

Final report



Central Africa: Chad and Cameroon Floods

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Emergency appeal n° MDR62003
GLIDE n° FL-2008-000126 TCD/CMR
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Period covered by this Final Report: 29 September 2008 to 31st March, 2009.

Appeal target (current): CHF 438,118 (USD 398,289 or EUR 271,280);

Final Appeal coverage: 10.59%;
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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 29 September, 2008 for CHF 438,118 (USD 398,289 or EUR 271,280) for 3 months to assist 21,180 beneficiaries;
- CHF 46,402 was initially allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Cameroon Red Cross and Chad Red Cross national societies;
- **Operations update no 1** was issued on 31st December 2008 and focused on the achievements since the beginning of the operation;
- The operation budget and objectives then were reviewed in order to take into consideration water and sanitation, as well as recovery activities in Chad supported by DFID Funds;
- This Emergency Appeal was also extended from 25 December 2008 to 31st March 2009 to enable the response activities engaged to be finalized.



This water well was improved and treated by Chad Red Cross volunteers.

Summary: In 2008, extensive flooding accompanied the main rainy seasons in Chad and Cameroon, causing death, displacement and damages. To improve the living conditions of flood-affected people Cameroon Red Cross Society (CRCS) and the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) organized a response to the floods. This included non-food items distribution, relief supply, hygiene promotion and epidemic prevention. It is in this context that Red Cross volunteers in both countries distributed non-food items to 21,180 beneficiaries in N'Djamena (Chad) and Garoua (Cameroon). Besides, they received training as trainers in hygiene promotion and epidemic prevention. This enabled them to conduct sensitization activities on hygiene and sanitation rules in Garoua, to treat water points and wells and rehabilitate latrines in Garoua and N'Djamena.

The situation

Torrential rains occurred in Chad and Cameroon between July and October 2008, causing serious damages and leaving many people homeless. In northern Cameroon, out of 27 neighborhoods of Garoua I and II experienced flooding. Floods killed six people and affected 5,000 families, 2,500 of which were classified as the most vulnerable as they had become homeless. Similar situations were found in the worst affected zones in Chad, in particular in Mayo-Kebbi (Bongor), Tandjilé (Béré, Laï, Kélo), Logone oriental (Doba rural), Batha (Ati, Oum-Hadjer), Ouadi Fira (Biltine), and the N'djamena local council (5th and 7th subdivisions). A flood assessment in both countries in the early beginning of the disaster led to the Federation's Emergency appeal for Chad and Cameroon.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The needs assessment revealed that flood affected people needed non-food assistance, health care, water and sanitation (watsan). As the result of this, Cameroon Red Cross Society (CRCS) and the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) put the main focus in those activities with the support of the International Federation. The first of these activities consisted on distributing non-food items such as blankets, buckets and other tarpaulins. Health and watsan interventions were necessary. Promotion activities for the respect of hygiene rules were carried out. The populations were sensitized on the prevention of waterborne diseases that might come as a consequence of flooding. Existing water points and latrines have been rehabilitated, and new ones constructed.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)

Objective: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 4,236 families (21,180 beneficiaries) affected by floods (1,290 in Chad and 2,946 in Cameroon) through the distribution of non-food items.

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identified and registered households have received basic non-food items; • Volunteers and NS staff are retrained on registration of beneficiaries based on international standards/best practices; • The distribution activities are handled in conformity with the Federation standards; • The distributions are monitored, assessed and well reported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the list of the most vulnerable people; • Updating the needs; • Purchasing the items to be distributed; • Organising Red Cross volunteers ahead of the distribution; • Following up and reporting on the distribution; • Advocating partners for increased assistance to the targeted vulnerable people; • Restock the Yaoundé regional warehouse and Chad national society emergency supply of non-food items.

Achievements

In order to respond to the immediate and pressing needs of the affected populations Cameroon Red Cross Society (CRCS) and the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) organized distribution of essential relief items. This mainly consisted of non-food items.

- **In Cameroon**, the distribution of non-food items reached 2,198 families in Garoua. Out of a total of 3,750 blankets, 3,750 mats, 1,275 jerry cans, 1,600 buckets, 2,500 mosquito nets and 4,740 pieces of soap were distributed. The number of 2,946 families targeted by the operation was not reached, for, some of the families that had initially been identified by the Red Cross returned to their homes earlier than envisaged.
- **In Chad** additional rains fall at the end of September. A further assessment was carried out before the distribution of NFI. The Red Cross of Chad society extended the operation to include more regions and revised the NFI to be distributed. In south and east Chad, 1,660 families were identified for NFI distribution in the following locations: in N'djamena (7th subdivision), Moyen Chari (Sarh), Mayo Kebbi, (Bongor), Logone Oriental (Doba, Goré), Tandjilé (Béré), Batha (Athi) and Ouadi Fira (Biltine). A distribution briefing was held with 75 RCC's volunteers. These volunteers distributed 1,667 blankets, 1,660 buckets and 915 tarpaulins to 1,660 families.

