

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Colombia: Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDRCO006
Glide No. FL-2009-000052-COL
Operations update n° 2
30 June 2009

Period covered by this Ops

Update: 26 March to 8 June 2009.

Appeal target (initial): CHF

1,110,665 (USD 957,924 or EUR 757,518)

Revised Appeal: CHF 465,304

(USD 428,705 or 305,173 EUR).

Appeal coverage: 100%;

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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 11 March 2009 for CHF 1,110,665 (USD 957,924 or EUR 757,518) for six months to assist 5,000 families (approximately 25,000 beneficiaries).
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund DREF): CHF 177,000 (USD 152,369 or EUR 118,932) was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF on 26 February 2009, to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to 1,000 families.
- This operations update n° 2 reflects a revised budget, as the funding for the appeal covered approximately 40 per cent. The budget has been revised downwards to **CHF 465,304 (USD 428,705 or 305,173 EUR)** in order to better reflect the available funding.



Colombian Red Cross Society volunteers on the Mira River transporting humanitarian aid. Source: CRCS

Summary: The department of Nariño was affected by two natural hazards this year: volcanic activity and floods due to heavy rain. On 16 February 2009, the Mira River in the municipality of Tumaco overflowed, severely affecting the residents in the south western department of Nariño in Colombia. Based on the urgency of the situation, a preliminary emergency appeal was launched in response to a request from the Colombian Red Cross Society (CRCS). The preliminary plan of action focused on providing appropriate and timely response in delivering assistance including relief, shelter, water and sanitation and health support. The DREF support enabled the National Society to kick-start the relief activities, but longer-term funding support is needed to sustain the relief operation. This operations update n° 2 shows the activities accomplished by the Colombian Red Cross Society to date which include the provision of non food items and water and sanitation to 1,790 families. Health services have also been provided through the mobile units reaching approximately 6,554 people.

The Colombian Red Cross Society and the International Federation would like to thank the Partner National Societies (PNS) which have kindly responded to this appeal with in-kind and cash donations. The Canadian Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Monaco Red Cross, the Norwegian Red Cross, the Swedish Red Cross and the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates have contributed cash donations to this appeal. In addition, the American Red Cross, the British Red Cross and the Canadian Red Cross have supplied

in-kind donations that include non-food items.

This operation is expected to be implemented over six months, and will therefore be completed by the end of September 2009; a Final Report will be made available by the end of December 2009, three months after the end of the operation.

The situation

The department of Nariño was affected by two natural disasters this year: volcanic hazards from the Galeras Volcano and floods due to intense rains. On 16 February 2009, the Mira River overflowed reaching 20 metres above the average river level, causing water to flood over 10 km in surrounding areas including the Pan American highway that links Pasto to Tumaco. The Mira River begins in the Andean region in the municipality of Tumaco and flows towards the Pacific Ocean. Tumaco, a municipality with a population of 169,464 in the department of Nariño, is the most affected area. Other flooded municipalities include Barbacoas, Sotomayor, Ricaurte, Mallma, Ipiates, Magui Payán and Roberto Payán. On 23 February, the Colombian government declared a disaster alert in the municipality of Tumaco which was harder hit than Barbacoas, Roberto Payán and Magui Payán municipalities.



A Colombian Red Cross Society dental hygienist providing assistance in Tumaco. Source: CRCS

The municipal authorities carried out search and rescue activities in the affected area with support from the Civil Defence and the Colombian Red Cross Society. Other authorities such as the Colombian Armed Forces, the Fire Department and the National Police provided immediate response to the emergency. Of the 13 temporary shelters opened since the emergency started, 3 have now closed. During this reporting period many families have returned to their homes since they have made temporary repairs to their damaged houses. Another group of people have moved in with friends or relatives; therefore the number of people in temporary shelters has been reduced. The government provided immediate assistance to the people in temporary shelters that included: food items, water, mattresses, hygiene items and kitchen kits. This assistance was supported thanks to funds from the Regional Committee for Disaster Prevention and Response (Comité Regional de Prevención y Atención de Desastres - CREPAD).

