

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Cameroon: Floods in Mokolo and Kolofata

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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 and 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 34,125 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 22 August, 2007 to support the national society in delivering assistance to some 1,220 beneficiaries in Mokolo alone in one month. Following the evolution of the situation in the region (Northern part of Cameroon), the DREF objectives and budget were revised to cover the neighbouring Kolofata where the floods had also caused serious damages. The number of beneficiaries increased from 1,220 (in Mokolo) to 10,279 (9,079 in Kolofata). The operation was thus extended from one to three months, and the budget increased from CHF 34,125 to CHF 84,050 as an additional CHF 49,925 was allocated from DREF on 3 October, 2007.



The beneficiaries received non-food items from the Red Cross to protect themselves from bad weather.

Within the framework of the operation in both Mokolo and Kolofata, activities were carried out in the areas of relief distributions, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, capacity building and advocacy. As a result of these activities, the beneficiaries did not feel much the effects of the disaster. In fact, they received blankets and clothes to protect themselves from bad weather, and were distributed food items when they mostly needed it.

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The situation

Heavy rains occurred in the northern part of Cameroon in August 2007, precisely in Mokolo (1,300 km from Yaoundé the capital city of the country) and Kolofata (160 km from Mokolo), leaving a total of 10,279 persons homeless and considerable damages. Cameroon Red Cross Society assisted by the Federation (the Yaoundé Office) launched a DREF operation on 22 August, 2007 to assist the 1,220 affected persons of Mokolo. As the situation kept on deteriorating, the disaster extended to the neighbouring Kolofata, affecting an additional 9,079 persons. Thus the Federation assisted Cameroon Red Cross Society in applying for the

extension of the DREF Operation and budget on 3 October, 2007, which was accepted. This final report therefore covers operations in both Mokolo and Kolofata.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against objectives

Goal: Reduce the vulnerability of the people displaced by floods in Mokolo and Kolofata, Far North Province of Cameroon.

Objective: To improve the livelihood of some 10,279 displaced persons through a relief operation.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

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Activities planned:

- Children and mothers are well protected against diseases such as malaria and cholera.
- Trained Red Cross volunteers carry out activities smoothly, including sensitization campaigns.

Achievements: Cameroon Red Cross volunteers identified the most vulnerable affected people in Mokolo (244 families) and distributed food and non-food items. The non-food items included blankets, mats, mosquito nets and soap, as well as clothes for children. About 35 women were also given hygiene kits composed of 2 towels, 2 tooth pastes, 2 toothbrushes, 2 brassieres and 3 briefs each.

The following table summarizes the distributions actually carried out in Mokolo:

Family size	Blankets	Mats	Mosquito nets	Soap	35 selected women were given 2 towels, 2 tooth pastes, 2 toothbrushes, 2 brassieres and 3 briefs each
01 to 03 people	01 piece	01 piece	02 pieces	02 pieces	
03 to 06 people	02	02	03	03	
06 to 09 people	03	03	03	05	
09 or more people	04	04	04	06	

Similar to Mokolo, Cameroon Red Cross volunteers distributed blankets, mats, mosquito nets and soap, as well as clothes for children and food items to some 2,850 heads of families. In addition, 1,710 selected women were given hygiene kits composed of 1 towel, 1 tooth paste, 1 toothbrush, 2 brassieres and 2 briefs each. The following table summarises the distributions actually conducted in Kolofata:

Family size	Blankets	Mats	Mosquito nets	Soap	1,710 selected women were given 1 tooth paste, 1 toothbrush, 2 brassieres and 2 briefs each
01 to 06 people	01 piece	01 piece	01 piece	02 pieces	
06 to 12 people	02	02	02	04	
12 to 18 people	03	03	03	06	

Volunteers have been trained to carry out sensitization activities in the framework of this operation. The training focused on the knowledge of the Movement, the Code of Conduct and voluntary service, water-borne diseases and water treatment methods, and the distribution techniques.

Impact: Distribution activities were timely and provided real relief to the affected populations in Mokolo and Kolofata. These beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction during an evaluation mission in the field.

Challenges: Taking into consideration the difficulties encountered at the start of this operation, there is the need for an emergency stock to be pre-positioned at the level of the Federation's Regional Representation in Yaoundé, and/or at the headquarters of each national society to ensure quick response or good start while waiting for external support to come, DREF allocation or any other funding source.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: To improve the livelihood of some 10,279 displaced persons through a relief operation.