Impact

The items distributed contributed enormously to improving the living conditions of the vulnerable people identified for the purpose of this operation. In fact, a range of necessary items was provided to those directly affected by the flooding enabling them to quickly begin the process of rebuilding their lives and to live with dignity. Moreover, the distribution included items such as soap that are essential for maintaining levels of hygiene. However, there is the urgent need to restock the Yaoundé Regional warehouse and that of Chad Red Cross with non-food items to ensure quick and efficient intervention in subsequent operations.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene promotion to 4,236 families (21,180 beneficiaries) affected by floods (1,290 families in Chad and 2,946 families in Cameroon).

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of waterborne and water related diseases are minimized and controlled; • Affected populations are at least sensitized on goodhygiene practises, know how to purify water and have access to potable water; • Red Cross volunteers have enhanced their knowledge in water treatment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build sanitation capacities of the Red Cross national Societies through training and/or retraining Red Cross of volunteers on water treatment and the use of chemicals to that effect; • Training of volunteers on household water treatment products and hygiene promotion; • Distribution of household water treatment (HHWT) products and sensitization on the use of HHWT; • Empty over flooded wells by pumping, then disinfection of wells and other water sources by trained volunteers; • Disinfect selected latrines; • Clean gutters and carry out other sanitation activities; • Sensitize populations to hygiene and sanitation rules.

Achievements

In Chad, disinfection of selected latrines was carried out in each of the localities targeted by the operation. Water and sanitation items (buckets) were distributed to households. Prior to the distribution, communities were sensitized to hygiene and sanitation rules. In addition, Red Cross volunteers also built 4 latrines and 8 copings in Bongor and Béré distributed 10 construction kits composed of 4 wheelbarrows, 12 pickaxes and 12 shovels each to affected communities in Bongor and Béré. This would enable them to rebuild rapidly their houses before the next rain season and to develop communities' action and solidarity. They also trained 20 volunteers and 10 beneficiaries in masonry.

In Cameroon (Garoua), Red Cross volunteers sensitized the populations to hygiene and sanitation rules, working four times per week. They conducted 16 sensitization sessions in 64 neighborhoods of Garoua I and II, reaching over 20,000 persons. They also taught these populations how to obtain potable water in a crisis situation like flooding, in order to avoid water borne diseases. In addition, they developed posters and signs, and displayed them in public squares. The volunteers also treated 209 water points and rehabilitated 50 latrines, with the participation of the beneficiaries.

Impact

As a result of the actions taken in the field of water and sanitation, no case of water-borne disease was registered in the affected localities. The populations could use their water points freely without suspecting any risk of contamination.

However, sensitization needs to be pursued permanently in northern Cameroon in order to prepare the populations on how to avoid water-borne diseases, and how to manage cases that would have occurred despite prevention efforts.

Conclusion

Lessons learned

The activities carried out in favour of the flood-affected people demonstrated the critical role that volunteers can play in an emergency situation. They can also highlight the long-term impact when the beneficiaries are fully involved in Red Cross actions. This can help to build their capacities and prepare them to respond to subsequent disasters without the necessary intervention of the Red Cross. Another lesson learnt is related to funds to be made available

early enough to facilitate a rapid intervention in case of an emergency operation. Emergency stocks should always be prepositioned to facilitate subsequent interventions.

How we work	
<i>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.</i>	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Budget	APPEAL

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	285,379					285,379
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	14,500					14,500
<i>Sweden Red Cross</i>	44,069					44,069
C1. Cash contributions	58,569					58,569
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	46,402					46,402
C5. Other Income	46,402					46,402
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	104,971					104,971
D. Total Funding = B + C	104,971					104,971
Appeal Coverage	37%					37%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	104,971					104,971
E. Expenditure	-104,711					-104,711
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	260					260

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)	285,379						285,379	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	178,239							178,239
Food		4,808				4,808		-4,808
Water & Sanitation	13,027	8,506				8,506		4,521
Medical & First Aid	2,500							2,500
Teaching Materials	313							313
Other Supplies & Services	36,825	144				144		36,681
Total Supplies	230,904	13,459				13,459		217,446
Transport & Storage								
Storage		32,187				32,187		-32,187
Distribution & Monitoring		7,584				7,584		-7,584
Transport & Vehicle Costs		3,552				3,552		-3,552
Total Transport & Storage		43,324				43,324		-43,324
Personnel								
National Staff	4,550	9,551				9,551		-5,001
National Society Staff	23,100	9,528				9,528		13,572
Total Personnel	27,650	19,078				19,078		8,572
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,625	9,068				9,068		-6,443
Total Workshops & Training	2,625	9,068				9,068		-6,443
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,400	776				776		1,624
Information & Public Relation		188				188		-188
Office Costs	1,625	1,127				1,127		498
Communications	1,625	3,984				3,984		-2,359
Other General Expenses		31				31		-31
Total General Expenditure	5,650	6,107				6,107		-457
Programme Support								
Program Support	18,550	6,806				6,806		11,743
Total Programme Support	18,550	6,806				6,806		11,743
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		6,869				6,869		-6,869
Total Operational Provisions		6,869				6,869		-6,869
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	285,379	104,711				104,711		180,668
VARIANCE (C - D)		180,668				180,668		