Colombian Red Cross Society (CRCS) initial reports indicated that 31,250 people were affected, 22 people are missing and 1 person has died. The floods washed away houses, crops, livestock and agricultural infrastructure, and also affected the fishing industry. The African palm crops, a significant resource in the region, were greatly affected. In addition, health centres, schools, water systems and also some government buildings sustained damages. The table below shows the initial reports:

Table N° 1

Casualties	1
Missing	22
Affected people	31,250
Houses destroyed	1,125
Houses damaged	1,400
Crops affected	20,000 hectares
Districts flooded	62
Districts destroyed	16

The Ministry of Health reported an increase of diseases in the affected areas including: seasonal influenza, intestinal parasites, urinary tract infections, acute respiratory tract infections and diarrhoea. In addition, the water systems in Tumaco and in the surrounding areas of Barbacoas and Roberto Payán were severely damaged.

Due to the prevailing security situation in the country as a result of the internal conflict, special attention was paid to coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in order to maintain the coherence of Movement action in compliance with the Seville agreement and its supplementary measures.

Coordination and partnerships

Since the beginning of the emergency the Colombian Red Cross Society through its municipal and sector branches has been supporting actions carried out by the CREPAD, the Local Committee for Disaster Prevention and Response (Comité Local de Prevención y Atención de Desastres – CLOPAD) and the National Office for Risk Management (Dirección Nacional de Gestión de Riesgo - DNGR). The DNGR provided ten metric tonnes (MT) of relief aid, including: 1,500 hygiene kits, 1,500 kitchen kits, 3,000 food parcels, 30 rolls of plastic sheeting and 2 MT of water to the most affected people. The Colombian government provided 600 tonnes of humanitarian aid during the initial phase of the emergency response.

The Partner National Societies present in the country have been participating in regular coordination meetings since the beginning of the emergency. PNS currently working to support the National Society are the American Red Cross, the French Red Cross, the Netherlands Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross. The American Red Cross, British Red Cross and the Canadian Red Cross, have supplied in-kind donations that include non-food items and logistics support. In addition, the Canadian Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Monaco Red Cross, the Norwegian Red Cross, the Swedish Red Cross and the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates kindly contributed with cash and/or in-kind donations. In addition, the Spanish Red Cross made a bilateral contribution to the CRCS of EUR 20,000 for the response to the floods in Nariño.

Moreover, private companies have provided relief items and funds to the National Society and other non-governmental agencies present in the field, including Doctors Without Borders, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the United Nations' Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional – AECI). Moreover, the United States' Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) has provided cash contributions to the CRCS to repair two water plants in the Tumaco municipality that will provide safe drinking water for 300 families. The following table summarizes the assistance received by for-profit and non-profit organizations:

Organization	Type of assistance	N° of target beneficiaries/ support
International Federation	Relief items, medical assistance	2,000 families
OFDA/USAID	Water and sanitation	300 families
AECI	Disaster risk reduction	600 people
Pan American Development Foundation	Food and non-food assistance	200 families
Conexión Colombia	Non-food assistance	40 families
Ecopetrol	Gasoline	Mobilization of vehicles in Tumaco
OFDA/ USAID	Motor oil	Mobilization of boats in Tumaco
Spanish Red Cross	Food assistance	200 families and support for volunteers

The International Federation through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Regional Representative for the Andean Region have been in constant communication with the CRCS since the onset of the emergency. As part of the integrated disaster management system, the International Federation mobilized the Regional Shelter advisor and a Disaster Management delegate to support the National Society in preparing the preliminary plan of action. The Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) in Panama has shipped non-food items to Colombia.

Coordination meetings of the Movement steering committee are held every two months between the CRCS, the ICRC and the Federation and a tripartite agreement will be signed shortly. The ICRC coordinated with the CRCS, particularly at the field level (in Pasto and Nariño) with logistical support through different existing coordination mechanisms, since the onset of this emergency, as well as strongly encouraged close security coordination at field level with the ICRC field office in Pasto.

National Society Capacity Building

The Colombian Red Cross Society was founded in 1915 and operates in 31 of the 32 departments of the country, including 195 municipal units and 45 support groups. The CRCS has an operational national network of 35,000 volunteers. Given this coverage, communities trust and accept the National Society at the local level. All branches and units of the CRCS make up the national relief system that facilitates emergency operations using its expertise in logistics, transportation, warehousing and telecommunications. There are branches, municipal units and support groups active throughout the flood-affected areas. The CRCS activities in response to the floods are being carried out with the support of Red Cross volunteers at all levels. The CRCS is part of the national system that provides care to displaced people, and also belongs to the National Disaster Preparedness and Response System (SNPAD). As a result, the National Society has a great deal of experience attending vulnerable people affected by conflict or disasters, particularly in the areas of preparedness, emergency response and rehabilitation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the beginning of the emergency, the CRCS activated its crisis room and has constantly monitored the development of the emergency. The CRCS has extensive experience in responding to emergencies of this nature and immediately activated its response mechanisms.

