

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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CENTRAL AMERICA: HURRICANE FELIX

Appeal no. MDR43002
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In Brief

Operations Update no.3; Period covered: 24 September to 23 October 2007; Original Appeal target: CHF 992,673 (USD 847,714 or EUR 597,996); Revised Budget with this Operations Update: CHF 1,147,000 (USD 979,505 or EUR 690,964) for 9 months to assist 30,208 beneficiaries (5,370 families). Appeal coverage: 106%.

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Note: the updated donor report will be available on the Federation's website shortly.

Appeal history:

- On 6 September 2007 an emergency appeal was launched for CHF 992,673 (USD 825,165 or EUR 601,620) to assist 23,250 beneficiaries (4,650 families) for 9 months.
- Operation will be completed on 3 June 2008 and a final report is due on 3 September 2008.
- CHF 200,000 (USD 166,251 or EUR 121,655) was allocated from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 3 September 2007.

Operational summary: Since the onset of the emergency caused by hurricane Felix, the Red Cross National Societies of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua assessed the needs and delivered immediate support to the most affected families. The number of beneficiaries in Honduras increased from 1,950 to 2,358 families as there was a greater need for rehabilitation activities and relief items in La Mosquitia. These additional needs will be covered by bilateral contributions from the Italian government and the Spanish Red Cross. There is continued need for and support to health and sanitation activities, psychosocial support and rehabilitation of livelihoods in the affected countries. This update outlines the basic activities planned and accomplished up-to-date. Currently, the main focus of this operation is on recovery and rehabilitation activities and strengthening of the National Societies capacities in disaster preparedness and equipment procurement.

Response to this Emergency Appeal has been generous, with coverage standing over 100 percent. The National Societies of Canada, Hong Kong, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and the American Red Cross have contributed directly to the Appeal, while the Canadian and Costa Rican Red Cross Societies have made in-kind contributions. The Italian, Netherlands and Canadian governments have contributed to this Appeal as well. In addition, the International Federation is providing continued support to the National Societies of Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua through the Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Central America and Mexico Regional Representation Office in Panama. In Guatemala, the Norwegian Red Cross reached a bilateral agreement with the National Society to carry out water and sanitation and health and care activities in response to the needs outlined in this Appeal.

This Operations Update no. 3 features a revised budget of CHF 1,146,800 (USD 979,334 OR EUR 690,843). The budget was revised due to several reasons; the most important ones being the bilateral nature of some of the contributions, the identification of greater needs and the increase of capacity building activities in Honduras and Guatemala for disaster preparedness.

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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

Felix, the second hurricane of the 2007 Atlantic season made landfall in northeastern Nicaragua on the morning of 4 September as a dangerous category five hurricane. During 4 September, the center of hurricane Felix moved inland over northeastern **Honduras** and **Nicaragua**. On 5 September, Felix was downgraded to a tropical depression, but still managed to severely affect approximately 40,887 families in the countries of **Guatemala**, **Honduras** and **Nicaragua** with heavy rainfall and flooding.

The near proximity of Hurricane Felix caused continuous rain and floods in **Guatemala**. The government agency for Disaster Reduction (Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres – CONRED) reported major floods in 17 communities in the municipalities of Puerto Barrios and Morales. These municipalities confirmed that the hurricane caused major basic sanitary infrastructure damages in their sewage systems and a lack of drinking water. Consequently, drinking water was contaminated, creating health problems, especially in children. 781 families (3,905

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people) were affected and 914 houses destroyed by the floods. CONRED attended early relief needs by distributing food parcels, jerry cans, blankets, drinking water and mattresses to the most affected.



Strict control measures were applied in distribution activities in Nicaragua. Source: International Federation.

