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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 90,000 (USD 70,000 or EUR 56,625) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will be completed by the end of December, 2007; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation. 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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Background and current situation

Unusually heavy rains fell in many regions in Chad in recent weeks, resulting in floods in the capital city (N'Djamena) and in various areas of the country. Reports indicated some 52 people died, and there was extensive damage to infrastructure, including houses and social service structures. The most affected places are N'Djamena, Sahr, Doba, Bébidja, Goré, Pala and Koumra. Tens of thousands of people were displaced, and many others were scattered in unhealthy muddy grounds with significant risks of epidemic outbreak.

Acting on several alert messages from the affected areas, the Chadian government instructed urgent action from the National Committee of Flood Management (CONASI) to assess the extent of damage and subsequent needs of the effected population. The Committee members which include technical WatSan experts and senior officials from the Ministries of Interior and Territorial Administration; Social Affairs, Public Health, and other sensitive sectors with civil protection mandates, have been deployed to visit various scenes of the disaster in N'Djamena. Similar instructions were given to the regional and local authorities to conduct rapid assessments upon which the government and its partner humanitarian organisations could build plans to access the victims with adequate quality assistance.

Official statistics (as of 6 September) reflected the following:

- In Bébidja, 15 days of heavy rains with a recorded water level of 346 mm rendered 1,063 families homeless (average size five persons) homeless. 1,706 houses; 217 sanitation facilities (bathrooms and toilets) destroyed; 18 water wells; and 626 walls/and house fences were destroyed or collapsed.
- In Doba: 1,187 houses and 44 walls collapsed, 365 hectares of agricultural land were inundated; many livestock losses were reported; 135 bags of cereals and 30 bags of cement were spoiled by the waters.
- In Koumra: 839 houses were destroyed, and many walls and fences collapsed (including the walls of the city mosque and those of the local prison).

In addition to these, more than 145 mm of rain fall was registered on 17 August in the area of Kanem Matchouna, with an extensive impact on those living in the area. Government authorities at the regional and local levels are conducting further assessments to transmit details on damage and needs in other areas affected by the floods.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

CHF 90,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable a timely response to the needs. The Red Cross of Chad (RCC) distributed relief items in some of the affected areas in the south, and its volunteers are assisting local authorities in delivering assistance and relief to some of the affected population. For the past two weeks, the RCC, with technical support from the Federation's in-country Delegation, has fully participating in CONASI activities. A joint RCC and Federation technical team, led by the Secretary General is involved in the Committee Coordination meetings. The Red Cross assessments estimated the number of homeless persons at 11,137 persons; of which 175 are over 65 years old; 427 are children under five years, and 283 are pregnant women. Responding to the needs of victims in Bébidja, Chad Red Cross authorities had earlier provided the community of Miandoum with 100 blankets, 100 plastic mats, 100 mosquito nets and various other clothing items. The Red Cross Disaster Management Team is now busy assessing possibilities of urgent assistance to specific vulnerable persons in Sahr, Koumra, Doba, Bébidja, Goré, Pala, and N'Djamena where RCC local branches have identified 2,784 houses damaged, and four primary schools and two secondary schools damaged by winds and rain waters. Further reports from RCC volunteers in the field revealed that 3,452 hectares of agricultural lands were inundated, destroying the crops of groundnuts, millet, and cotton. Three community health centres are reported damaged.

Although clear official statistics are not yet made available by the Coordination Committee, many humanitarian organizations, including the Red Cross, will need to mobilize thousands of blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, food items and medical supplies to assist and support the affected populations whose present living conditions are potentially exposed to high risks of disease such as malaria, cholera and diarrhoea. To avoid such epidemics the Red Cross of Chad is planning to carry out adequate community health education for the prevention of water borne diseases. Water/sanitation teams will be deployed to protect water sources and chlorinate wells

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located in the affected areas. After the rainy season, Red Cross of Chad volunteers will maintain a field presence to assist the government to consolidate the overall health standards in targeted communities.