On 26 February, the International Federation allocated CHF 177,000 (USD 152,369 or EUR 118,932) from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund to support the Colombian Red Cross Society in its initial response to deliver immediate emergency assistance to 1,000 families. The launch of the emergency appeal on 11 March for further international support reflected the increased number of affected people. The CRCS conducted initial damage and needs assessments in the municipality of Tumaco. The donation centre managed by the CRCS received 921 tonnes of humanitarian aid. The CRCS provided technical support by deploying two relief workers to the affected areas. Additionally, a National Intervention Team (NIT) member specialized in health and water and sanitation was deployed to the affected zone. The CRCS, in coordination with the Social Protection Ministry, sent 970 units of hydration salts, sodium chloride and saline solutions to the Tumaco local hospital. The National Society mobilized medical supplies so the aerial patrol could carry out medical support in Tumaco.

The CRCS mobilized two 4 x 4 vehicles and one boat (with capacity for 15 people) to the affected areas. In addition, the National Society has four radios (one VH base and six portable VHF) for telecommunication services which were used during the emergency.

The CRCS mobilized 68 volunteers, among which 25 are from its national headquarters. Five volunteers with experience from previous operations and International Federation training have been assigned to the water and sanitation unit from Pasto (the capital of Nariño) to operate the water treatment plant. A CRCS staff member working in the area of finance is also supporting the operation. A response group from Quindio specialized in emergency shelter management has also been activated. Moreover, another group of volunteers is managing the local warehouse in Tumaco. The CRCS assigned an operations coordinator for the duration of the operation.



CRCS vaccination activities in Tumaco. Source: Colombian Red Cross Society

Progress towards objectives

The CRCS has completed performing damage and need assessments. On 22 March 2009, the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) in Panama dispatched a 40 HC container with relief items including: kitchen kits, mosquito nets and jerry cans. These items were in-kind donations from the American Red Cross, the British Red Cross and the Canadian Red Cross. The RLU coordinated with the CRCS the receipt of the items in the port of Buenaventura from where the items were dispatched by truck to Tumaco. For additional information to facilitate contributions to this appeal a resource mobilization table was elaborated and is updated on a regular basis in the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS).

Given lack of funding, it will not be possible to complete the implementation of activities under the objectives related to disaster preparedness and risk reduction, early recovery and National Society capacity-building.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: 2,000 families (10,000 people) affected by floods will benefit from the distribution of non-food items.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Approximately 2,000 families in the affected areas will receive essential non-food items (see detailed kit below).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct and complete further needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

The following relief items will be distributed to the most affected families in the Tumaco area:

- 2,000 kitchen kits (1 per family).
- 4,000 personal hygiene kits (2 per family).
- 6,000 impregnated mosquito nets (3 per family).
- 6,000 mattresses (3 per family).
- 6,000 bed sheets (3 per family).

Progress:

The following items were sent by sea by the RLU:

- 2,000 kitchen kits
- 6,000 mosquito nets

Items	Quantity received	Quantities distributed
Kitchen kits	2,000	1,790
Mosquito nets	6,000	1,790

The kitchen kits and mosquito nets were distributed in several communities in Tumaco, including: Guachal, la Vega, Barranco, Guachal Brisas, Alto Jagua, Bajo Jagua and Alto San Isidro.

The remaining kitchen kits and mosquito nets were scheduled to be distributed between 10 and 15 June 2009 in the communities of Guabo, Achotal, Colina, Playon and Avenida Estudiantes.

The CRCS has procured 1,000 hygiene kits and they will be distributed shortly. The remaining relief items (mattresses and bed sheets) will not be purchased due to the low appeal coverage.