In **Honduras**, the departments of Yoro, Cortés, and Gracias a Dios were severely affected by the constant rains and flooding. The Ulúa River overflowed which affected the low sector communities of Potrerillos, Pimienta, San Manuel, Villanueva and Choloma in the department of Cortés and El Progreso in the department of Yoro. The government commission for contingencies (Comisión Permanente de Contingencias – COPECO), conducted need and damage assessments and estimated a loss of USD 6,579,290.90 (CHF 7,812,924) in the agricultural sector. The Sula Valley sustained damages in corn, bean, sugar cane and African palm plantations as well as vegetable, fruit and livestock farms. Bridges, roads, houses and schools were damaged by floods and landslides. A total of 32,216 people were evacuated and

approximately 2,361 families were seriously affected by the hurricane.

The sustained heavy rains caused by Felix severely affected **Nicaragua**, especially the community of Sandy Bay, 15 km north of Bilwi (in Puerto Cabezas, 500 km Northwest from Managua); a region that is periodically affected by hurricanes. After moving through the Northern Atlantic Region, the hurricane affected other departments and municipalities on its path. Some communities are very hard to reach since there are no roads and can only be reached by air or water.

Final reports from the the National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Attention (Sistema Nacional para la Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres - SINAPRED) in Nicaragua indicate that approximately 37,745 families (188,726 people) were affected. Assessments report 19,506 damaged houses and 13,338 destroyed latrines. 11,433 wells were completely destroyed. Approximately 13,500 people were evacuated and about 102 casualties were reported. Road infrastructure, schools, health facilities, the main pier in Puerto Cabezas and the control tower of Bilwi airport were damaged. SINAPRED is coordinating the initial rehabilitation and rebuilding of schools as well as providing school supplies for students and teachers in the communities of Bilwi and Waspam. 427,000 hectares of agricultural land and forests were destroyed. The livelihoods of the people living in these areas are based on a subsistence economy, and this storm has put these livelihoods at risk

The Office of Disaster Operations (Centro de Operaciones de Desastres, CODE) reports that the Nicaraguan government has distributed a total of 17,475 pounds of food to the most affected communities. 42 specialized medical teams are assisting 55 communities in Puerto Cabezas. The Ministry of Health installed seven water treatment plants in the communities of Krukia, Santa Marta, Sinsin, Bilwi, Awastara and Dakura, providing them with 3,000 litres of water per day.

Operational developments

Following damage and needs assessments by the Belize Red Cross Society (BRCS), no further action was required, although USD 5,000 from the initial DREF allocation was used to cover expenses on small health awareness activities carried out in preparation for Felix.

At the beginning of the emergency the **Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC)** and the local branches of Puerto Barrios and Santo Tomás de Castilla in the department of Izabal, carried out damage and needs assessments and formulated a Plan of Action. This plan assisted 200 families (1,000 people) located in the most affected areas. The local branches carried

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out evacuation activities in high risk areas, performed search and rescue activities, provided first aid care, carried out relief item distributions and assessed the damages and needs. The GRC mobilized one National Intervention Team (NIT), specialized in health and water sanitation and the Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) deployed a Coordination delegate and one general RIT member to support the GRC in all relief activities. The GRC coordinated these activities with municipal offices and other National Society local branches.



Beneficiaries had to provide detailed information in order to receive food parcels in Nicaragua. Source: International Federation.

To date, the 200 families in the GRC plan of action have received relief items such as hygiene kits, cleaning kits and food parcels (covered by the Secretary for Nutritional and Food Safety – SESAN and the World Food Programme – WFP). The mosquito nets were procured locally and will be distributed shortly.

The United Nations WFP and OCHA assisted the affected communities and households with the reconstruction of their livelihood assets and infrastructure in coordination with the GRC, and supported by Ericsson Response. Partner National

Societies (PNS) such as the Netherlands, Norwegian and Spanish Red Cross initially assisted the GRC in preparing and carrying out relief aid activities.

