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Emergency Appeal MDRRW001

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RWANDA: DROUGHT

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

Final Report; Period covered: 3 March to 1 September 2006; Final appeal coverage: 66.6%.

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Appeal history:

- [Emergency Appeal](#) launched on 3 March 2006 for CHF 902,799 (USD 683,421 or EUR 576,868) for 6 months to assist 100,000 beneficiaries.
- [Operations Update no. 1](#), issued on 24 April 2006, focused on distribution of food and seeds.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 180, 000.**

For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal for East Africa sub-regional programmes (MAA64003): <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA64003.pdf>

Background and Summary

Five consecutive years of drought in Eastern and Horn of Africa resulted in a critical water shortage and food insecurity situation. The situation extended to Rwanda, in the nearby Great Lakes region, where about some 202,239 households (over one million people) in the eastern and southern regions of the country were affected by a severe drought. The affected regions included Kibungo, Umutara and Bugesera (in the East) and Butare, Gikongoro and Gitarama regions (in the south).

Due to increased food insecurity, some 33,000 tonnes of food assistance was needed. Seeds and fertilizers were also required to ensure that farmers whose crops had withered were supported to re-plant, thus protecting their integrity and livelihoods. Pastoralist communities, whose livestock were under quarantine for foot and mouth disease, needed to be supported while water and sanitation facilities interventions were required to mitigate the risks of waterborne disease outbreaks due to a lack of clean and safe water; potable water sources had dried up and only polluted sources remained.

The Rwanda Red Cross (RRC), with support from the International Federation, responded to needs of food insecure communities in the most affected areas, including Bugesera, Kibungo and Umutara. The Red Cross assistance included distribution of government-provided food, provision of supplementary food, seeds and fertilizer. The Red Cross also implemented health and water and sanitation activities. The Red Cross intervention was designed to complement the larger scale activities of the Rwandan Government as well as the response by other actors such as UN agencies, international organizations, local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and international NGOs.



Thousands of vulnerable people were in dire need of food. The Rwandan Red Cross distributed food to over 17,500 families.

Analysis of the operation - objectives, achievements, impact

Goal: To identify and meet food, livelihood, health, water and sanitation related needs of the most vulnerable through immediate drought related food and livelihood related responses as well as longer-term health, and water and sanitation related interventions.

Objective 1: To contribute towards meeting the food related needs of 100,000 of the most vulnerable families through the delivery and targeted distribution of government provided food items in the eastern region, including Kibungo, Umutara, and northern Kigali.

Achievements

The original target of 100,000 beneficiary families was based on government estimates. However, following an assessment by Red Cross teams, the Rwandan Red Cross adjusted the figure to 22,815. Of the 22,815 targeted families, the National Society assisted 17,815 vulnerable families in Nyagatare, Gatsibo, Bugesera, Kayonza, Ngoma and Kirehe districts with 650,925 tonnes of beans, 650,925 tonnes of maize and 32,867 litres of oil.

Table 1: Distribution of food to targeted families in Bugesera, Kibungo and Umutara

Regions	Districts	Targeted families	Beans (tonnes)	Maize (tonnes)	Oil (litres)
Umutara	Nyagatare	1,631	84.746	84.746	3,458
	Gatsibo	2,438	54.867	54.867	2,881
Bugesera	Bugesera	4,051	135.000	135.000	7,000
Kibungo	Kayonza	3,656	135.000	135.000	5,528
	Ngoma	2,157	106.312	106.312	7,000
	Kirehe	3,882	135.000	135.000	7,000
Total		17,815	650.925	650.925	32,867

Objective 2: To support and improve the agricultural production capacities of 50,000 vulnerable families through the distribution of 200,000 kg of selected maize and bean seeds (2kgs of beans and 2kgs of maize per family) and the distribution of 300,000 kg of fertilizer (1 kg of chemical fertilizer and 5 kg of manure fertilizer per family).

Achievements

Up to 140 tonnes of bean seeds and 140 tonnes of maize seeds were procured by the RRC. Once the procurement process was completed, 34,425 vulnerable families in Nyagatare, Gatsibo, Bugesera, Kayonza, Ngoma and Kirehe districts were identified for initial distributions which started in March 2006. The 34,425 vulnerable families (69 percent of the beneficiaries targeted in the appeal) received seeds for planting. A total of 278.67 tonnes of maize and bean seeds (up from an initial target of 200 tonnes) were distributed. The distributions were timely as the beneficiaries were able to plant before the onset of the rainy season in April 2006.

Table 2: Distribution of maize and bean seeds in Bugesera, Kibungo and Umutara

Regions	Districts	Targeted families	Bean seeds (tonnes)	Maize seeds (tonnes)
Bugesera	Bugesera	14,000	55.755	55.755
Kibungo	Kayonza	5,091	20.364	20.364
	Kirehe	5,194	20.836	20.836
	Ngoma	3,140	14.560	14.560
Umutara	Nyagatare	3,300	12.956	12.956
	Gatsibo	4,700	14.864	14.864
Total		34,425	139.335	139.335

Objective 3: To improve the nutritional status of 800 malnourished children less than five years of age at ten health centres in Rwanda's eastern region (Bugesera, Kibungo and Umutara) through the provision of supplementary food for a period of three months.

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Achievements

The Rwandan Red Cross procured 3 tonnes of *sosoma* (an inexpensive local blend of sorghum, soya and maize into a rich nutritional pudding) and 1.45 tonnes of sugar for distribution to a nutritional centre in Bugesera region. The distribution of *sosoma* contributed to improving the nutritional status of some 300 malnourished children aged under 5 years in Bugesera. Milk production improved with the onset of the rainy season – as pasture was now available – and affected communities in Umutara and Kibungo were able to provide for their families on their own.