Impact

Most of the affected families are low income families whose livelihoods are dependent on agriculture and fishing activities. They owned their homes and these were the most valued asset they possessed. The floods destroyed and/or damaged their homes, leaving them unprotected and vulnerable. The affected families were placed in temporary shelters after the floods and the relief items provided comfort and assisted them to begin to resume their daily lives. The families have expressed their gratitude for the assistance provided during this emergency.

Shelter	
Objective (immediate needs): Provision of 1,500 shelter kits to 1,500 households with severely damaged houses, to complement the Government emergency shelter activities in the area.	
Expected results	Activities planned
1,500 families will receive shelter kits to repair their houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Distribute shelter kits and control supply movements from point of dispatch to the user. • Provide supervision and support during the repair of damaged houses through CRCS staff and volunteers. • Develop an exit strategy.

The CRCS conducted needs and capacity assessments focusing on shelter in collaboration with the local authorities. The communities were identified together with specific beneficiaries in coordination with the Colombian government and the assistance will be provided to those whose houses sustained most damage.

The shelter kit will provide a rapid, flexible and cost effective way of providing shelter in Tumaco's most affected communities. The shelter kit is a package for repairing damaged houses and its distribution is a complementary activity to the Government's support whereby each household will receive a number of zinc sheets and wood. A total of 1,500 families will receive shelter kits to repair their homes and the households themselves will determine the type of repair needed, reflecting their specific needs, local standards and cultural preferences. Some of the items in the kit could also be used to prepare land for agriculture.

Each shelter kit contains the following items:

Specifications	Quantity per kit	Units
Tarpaulins	2	Pc
Rope	1	Roll
Hand saw	1	Pc
Roofing nails	0.5	Kg
Shovel	1	Pc
Hoe	1	Pc
Machete	1	Pc
Tin Snips	1	Pc
Nails	0.5	Kg
Tie wire	1	Roll
Claw hammer	1	Pc
Woven sack	1	Pc

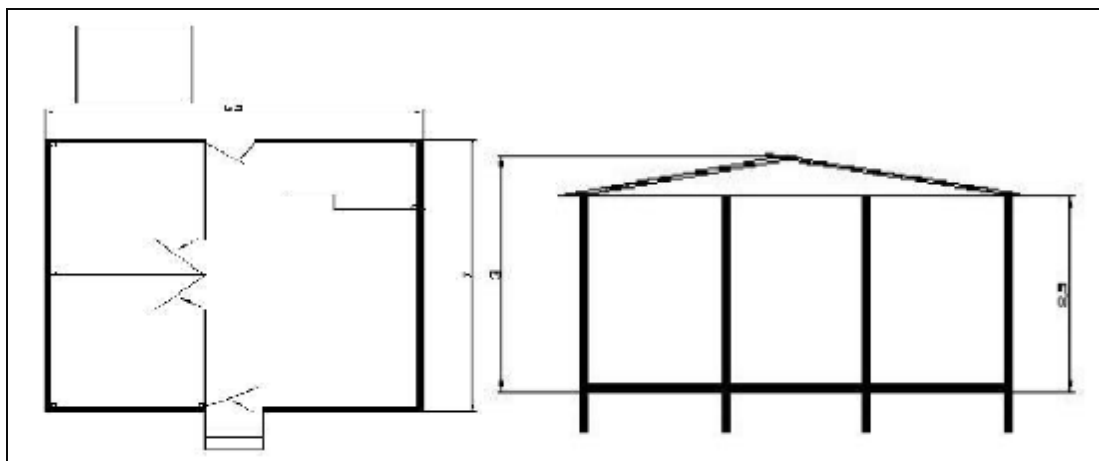
Progress:

Two temporary shelter technicians from the Colombian Red Cross Society were trained in the use of the shelter kits. The 1,500 shelter kits were dispatched in one cargo —two containers— on 19 April by the RLU to Colombia. Each family will receive one shelter kit which will complement the assistance provided by the government's National Plan.