The **Honduran Red Cross** (HRC) activated their local branches in the departments of Colón, Atlántida, Yoro, Santa Bárbara and Cortés in the Northern region; Francisco Morazán in the Central region as well as Choluteca in the Southern region, to respond to the emergency. The HRC opened up regional warehouses to simplify the distribution of relief items. Due to the high levels of several rivers, more than 220 HRC volunteers from the local branches helped with evacuation activities and themselves distributed relief items like drinking water, medicines and food to those affected. Initially the HRC Plan of Action (PoA) aimed to assist 1,950 families, but due to increased needs such as relief items and roof building materials by the affected people in La Mosquitia and in Cortés, the PoA will assist a total of 2,358 families. To date, non food items have been distributed to 1,108 families. PADRU in coordination with the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Panama sent a container with non food items for 400 families (2,400 beneficiaries). These goods were distributed in the Departments of Yoro and Cortés by the HRC with the support of a PADRU DM delegate. The HRC has distributed their own relief items such as kitchen kits, hygiene kits and blankets (not Federation standard) to 461 families. PADRU will send the equivalent of the distributed HRC relief items to replenish their stocks in the coming weeks. The Canadian, Italian, Netherlands, Spanish and Swiss Red Cross Societies supported early relief activities through the provision of technical, logistics and finance personnel.

Since the onset of the emergency, the **Nicaraguan Red Cross** (NRC) coordinated with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health (Ministerio de Salud - MINSA), and provided direct support to the evacuation of 12,000 people in the affected area of Puerto Cabezas. 35 volunteers of the NRC local branch in Puerto Cabezas were supporting early relief activities. The Costa Rican Red Cross sent a team of 25 volunteers specialized in search and rescue to the area, along with five ambulances and three trucks. The mobilization of this team is covered within this Emergency Appeal. A PADRU delegate specialized in communications coordinated early relief activities and one Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member is still assisting the distribution activities in the area.



Distribution of relief items and food parcels in Nicaragua. Source: International Federation.

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The NRC plan of action also included assistance to affected people from the Northern Atlantic region, especially in Sandy Bay. PADRU in coordination with the RLU sent a container with relief goods for 1,000 families to Nicaragua to serve early relief activities.

The NRC received 825 hygiene kits from the Spanish Red Cross and logistic support from the Italian Red Cross. The Canadian Red Cross supplied blankets and a general support team was sent from the Netherlands Red Cross to Puerto Cabezas. The NRC plan of action has benefited 2,700 families with food parcels and other relief items.

Red Cross action - objectives, progress, impact

This Emergency Appeal seeks to support relief activities in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Objectives and activities planned

Emergency relief

Objective 1: 4,370 affected families will benefit from the provision of relief items to immediately recover from the effects of hurricane Felix (200 families in Guatemala, 1,358 families in Honduras, 2,812 families in Nicaragua).

The **Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC)** provided the 200 families affected by the floods with the following relief items:

- Hygiene kits (First distribution held on 12 September, second distribution held on 12 October)
- Cleaning kits (First distribution held on 19 September, second distribution held on 12 October)
- Food parcels (Provided by SESAN and WFP, distribution held on 8 September)

400 hygiene kits and 200 cleaning kits have been procured to replenish GRC stocks. The 400 mosquito nets have been procured locally and will be distributed shortly.

Impact: 200 families who were affected by hurricane Felix received immediate non-food relief items. The GRC is prepared for future emergency response since they have replenished their existing stocks. The beneficiaries and local authorities were extremely pleased in the way the distribution activities were organized by the GRC which they graded as systematic and orderly.

Constraints: The GRC decided to purchase the mosquito nets locally since PADRU was not able to dispatch mosquito nets due to Guatemalan customs procedures.

The **Honduran Red Cross (HRC)** provided relief assistance to a total of 1,358 families (8,148 beneficiaries). 400 families in the department of Yoro have received non food items such as kitchen kits, hygiene kits and blankets from PADRU. 461 families in the department of Cortés received non-standard relief items from the HRC. These items will be replenished by PADRU in the coming weeks.

There are 250 families, located in the department of Gracias a Dios who will receive roofing materials, donated by Exxon Mobile and the Italian government cooperation, in order to repair their houses. The HRC will provide the 250 families in La Mosquitia with kitchen kits, hygiene kits and blankets from PADRU.

