Secretary General of the NRCS and the head of Federation sub-regional office. A larger consignment of the medical items was received by the chief medical director of Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (which was the coordinating centre for all treatment centres) on behalf of other centres. In addition, the injured were provided with food supplements to quicken their recovery.



*Red Cross volunteers prepare medical items for donation to treatment centres.*

**Objective 3: To prevent possible outbreak of epidemics within the disaster area.**

#### **Achievements**

From 29 to 31 December 2006, the NRCS's EFAT disinfected the disaster site – by fumigation – to stop the emission of foul odour and to prevent environmental pollution as well as a possible outbreak of infectious diseases. The Red Cross fumigation team also collected remains of torn human parts at the site and handed them over to the Ifako Ijaye local government authority for proper disposal.

**Objective 4: To provide basic food items to 150 affected households for one month.**

#### **Achievements**

The NRCS procured and distributed the following food items to the registered families affected by the disaster: 150 bags of rice, 13 bags of beans, 5 bags of granulated sugar and 4 bags of salt.

**Objective 5: To provide basic non-food items (NFIs) to 150 affected households for one month.**

#### **Achievements**

The NRCS, with the support of the Federation sub-regional office in Lagos, distributed the following NFIs to 150 families affected by the disaster: 450 blankets, 450 mats, 300 cooking pots, 300 plastic buckets, 750 plastic plates, 750 plastic cups, 750 spoons, 750 plastic bowls and 750 bars of toilet soap.

**Objective 6: To create awareness in the community on the dangers of open petroleum pipelines to mitigate future injuries and/ or deaths.**

**Achievements**

The NRCS is preparing to organize a forum to sensitize members of the public on the danger of tampering with petroleum pipelines. The NS is identifying communities that are directly concerned so as to organize open campaigns in those communities. The exercise will be conducted in collaboration with local print and electronic media, who have showed interest in promoting the campaign.

**Objective 7: To ensure recovery and reunification of separated missing family members.**

**Achievements**

Volunteers from the NRCS disseminated information to members of the Abule Egba community to register their missing relations at the Red Cross registration centre so as to enable the tracing team to link the injured with their families. Another volunteer team registered and collected addresses of survivors admitted in various hospitals and treatment centres so as to reunite them with their families who were not aware that they were still alive. A 67 years old woman who had earlier been declared missing was found and taken to her son by the Red Cross volunteers. The Red Cross tracing unit recorded a total of 146 missing persons.

**Objective 8: To provide psychological support and counselling to families of the affected people.**

**Achievements**

EFAT volunteers disseminated information to the public and appealed to family members/relatives who might still be hiding people injured during the explosion (for fear of being arrested and prosecuted) to release them for treatment. This was to prevent the deterioration of the injured peoples' conditions, which could possibly lead to death. As a result, five injured people who were in hiding showed up for treatment while two others who were hiding in a private hospital were transferred to the treatment centres by the volunteers.

**Objective 9: To ensure an efficient and effective organization and sharing of operational information and humanitarian activities.**

**Achievements**

The Lagos state branch of the NRCS is a member of the committee on the disaster set up by the government. Some media houses in Lagos offered to work with the Red Cross in publishing names and photographs of registered missing persons. The media houses have also publicized other activities of the Red Cross in their newspapers. The NRCS will organize a briefing session for its volunteers and will put in place short-term as well as long-term disaster preparedness and response programmes.

**Objective 10: To ensure prompt and effective communication of information and report on situation during the intervention.**

**Achievements**

The national headquarters of the NRCS provided EFAT volunteers with telephone recharge cards to ease communication and coordination with the various teams. In addition, leaders of the various teams have also been issued with VHF radio handsets provided by ICRC as back up to mobile telephony. The Federation sub-regional office in Lagos provided a vehicle to transport those involved in monitoring and coordinating the operation.

**Objective 11: To ensure the sharing of lessons learned during the intervention.**

**Achievements**

A combined team of NRCS and Federation officials regularly met with the Red Cross volunteers in the field. During such meetings, operational issues were discussed, participants shared experiences and the officials communicated their appreciation for the humanitarian efforts put by the volunteers, encouraging them to keep it up.

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Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/2
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MDRNG002
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
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
DREF		75,000				75,000
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or		75,000				75,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		75,000				75,000
D. Total Funding = B + C		75,000				75,000

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		75,000				75,000
E. Expenditure		-16,624				-16,624
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		58,376				58,376

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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
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles			2,508				2,508	-2,508
Medical & First Aid			509				509	-509
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>3,017</b>				<b>3,017</b>	<b>-3,017</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Others Machinery & Equipment			542				542	-542
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>			<b>542</b>				<b>542</b>	<b>-542</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Distribution & Monitoring			206				206	-206
Transport & Vehicle Costs			1,234				1,234	-1,234
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>			<b>1,440</b>				<b>1,440</b>	<b>-1,440</b>
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
National Staff			2,566				2,566	-2,566
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>			<b>2,566</b>				<b>2,566</b>	<b>-2,566</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training			410				410	-410
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>			<b>410</b>				<b>410</b>	<b>-410</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel			336				336	-336
Information & Public Relation			916				916	-916
Office Costs			437				437	-437
Financial Charges			318				318	-318
Other General Expenses			4,317				4,317	-4,317
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>			<b>6,324</b>				<b>6,324</b>	<b>-6,324</b>
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support			2,326				2,326	-2,326
<b>Total Program Support</b>			<b>2,326</b>				<b>2,326</b>	<b>-2,326</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>			<b>16,624</b>				<b>16,624</b>	<b>-16,624</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>-16,624</b>				<b>-16,624</b>	