The distribution process will start once the volunteers are well trained in the area of shelter and reports are completed by the National Educational Service (Servicio de Educación Nacional - SENA), which is the leading agency in the field. 15 hectares have been already identified, where 366 houses (measuring 45.5 square metres) will be built by the government's National Plan. The houses will be composed of two bedrooms, one living room, one bathroom and one kitchen. The benefited families are inhabitants of the following regions:

- San Juan
- Achotal
- Candelillas la Playa
- Candelillas Alta
- Panal
- Tulmo

The design established by the government's National Plan consists of zinc roofing, wooden structure, and a style specific for flood prone areas. It has two doors and additional land for gardening, laundry or future expansions. The benefited families will participate in the rebuilding of their homes with the assistance of engineers and architects. Each home will have basic utility services including water, electricity and a sewage system. The picture below shows the proposed design of the Colombian government's National Plan:



Challenges:

Since the shelter kit distribution is being coordinated with the local authorities, the process has been delayed in order to ensure effective coordination between the National Society and the authorities is in place

Water and sanitation

Objective: Provide safe drinking water to 2,000 families in the affected areas through two Immediate Response Teams (Equipos de Respuesta Inmediata en Emergencias - ERIE) specialized in water and sanitation.

Expected results	Activities planned
2,000 families affected by the floods receive safe drinking water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify communities and specific beneficiaries coordinating with local government authorities. Supervise the installation of the water and sanitation plant Provide safe drinking water by opening two water treatment plants. Distribute 6,000 jerry cans (3 per family) for water distribution. Assess safe drinking water and basic sanitation conditions in public shelters. Provide Basic Hygiene instruction for the population.

Progress:

The CRCS provided technical support to ascertain the chlorine dosage in several water distribution points. In addition, the quality of water has been constantly tested in the temporary shelters. The National Society has provided support to the government in the delivery of ceramic filters and trainings on how to use these with communities. Water distribution pipes were set up in the temporary shelters. The water storage system and distribution of water was adjusted for better use. A water and sanitation engineer continues providing support and advice to the communities and has completed 61 trainings (reaching a total of 1,233 people of which 799 were women and 434 were men in 9 regions). This was completed in coordination with personnel from the USAID/OFDA project and the Colombian Red Cross Society. The National Society completed two planning workshops with the participation of 39 people (22 women and 17 men). In addition, technical support in the areas of construction and remodelling of septic wells systems was provided. The following chart shows the quantity of water distributed between 6 May and 8 June 2009:

Community	Quantity of water chlorinated and distributed (Litres)
Imbili	129,600
Tanga rial de Mira	19,800
Peña Colorada	25,200
Loma Baja	18,500
Candelilla	39,900
Arenal	23,600
El Guabo	132,600
Total	389,200 litres

A total of 8,000 jerry cans were sent by sea through the Federation's RLU to Colombia. The CRCS has distributed 1,790 jerry cans in the most affected communities in Tumaco. 4,210 jerry cans were scheduled to be

distributed between 10 to 15 June 2009 (detailed information will be provided in the next operation update). The remaining jerry cans will be pre-positioned in the CRCS stocks, since a heavy rainy season is expected in the coming months.

Impact

Contaminated water has affected children's development since it has caused health problems including skin and gastrointestinal infections impacting the quality of life. Therefore, the quality of water plays an important role in the affected communities since though the emergency response actions community members have learned new, simple alternatives on how to ensure clean water. Among these alternatives are the ceramic family filters and home chlorination. These activities are included in the trainings given by the water and sanitation engineer.

Emergency Health

Objective: The negative impact on public health is reduced through social mobilization, community outreach, health information, education and sensitization and provision of basic health care services.	
Expected results	Activities planned
500 families will receive primary health care in the municipality of Tumaco, through medical service provided by two mobile health units and a health awareness campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up mobile clinics in the municipality in coordination with government authorities and the Ministry of Health to provide basic health care to the beneficiaries. • Provide psychosocial support. • Health promotion and preventive health care activities with a special focus on good health practices, the environment, respiratory infections, diarrhoea and vector control. • Provide training to CRCS volunteers on community-based health and first aid initiatives.