The distribution activities are described as follows:

Department	Families	Items and Quantities	Observations
Yoro	400	400 Kitchen kits, 400 Hygiene kits and 1200 blankets	Distributed (PADRU relief Items)
Cortés	247	741 blankets	Distributed (PADRU relief Items)
Cortés	461	461 Kitchen kits, 461	Distributed (HRC)

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		hygiene kits and 1,383 blankets	relief items)
Gracias a Dios (La Mosquitia)	250	Roofing materials, 250 Kitchen kits, 250 Hygiene kits and 1500 blankets	Will be accomplished in November
TOTAL	1,358		

PADRU will replenish HRC stocks with the following:

- 250 Hygiene kits
- 250 Kitchen kits
- 1,500 blankets

Impact: The most immediate impact of this objective is that 1,358 families (approximately 8,148 people) saw their basic needs met through the distributions of relief items. Due to additional contributions (thanks to Exxon and the Italian government) HRC will supply relief items for beneficiaries in La Mosquitia.

Constraints: There was some difficulty in accomplishing distribution activities due to the fact that the region is still suffering from constant rains.

The **Nicaraguan Red Cross** Plan of Action will provide assistance to 2,812 families (14,060 beneficiaries) located in the Northern Atlantic region with food and non food items.

To date, 2,812 families in the Northern Atlantic Region have received the following relief items:

Items	Amounts
Blankets (1,300 families)	3,900 (three per family)
Kitchen kits (919 families)	919
Hygiene kits (1,300 families)	1,300
Food parcels** (2,812 families)	Each family received one food parcel containing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 lbs of rice • 30 lbs of beans • 30 lbs of sugar • 30 lbs of corn • 30 lbs of oatmeal • 5 lbs of salt • 1 gallon of cooking oil

*Note: The in-kind donation sent from Canada by the Canadian Red Cross consisted of 10,500 blankets. The NRC will keep the remaining 2,400 blankets, and they will do further assessments to determine if there are families who might require additional blankets.

**Note: The composition and price of the food parcels – which were procured locally - varied significantly from the original budget at the time of purchase.

The distribution of food parcels to the remaining 1,400 families in the Northern Atlantic region was completed on 25 October.

Impact: 2,812 families in the most affected region of Nicaragua received relief items and food parcels that met their basic needs, in order to recover from the effects of the floods and heavy winds previously experienced. The 2,812

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families and local authorities were very grateful and graded the methodology used by the NRC in their distribution activities as organized and efficient.

Constraints: Since the food parcels were procured locally, there were delays from the local suppliers in delivering them on time. The constant rain the country has been experiencing has also delayed the second phase food parcel distributions for the 1,400 families. Since most of the affected communities are very isolated and very difficult to reach, the logistics of all emergency relief aid was complex therefore increasing costs for both transport of supplies and personnel.

Early recovery

Objective 1: Early recovery and rehabilitation activities are assessed, planned and implemented together with the affected communities and key local, national and international stakeholders.

Livelihoods and infrastructure in Honduras and Nicaragua were severely affected. The **Honduran Red Cross (HRC)** in coordination with the government commission for contingencies, COPECO and the Ministry of Agriculture, will assist in rehabilitation activities in the agricultural sectors damaged by the hurricane in the department of Yoro. The HRC will provide technical assistance, logistics and distribution of provisions such as fertilizers and seeds to the affected people so they can recuperate their corn and bean crops. This plan will assist 1,000 families (6,000 people).

Department	Rehabilitation of Farms and Plantations
Yoro	Seeds, fertilizers and technical assistance
1,000 families	

Due to the heavy rains in the region, technical assistance for the rehabilitation of farms and plantations will take place from February 2008 through June 2008, which is the regular sowing season. The procurement of the agricultural supplies will be completed during the month of November.

Health

Psychosocial support

Objective 1: The affected communities will benefit from psychosocial support (PSP) to assist them in recovering from the effects of the hurricane.