Objective 4: To prevent the occurrence and spread of communicable diseases related to the drought in the communities of Bugesera, Kibungo, and Umutara, through social mobilization and health promotion activities.

Achievements

The Red Cross conducted social mobilization and health promotion activities using the Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) methodology. Red Cross volunteers and local community leaders were trained in key areas such as prevention of malaria and communicable diseases. The Red Cross volunteers, with the support of the trained local community leaders, organized educational and sensitization sessions for community members. Plans to reproduce technical brochures on the African Red Cross and Red Crescent Health Initiative (ARCHI), including guidelines for community action, were not implemented.

Objective 5: To improve rainwater catchment in Nyagatore district by setting up two valley dams.

Achievements

The plan to construct valley dams for farmers and pastoralists from the eastern region was reconsidered following consultations with the local authorities. It was observed that the effects of the drought on livestock had added more pressure to the already grim situation. The issue was addressed comprehensively through rehabilitation of existing water points in order to provide water for both humans and livestock.

Objective 6: To reduce the incidences of water and sanitation-related diseases through the provision of water and sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion through the Participatory Health and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) methodology.

Achievements

The Rwanda Red Cross rehabilitated 3 water sources, 5 water tanks and 40 street fountains, and constructed 12 new street fountains and one tank. The rehabilitation and construction of those facilities contributed towards improving the conditions of communities in the districts reached; 38,100 people now have access to clean and safe water. Additionally, the National Society now has an emergency water and sanitation kit.

Forty Red Cross volunteers and 40 local authority officials from Kiramuruzi and Kiziguro sectors were trained in PHAST methodology. An awareness creation programme was developed and sensitization sessions were conducted by the trained volunteers, with support from local authorities. As a result of the awareness programme, there is an improved community-wide knowledge concerning drought-related health risks and hygiene awareness.

Sanitary practices improved through the provision of 450 sanitary platforms which were fabricated by the Red Cross volunteers. Fabrication of additional sanitary platforms targeting 3,000 pieces, as per the initial plan, is still ongoing.

Coordination

Coordination meetings were held with the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) and National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members, Rwandan Red Cross team leaders and volunteers. The National Society received logistics assistance from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in transporting relief items. The Rwandan Red Cross was mandated by the Rwanda Government to distribute food in the eastern part of the country, with support from local authorities.

National Society Capacity Building

NDRT and RDRT members were deployed to project sites to offer expertise during the operation, to provide logistics support and to assist Red Cross volunteers in distributing relief items. Their involvement contributed to strengthening the knowledge and skills of volunteers as regards beneficiary selection and distribution of relief items.

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Lessons learned

The original target of 100,000 beneficiary families for relief food assistance in the eastern region was based on government estimates. However, the figure was reduced to 22,815 by the National Society following an assessment it conducted in the affected areas. In future, collaboration between the Rwanda Red Cross, the Federation, ICRC, local authorities and other actors – at different levels – will be enhanced so as to harmonize relief efforts and to ensure the most accurate beneficiary identification and targeting.

The government also undertook response activities and used its resources to facilitate other response actions. These, combined with the activities of the Red Cross, made an impact on the overall implementation of the drought operation.

How we work

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.

For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the National Society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a 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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
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Appeal	MDRRW001
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		902,799				902,799
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DREF</i>		-21,144				-21,144
<i>Hong Kong Red Cross</i>		28,084				28,084
<i>Irish Government</i>		233,168				233,168
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		29,855				29,855
<i>Libyan Red Crescent</i>		1,000				1,000
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>		15,790				15,790
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		134,272				134,272
C1. Cash contributions		421,024				421,024
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>DREF</i>		180,000				180,000
<i>Hong Kong Red Cross</i>		0				0
<i>Irish Government</i>		0				0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or		180,000				180,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		601,024				601,024
D. Total Funding = B + C		601,024				601,024

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		601,024				601,024
E. Expenditure		-601,024				-601,024
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)		902,799					902,799	
Supplies								
Food	19,477						19,477	
Seeds,Plants	406,977						406,977	
Water & Sanitation	182,028						182,028	
Medical & First Aid	9,420						9,420	
Total Supplies	617,902						617,902	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	5,000						5,000	
Others Machinery & Equipment			5			5	-5	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	5,000		5			5	4,995	
Transport & Storage								
Storage			21			21	-21	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	28,098		895			895	27,202	
Total Transport & Storage	28,098		916			916	27,182	
Personnel Expenditures								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	39,000		16,950			16,950	22,050	
Delegate Benefits	36,000						36,000	
National Staff			484			484	-484	
National Society Staff	23,316						23,316	
Consultants			58			58	-58	
Total Personnel Expenditures	98,316		17,492			17,492	80,824	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	27,500		3,572			3,572	23,928	
Total Workshops & Training	27,500		3,572			3,572	23,928	
General Expenditure								
Travel	10,466		2,110			2,110	8,356	
Information & Public Relation			5			5	-5	
Office Costs	698		519			519	179	
Communications	465		997			997	-532	
Professional Fees			8,098			8,098	-8,098	
Financial Charges			18			18	-18	
Other General Expenses	55,672		977			977	54,696	
Total General Expenditure	67,301		12,725			12,725	54,577	
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			527,247			527,247	-527,247	
Total Federation Contributions & Tr			527,247			527,247	-527,247	
Program Support								
Program Support	58,682		39,067			39,067	19,615	
Total Program Support	58,682		39,067			39,067	19,615	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	902,799		601,024			601,024	301,775	
VARIANCE (C - D)			301,775			301,775		