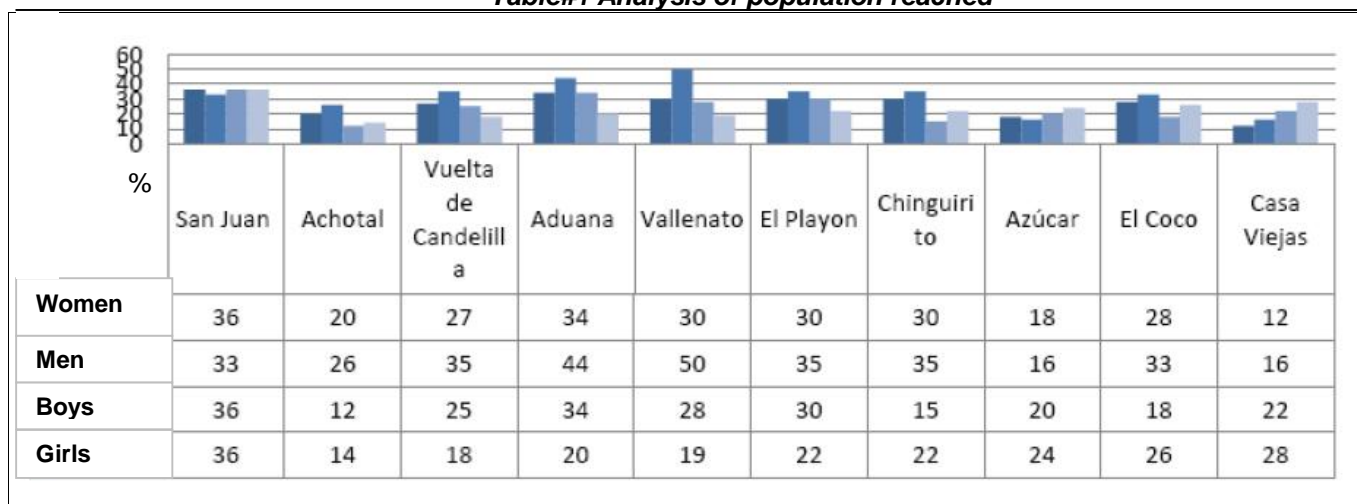
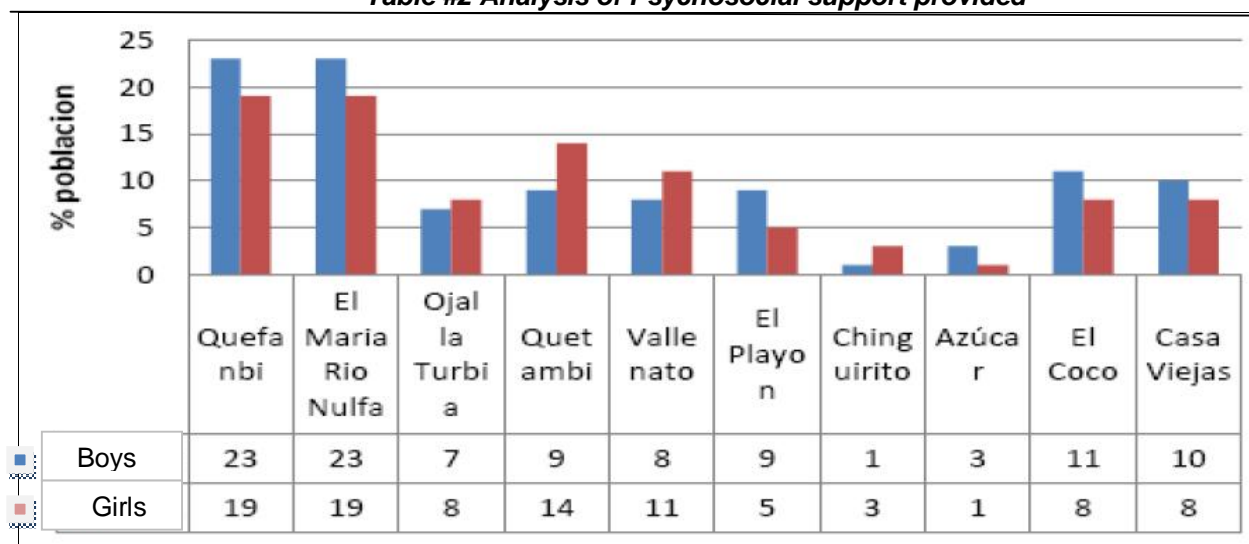
The construction of latrines, solid waste disposal management and the promotion of healthy habits are the most important activities identified by the beneficiary families. Additionally, the community leaders have committed to maintaining an appropriate cleaning routine of the installed water systems.