The needs

The Red Cross of Chad has identified a need for 727 bags of sorghum; 727 bags of beans, 76 bags of salt; 6,012 packets of sugar (to be provided from Federation and RCC contingency stock for the refugee operation). In addition, an in-kind contribution will be mobilized to purchase 2,750 blankets; 11,307 pieces of clothing materials for children; two cholera kits; generic drugs/and other medical supplies; 1,200 sensitization posters; 1,000 leaflets; 550 visibility bibs; 275 pairs of rain boots; 400 pairs of gloves; 400 face (nose/mouth) masks; five sets of sanitation tools; 10 buckets; 30 tins of chlorine powder; five kits of DM dissemination material; one commercial truck hire; together with the provision of 333 litres of petrol/or gasoline for vehicles; and vehicle maintenance costs; administration/distribution costs in the form of per diem, hotel accommodation and stationary. WHO emergency health kits will be requested from partner agencies (WHO or UNICEF), while 6,012 impregnated mosquito nets will be supplied by the Federation's regional malaria programme.

Coordination

The operation will be co-ordinated by the RCC Secretary General, assisted by two disaster management field supervisors, two logistics volunteers, one accountant (preferably the Finance/administration officer) and two WatSan technical assistants. The Federation's Delegation is working closely with the RCC, and will support and assist them by providing technical expertise to work in the affected area. It will contribute to timely reporting on progress achieved and assessing interim and final results.

Plan of action

The Red Cross of Chad will implement the operation over a three-month period.

Goal: To relieve flood-affected communities in four regions with basic vital needs, and ensure adequate health protection for specific vulnerable groups such as pregnant women and children under five years.

Objective: To provide basic food items, medical supplies/and services, water chlorination/and sanitation services, blankets and children's clothing so as to respond to the urgent vital needs of some 30,000 persons in four major regions (N'Djamena, Mandoul, Logone occidental, Logone oriental) which are severely affected by the ongoing rainy season.

Expected results

- Daily sensitization activities are carried out by 330 volunteers through door-to-door strategy to raise community awareness on risks of water-borne diseases in all targeted flood-affected areas;
- Systematic disease detection associated with health education and sanitation activities and water chlorination, together with early case detection, are ensured by volunteers in a participatory approach with targeted beneficiaries in affected regions to prevent communicable diseases such as diarrhea diseases (including cholera), malaria, etc.
- 30,000 vulnerable persons affected by the floods are provided with a single ration (one distribution) of emergency complementary food (preferably in the beginning of the operation);
- 11,000 vulnerable children (most under five years) are provided with clothing materials for protection against cold and wet weather in all four targeted areas.

Activities

- Organize four regional refresher courses on DM tools such as Community-based First Aid (CBFA) and ARCHI 2010 for 330 volunteers selected in targeted areas;
- Deploy trained volunteers in targeted areas to carry out planned activities;
- Organize a logistics and transport support package as required to deliver all needed relief items to the targeted areas;
- Coordinate the operation with senior RCC technical officers, with support of Federation delegates, and report accurately and timely on achievements.