Activities planned:

- At least 65 per cent of the affected population has access to safe potable water and is practicing hygiene rules for better health;
- Vulnerable displaced people have access to hygiene facilities, such as latrines.

Achievements: Cameroon Red Cross volunteers treated some 15 water points, built 10 emergency latrines and sensitized the communities to the need of following hygiene rules as a key to avoiding water-borne diseases. The volunteers also rehabilitated some existing latrines that had not been completely destroyed by the floods.

In addition, volunteers sensitized the populations to the need of following hygiene rules so as to avoid diseases. In order to build the flood management capacities of the Mokolo and Kolofata local committees of Cameroon Red Cross, eight wheelbarrows, 20 shovels, 30 racks, 60 pairs of gloves, 20 machetes, 10 first-aid kits and 100 security patches were distributed.

Impact: Both the vulnerable populations and the municipal and traditional authorities of Mokolo and Kolofata expressed satisfaction about the action taken by the Red Cross. This action contributed to consolidating the position of Cameroon Red Cross as auxiliary to Government.

Challenges: There is the need to develop an emergency preparedness plan at the level of Cameroon Red Cross in order to ready its local committees in risk-prone zones for potential quick and efficient interventions.

Advocacy and training

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Activity planned: UN agencies (UNICEF, WFP, FAO and UNHCR) have been informed of the situation through advocacy.

Achievements: Fifty people, including 37 Red Cross volunteers and 13 executives from the Mokolo and Kolofata local branches (5 from Mokolo and 8 from Kolofata), have been trained to carry out these sensitization activities in the framework of this operation. The training focused on the knowledge of the Movement, the Code of Conduct and voluntary service, water-borne diseases and water treatment methods, and the distribution techniques. This operation also enabled Cameroon Red Cross authorities to advance their process of putting in place local and community-based disaster management teams.

Despite all the efforts made by the Red Cross to sensitize UN agencies and other partners to the need of providing assistance to flood-affected people in Mokolo and Kolofata, their reaction is yet to be perceived. In fact, they have all been concentrated on population movement in the East and Adamaoua provinces where a considerable number of Central African Republic refugees are being assisted.

Impact: Advocacy activities carried out by the Red Cross enabled it to consolidate its position as auxiliary to Government, and to polish its visibility.

Challenges: The Cameroon Red Cross Society needs to collaborate with other partners not only during the emergency response phase, but also during preparedness, risk prevention and reduction to ensure better response when the time comes.

Lessons learned:

- The distribution phase of the operation came as a real relief to the beneficiaries who did not hesitate to show their appreciation.
- Although the scene of operations was very far from Yaoundé (1,300 km) where everything was prepared, the operation did not encounter any major constraint.

- The operation facilitated capacity building for local Red Cross volunteers who did not have such an opportunity before.

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.

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".

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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MDRCM005 - Cameroon - Floods Mokolo

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/8-2008/3
Budget Timeframe	2007/8-2007/11
Appeal	MDRCM005
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
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		79,714				79,714
C5. Other Income		79,714				79,714
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		79,714				79,714
D. Total Funding = B + C		79,714				79,714
Appeal Coverage		#DIV/0				#DIV/0

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		79,714				79,714
E. Expenditure		-79,714				-79,714
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)		0					0	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles			15,673				15,673	-15,673
Water & Sanitation			2,997				2,997	-2,997
Medical & First Aid			2,550				2,550	-2,550
Utensils & Tools			800				800	-800
Other Supplies & Services			18,583				18,583	-18,583
Total Supplies			40,603				40,603	-40,603
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom			375				375	-375
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			375				375	-375
Transport & Storage								
Storage			548				548	-548
Distribution & Monitoring			1,798				1,798	-1,798
Transport & Vehicle Costs			12,573				12,573	-12,573
Total Transport & Storage			14,918				14,918	-14,918
Personnel								
National Staff			260				260	-260
National Society Staff			5,434				5,434	-5,434
Total Personnel			5,694				5,694	-5,694
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training			489				489	-489
Total Workshops & Training			489				489	-489
General Expenditure								
Travel			1,980				1,980	-1,980
Information & Public Relation			3,402				3,402	-3,402
Office Costs			2,212				2,212	-2,212
Communications			4,485				4,485	-4,485
Financial Charges			375				375	-375
Total General Expenditure			12,453				12,453	-12,453
Programme Support								
Program Support			5,181				5,181	-5,181
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)			79,714				79,714	-79,714
VARIANCE (C - D)			-79,714				-79,714	