The **Nicaraguan Red Cross** will provide psychological first aid to all the affected communities and NRC volunteers who were also affected, especially in the Northern Atlantic Region, with an aim to help them cope with the stress they have been subjected to as a result of this disaster. This National Society seeks to accomplish this objective through bilateral contributions working with international agencies such as Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), UNICEF, WFP and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

HIV and AIDS awareness

Objective 2: Vulnerable populations affected by the hurricane in Guatemala and Nicaragua have increased awareness on HIV and AIDS.

Prevention and awareness programmes on HIV and AIDS will be carried out by the National Societies of Guatemala and Nicaragua within their plans of action with an aim to reduce or minimize infection with HIV during this emergency.

In **Guatemala**, the GRC carried out HIV and AIDS awareness workshops in branches for volunteers and the affected families. These actions were planned to be accomplished multilaterally under the framework of this appeal.

In **Nicaragua**, as an initial step, the NRC has already distributed information pamphlets on HIV and AIDS to affected people in shelters. The completion of this objective will be sought through bilateral actions.

Water and Sanitation

Objective 3: Vulnerable families will be sensitized on key health messages through a health awareness campaign related to vector control and water borne diseases.

After the passage of Felix, the countries continued to experience floods and a threat of more rainfall. Based on this situation - and the fact that these countries have a history of dengue outbreaks - there is an even greater threat for waterborne diseases.

The National Societies of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua with the support of several PNS will carry out health awareness campaigns related to vector control and waterborne diseases.

The **Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC)** in coordination with the Norwegian Red Cross provided those affected by the floods with water and sanitation activities, rebuilding of latrines and water wells and delivery of drinking water. The GRC has held health workshops for their volunteers in order to perform health awareness activities and assist the families affected by the floods. The GRC activated 14 National Intervention Team (NIT) members specialized in water and sanitation to assist in cleaning activities. To date, 100 wells have been cleaned and disinfected in several communities. There are 15 volunteers from the local branches of Puerto Barrios and Santo Tomás de Castilla who have received capacity training in water and sanitation.

The **Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC)** volunteers with assistance from The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) sanitized water wells for human water consumption.

Federation Coordination

The Federation's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Central America and Mexico Regional Representation Office in Panama have been in close contact with Partner National Societies (PNS) from United States, Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Spain, and the National Societies in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Panama coordinated with the Canadian Red Cross, the delivery of 10,500 blankets to the victims of the hurricane in Nicaragua. The RLU also dispatched two containers with relief items to Nicaragua and Honduras in coordination with the National Societies. As a result of the generous contributions from the Spanish Red Cross and in coordination with PADRU, the Honduran Red Cross will be able to provide additional rehabilitation activities in the affected area of La Mosquitia in Honduras.

In Nicaragua, the World Food Programme (WFP) is providing food parcels for up to 100,000 beneficiaries. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in coordination with the Nicaraguan government launched a flash appeal in order to continue all relief and recovery activities such as health, shelter and water and sanitation among others. UNICEF provided food items such as oatmeal and milk for children in schools in the affected area of Puerto Cabezas. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to date has contributed USD 1.5 million in recovery programs, non-food and food items for the affected populations. Furthermore, the NRC and all its local branches along with PADRU and present PNS coordinated all emergency relief activities to the affected areas with UN agencies, other donors, embassies and government agencies.

The Red Cross National Societies of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua have been and continue to be in close contact with their respective national disaster response agencies. Meetings have been held between OFDA, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), UNICEF, World Health Organisation (WHO), WFP, United Nations Development Plan (UNDP) and the Nicaraguan Red Cross to coordinate relief activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement -- Principles and initiatives

The hurricane response operation is based on the principle of humanity. The selection of beneficiaries under the Appeal is based on the level of vulnerability of those affected, respecting cultural diversity and ensuring gender sensitivity. Activities planned for this appeal are based on the SPHERE standards, the humanitarian charter and the code of conduct for emergency response. All objectives put forward in the Appeal are in line with the International Federation's Strategy 2010, as well as the Strategy for the Movement and the Principles and Rules of the Movement. The International Federation strongly supports the rights-based approach for people affected by disasters. The Guatemalan, Honduran and Nicaraguan Red Cross and the International Federation are ensuring the inclusion of a

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participatory needs assessment to define the contents of recovery support measures, and based on direct observation and vulnerability criteria, will define the geographical areas of intervention for the next sustained phase of recovery.