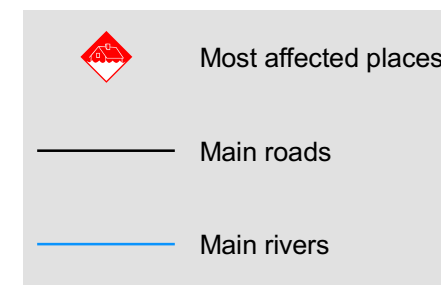
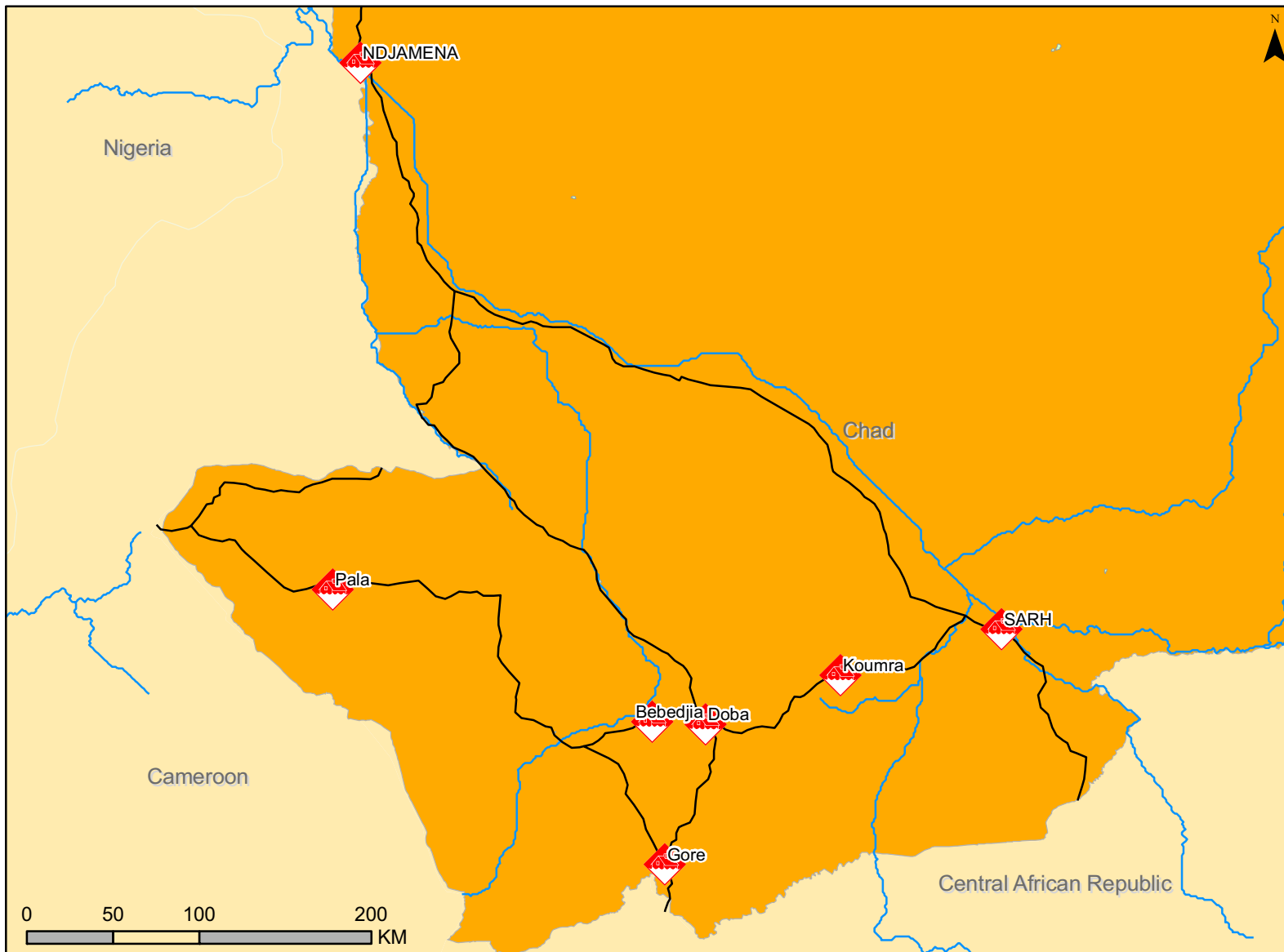
Budget outline

<i>TYPE</i>	<i>VALUE IN CHF</i>
BENEFICIARIES NEEDS	
Clothing & Textiles	31,594
Water & Sanitation	9,750
Medical & First Aid	5,813
Teaching materials	4,375
Other Supplies	8,875
<u>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES NEEDS</u>	60,406
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6,5% of total)	5,879
<u>TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</u>	
Transport & Vehicle	8,629
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
Regional & National	9,948
<u>GENERAL EXPENSE</u>	
Other General Expenses	4,363
<u>Communication</u>	775
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS</u>	<u>29,594</u>
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	90,000

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