Progress

To date, the CRCS has installed a waste management system in Cajapi, a neighbourhood in Tumaco, and in the Community centre. There were two mobile health units providing free medical services between 30 May and 8 June 2009. The mobile health units were coordinated with the Ministry of Health and the Divino Niño Hospital in Tumaco.

Thanks to the joint efforts and additional personnel from the government health institutions more people were reached. From 31 May to 4 June 2009, 2,223 people in the communities of Achotal and El Playon received the following services: dental services, general medical service and psychosocial support.

The personnel work teams were from the Secretary of Health and from the local hospital in Tumaco. There was 1 oral hygienist, 1 professional nurse, 3 vaccine technicians, and 2 promoters. From the Colombian Red Cross Society there were 2 doctors, 1 psychologist, 1 oral hygienist and 1 professional nurse providing assistance as well as 12 volunteers. The volunteers were from the local branches of Risaralda, Caldas, Valle, Nariño and Tumaco.

Table#1 Analysis of population reached**Table #2 Analysis of Psychosocial support provided**

Impact

The psychosocial support was focused on children. Material was disseminated following the methodology called Peace Action and Coexistence programme of the Colombian Red Cross Society (Programa de Paz Acción y Convivencia de la Cruz Roja Colombiana). This strategy has been used by the emergency brigades through the use of games and recreational activities with children to help them express their fear. These activities helped identify if the children were suffering from depression or stress-related symptoms and what kind of therapy to use. Among other activities used were painting which helped portray the children's feelings and create friendship-bonds between the children living in the temporary shelters.

For elderly people, CRCS professionals applied therapies focusing on how to deal with loss and stress-related symptoms, since they lost most of their personal belongings during the emergency.

Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

Objective: The most vulnerable communities in Tumaco will be supported by their regional and local Red Cross committees in preparing for future disasters.

Expected results	Activities planned
A complete study on the Mira River will be carried out for future activities in disaster risk reduction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select and employ a consultant for deployment to the affected areas to develop the most appropriate intervention strategy. Define further interventions to reduce risk in the future. Outline a strategy plan for rehabilitation. Carry out advocacy and public awareness-raising. Ensure dissemination and implementation of the result.
Disaster warning mechanisms (EWS) will be included in	

Contingency and Response Plans.	
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Progress:

This objective will no longer be completed due to the low coverage of the appeal.

Early Recovery

Objective: Income generation opportunities for 1,000 flood-affected families in the Tumaco municipality will be improved.	
Expected results	Activities planned
1,000 families in Tumaco will receive tools and materials to re-establish their lost or damaged livelihoods caused by the floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct further need assessments. • Targeting of beneficiaries. • Establishment of follow up and monitoring committees.

Progress:

This objective will no longer be completed due to the low coverage of the appeal.

National Society Capacity Building

Objective: The capacity of the Colombian Red Cross (CRCS) in disaster response and preparedness will have been strengthened.	
Expected Results	Activities planned
<p>Volunteers of Colombian Red Cross Society local and regional branches will be identified and prepared for this and future emergencies through workshops on disaster preparedness.</p> <p>The capacity of the CRCS Tumaco Branch will be enhanced through the provision of radio and telecommunications equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of visibility materials (T-shirts, caps), computers, office equipment in Tumaco local branch • Disaster preparedness workshop for volunteers in Tumaco local branch and another workshop a regional level (Nariño) • Procurement of 50 tents for strengthened the capacity in disaster response at national level focus on emergency shelter • Procurement of 2 bladders tank to strengthen the ERIE specialized in Watsan • Procurement of medical equipment for first aid for the local branch in Tumaco • Procurement of one boat with engineers and 4X4 cars for the Tumaco local branch • Procurement of communication materials to improve the communication in the area of operations.

Progress:

This objective will no longer be completed due to the low coverage of the appeal.

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 of quality, accountability and transparency. There has been close coordination and support to the Colombian Red Cross Society to increase the visibility of actions with regards to communication through the International Federation's PADRU, the Regional Representation for the Andean Region and the Federation's Communications Department in Geneva. Communications activities target five main audiences: the media, the Red Cross Movement, beneficiaries, local authorities and donors. The Colombian Red Cross Society has provided several interviews about the emergency to local radio stations and newspapers to raise awareness. Additional relevant up to date information about this emergency can be found on the following Red Cross web sites: <http://www.cruzrojacolombiana.org> and www.cruzroja.org. Information can also be found on the International website of the Federation: www.ifrc.org.