National Society Capacity Building

During the pre-hurricane meeting that took place in Panama from 14 to 17 May 2007 National Societies from countries prone to hurricanes in the Americas participated actively in the development of a Contingency Plan for the Region. The development of the Regional Contingency plan helped explore disaster preparedness tools, available capacities within the region, possible response strategies and operating procedures, which provided participants with hands-on practice.

The **Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC)**, the **Honduran Red Cross (HRC)** and the **Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC)** have ample experience in disaster response, particularly as a result of the hurricanes Mitch and Stan operations. National Intervention Team (NIT) trainings carried out in Guatemala and Honduras has increased the capacity of the National Societies. The Guatemalan, Honduran and Nicaraguan Red Cross Societies and their volunteers' capacities have been strengthened through their participation in providing humanitarian assistance during these relief operations. The Guatemalan Red Cross has offered several risk reduction workshops for their volunteers and for the people affected as well. This experience has had a positive impact on the participating branches in all three countries and their volunteers.

The GRC has included in their plan of action a set of activities which will strengthen their capacity in disaster preparedness. The plan consists of purchasing visibility equipment, maintenance of rescue transportation vehicles (vehicles and boats) and infrastructure improvements of GRC installations as well as training workshops for volunteers.

The HRC has included a set of activities in their plan of action in order to strengthen their local branches capacity in disaster preparedness. The plan consists of purchasing rescue equipment for disaster emergencies and visibility equipment such as helmets, vests, flashlights, and rain coats. A rescue boat will be purchased for the local branch in the northern sector of the country. These items will support and strengthen ten HRC local branches for future emergency rescue activities.

The new plan of the GRC and HRC was designed with a PADRU coordination delegate in order to prepare them for future emergencies. These new activities for health and disaster preparedness to strengthen the National Societies in Honduras and Guatemala will be covered in account of the additional donations received within this emergency appeal.

In conclusion, the National Societies affected by hurricane Felix were well prepared with pre-positioned stocks, radio networks both within country and between National Societies in the region, trained personnel and pre and post emergency coordination meetings. All the National Societies have a place in the National Emergency Operations Centre and have specific roles within their country's National Disaster Plan.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

Maintaining a steady flow of timely and accurate information between the field and other major stakeholders is vital for fundraising, advocacy and maintaining the profile of emergency operations. During an operation, communications between affected populations and the Red Cross and Red Crescent, as well as with the media and donors, is an essential mechanism for effective disaster response and the cornerstone to promote greater quality, accountability, and transparency. There has been close coordination and support to the NS to increase the visibility of their actions in regard to the communication through PADRU, the Regional Representation Offices and the Communications department of the International Federation's Secretariat in Geneva.

Regular situation reports were issued by Red Cross National Societies through the Federation's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) on the global International Federation website during the emergency. Several articles about Felix were posted on the website of the International Federation; <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/07/07091802/>. Press releases were issued by the Guatemalan Red Cross and the Nicaraguan Red Cross in order to raise funds and develop a better understanding of the mission of International Federation of the Red Cross and the activities the organization undertakes in serving the affected communities. In the same line, local and international media were provided with interviews directly from the affected National Societies.