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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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

COLOMBIA FLOODS 2009**MDRCO006**

	ORIGINAL	REVISED	VARIANCE
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>			
Shelter	105,442	111,955	6,513
Construction Materials			0
Clothing & Textiles	243,327	33,240	-210,087
Food			0
Seeds & Plants			0
Water & Sanitation	48,665	13,776	-34,889
Medical & First Aid	52,142	20,444	-31,698
Teaching Materials			0
Utensils & Tools	106,809	94,000	-12,809
Other Supplies & Services	154,107	0	-154,107
Total Relief Needs	710,492	273,415	-437,077
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>			
Land & Buildings			0
Vehicles Purchase	81,109	0	-81,109
Computers & Telecom Equipment	17,612	0	-17,612
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	0		0
Medical Equipment			0
Other Machinery & Equipment			0
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>			
Storage - Warehouse			0
Distribution & Monitoring	26,650	25,121	-1,529
Transport & Vehicles Costs	9,270	4,000	-5,270
Service fee & Recovery	11,511	7,200	-4,311
<u>PERSONNEL</u>			
International Staff			0
Regionally Deployed Staff	9,270	0	-9,270
National Staff	0	4,800	4,800
National Society Staff	69,667	89,341	19,674
Consultants	11,587	0	-11,587
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>			
Workshops & Training	34,761	0	-34,761
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>			
Travel	13,904	9,461	-4,443
Information & Public Relations	6,952	491	-6,461
Office running costs	7,879	2,916	-4,963
Communication Costs	17,381	900	-16,481
Professional Fees			0
Financial Charges	3,476	17,415	13,939
Other General Expenses	6,952	0	-6,952
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>			
Programme Support - PSR	72,193	30,245	-41,948
Total Operational Needs	400,174	191,889	-208,284
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	1,110,665	465,304	-645,361
Available Ressources		465,388	
Net Request	1,110,665	-84	

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/5
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/9
Appeal	MDRCO006
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	465,304					465,304
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>	2,071					2,071
<i>British Red Cross</i>	4,639					4,639
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>	539					539
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)</i>	46,002					46,002
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	36,700					36,700
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	15,085					15,085
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	130,154					130,154
<i>United Arab Emirates Red Crescent</i>	5,683					5,683
C1. Cash contributions	240,875					240,875
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	112,994					112,994
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	112,994					112,994
<u>Inkind Goods & Transport</u>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>	31,869					31,869
<i>British Red Cross</i>	71,373					71,373
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>	8,299					8,299
C3. Inkind Goods & Transport	111,541					111,541
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	465,410					465,410
D. Total Funding = B + C	465,410					465,410
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

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	465,410					465,410
E. Expenditure	-412,488					-412,488
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	52,922					52,922

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/5
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/9
Appeal	MDRCC006
Budget	APPEAL

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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)		465,304					465,304	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	111,955	111,887				111,887	68	
Clothing & textiles	33,240	33,197				33,197	43	
Water & Sanitation	13,776						13,776	
Medical & First Aid	20,444						20,444	
Utensils & Tools	94,000	92,520				92,520	1,480	
Total Supplies	273,415	237,604				237,604	35,811	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	25,121	4,535				4,535	20,586	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,000						4,000	
Total Transport & Storage	29,121	4,535				4,535	24,586	
Personnel								
National Staff	4,800	1,168				1,168	3,632	
National Society Staff	89,341						89,341	
Total Personnel	94,141	1,168				1,168	92,973	
General Expenditure								
Travel	9,461	2,441				2,441	7,020	
Information & Public Relation	491						491	
Office Costs	2,915						2,915	
Communications	900	256				256	644	
Financial Charges	17,415	13,047				13,047	4,368	
Total General Expenditure	31,182	15,744				15,744	15,438	
Programme Support								
Program Support	30,245	27,086				27,086	3,159	
Total Programme Support	30,245	27,086				27,086	3,159	
Services								
Services & Recoveries	7,200	7,141				7,141	59	
Total Services	7,200	7,141				7,141	59	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		119,211				119,211	-119,211	
Total Operational Provisions		119,211				119,211	-119,211	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	465,304	412,488				412,488	52,815	
VARIANCE (C - D)		52,815				52,815		