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*Revised Appeal Budget below;
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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

HURRICANE FELIX

	ORIGINAL	REVISED
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>		
Shelter		
Construction Materials	30,075	37,231
Clothing & Textiles	82,532	34,089
Food	253,390	253,052
Seeds & Plants	74,706	74,706
Water & Sanitation	-	
Medical & First Aid	-	
Teaching Materials	-	
Utensils & Tools	143,802	149,286
Other Supplies & Services	70,217	78,911
Total Relief Needs	654,722	627,275
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>		
Land & Buildings	-	
Vehicles Purchase	-	
Computers & Telecom Equipment	11,966	11,966
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	-	
Medical Equipment	-	
Other Machinery & Equipment	-	30,716
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>		
Storage - Warehouse	4,812	4,812
Distribution & Monitoring	21,792	36,710
Transport & Vehicles Costs	86,255	95,674
<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
International Staff	-	
International Staff (Benefits and MSA)	18,045	18,045
Regionally Deployed Staff	70,977	70,977
National Staff	18,045	18,045
National Society Staff	43,519	53,368
Consultants	16,842	16,842
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>		
Workshops & Training	24,686	24,686
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>		
Travel	21,654	21,654
Information & Public Relations	14,117	15,932
Office running costs	16,135	16,135
Communication Costs	6,000	6,000
Professional Fees	3,609	3,609
Financial Charges	-	
Other General Expenses	-	

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR

71,824

74,554

Total Operational Needs

450,278

519,725

Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)

1,105,000

1,147,000

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2007/09
Budget Timeframe	2007/1-2008/12
Appeal	MDR43002
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		1,147,000				1,147,000
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions (received)</u>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>		87,218				87,218
<i>Hong Kong Red Cross</i>		30,963				30,963
<i>Icelandic Red Cross</i>		74,724				74,724
<i>Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund</i>		246,600				246,600
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>		325,543				325,543
<i>On Line donations</i>		482				482
C1. Cash contributions		765,530				765,530
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>		175,500				175,500
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		31,851				31,851
<i>Luxembourg Red Cross</i>		53,120				53,120
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		260,471				260,471
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		1,026,001				1,026,001
D. Total Funding = B + C		1,026,001				1,026,001

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		1,026,001				1,026,001
E. Expenditure		-314,031				-314,031
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		711,970				711,970

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Interim Financial Report

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Appeal	MDR43002
Budget	APPEAL

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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)		1,147,000					1,147,000	
Supplies								
Construction Materials	37,231						37,231	
Clothing & textiles	34,089		13,232			13,232	20,857	
Food	253,052						253,052	
Seeds,Plants	74,706						74,706	
Utensils & Tools	149,285		55,445			55,445	93,840	
Other Supplies & Services	78,911		60,160			60,160	18,751	
Total Supplies	627,274		128,837			128,837	498,437	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	11,966						11,966	
Others Machinery & Equipment	30,716						30,716	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	42,682						42,682	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	4,812						4,812	
Distribution & Monitoring	36,710		5,269			5,269	31,441	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	95,674		27			27	95,647	
Total Transport & Storage	137,196		5,297			5,297	131,900	
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegate Benefits	18,045						18,045	
Regionally Deployed Staff	70,977		1,054			1,054	69,923	
National Staff	18,045		241			241	17,804	
National Society Staff	53,368						53,368	
Consultants	16,842		5,414			5,414	11,429	
Total Personnel Expenditures	177,277		6,708			6,708	170,569	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	24,686						24,686	
Total Workshops & Training	24,686						24,686	
General Expenditure								
Travel	21,654		8,021			8,021	13,633	
Information & Public Relation	15,932						15,932	
Office Costs	22,135		1			1	22,134	
Communications			1,297			1,297	-1,297	
Professional Fees	3,609		602			602	3,008	
Financial Charges			683			683	-683	
Total General Expenditure	63,330		10,604			10,604	52,727	
Program Support								
Program Support	74,555		20,412			20,412	54,143	
Total Program Support	74,555		20,412			20,412	54,143	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			142,174			142,174	-142,174	
Total Operational Provisions			142,174			142,174	-142,174	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	1,147,000		314,031			314,031	832,969	
VARIANCE (C - D)			832,969			832,969		

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Disaster Management							
P43004	Hurricane Felix	0	1,026,001	-314,031	711,970	1,147,000	832,969
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	1,026,001	-314,031	711,970	1,147,000	832,969
Total	CENTRAL AMERICA - HURRI	0	1,026,001	-314,031	711,970	1,147,000	832,969