

DREF operation



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Burkina Faso: Floods

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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 emergency response. 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.

CHF 270,984 (USD 259,787 or EURO 195,995) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to the 1,000 most vulnerable and affected families in addition to the 600 families already assisted with the prepositioned stock provided by the Federation and other Red Cross partners. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary:

The weather forecast for July, August and September predicted a normal to excess rainfall in Burkina Faso. On 22 July, 2010 torrential rains caused floods affecting 10,800 families (84,395 people). Some regions are still inaccessible and the affected people are temporary living in schools or hosted by their neighbours or seeking shelter in the hills. A Mass displacement has been reported in other parts of the country. The most urgent needs include the access to potable water and sanitation, health and care, shelter food and non food items. Considerable losses or damage related to the livelihoods, household materials and other assets have been indicated. There is a potential risk of outbreaks, of waterborne and communicable diseases such as Malaria, cholera and so on. The exact number of death, injured, and other risks are not yet known due to the difficult access of the affected areas and limited resources. The planned and detailed assessment described below will provide more information on the number of people affected in the country and which will determine the need for an emergency appeal.



This house, like many others, was destroyed by the torrential rains.

This planned operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will be completed by November 2010; A final report will be made available by February 2011.

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The situation

The Central-North, East and the Sahel regions of Burkina have been severely affected by flooding due to heavy rains all day long of 22 July and during the night of 24 July, 2010. Boulsa Namentenga regions recorded the highest quantity of rainfall with a total of 239 mm. This big quantity of water in a very short period of time resulted in a serious flooding affecting many people, destroying structures and displacing tens of thousands of people. Some 50 villages are said to have submerged. The province of Namentenga (Yalgo,

Boulsa and Tougouri) has been reported to be suffering heavy damages in shelters, granaries and livestock. In addition to these three regions, the province of Gnagna has also been largely affected by the river overflows which resulted in the destruction of shelter and the livelihoods of villages, whose main population are women. Oudalan provinces of Soum and Sanmatenga have not been spared by the flooding.

Two people have been reported dead, many injured and six reported missing. Added to toll and the completely devastated villages, shelters, granaries, livestock, properties, fields are schools, roads, wells, boreholes and other infrastructure. Roads have been cut off thus making access to vulnerable communities impossible. Other sites such as schools which are traditionally used as shelter for the displaced are at high risks of being flooded and destroyed. The regional market in Retkoulaga town was completely damaged causing a large scale loss of food and household goods and wares for the petty traders. One trader was said to have lost between CFA 80 and 100 million.

The following table gives a picture of the extent of damages and the number of the affected people.

N°	Regions	Affected areas	Number of affected people	Number of affected families	Damages
1	North Centre	Namantenga, Sanmatenga	34,373	4,297	In general, shelter, livestock, farm lands, household materials, and other domestic materials have been destroyed.
2	East	Gnagna	49,694	6,212	
3	Sahel	Soum, Séno, Oudalan	2,200	275	
4	Upper-Basins	Houet	128	16	
Total			84,395	10,800	

Note: The table will be updated following a wider assessment of the situation in places that are not currently accessible at the time of submitting the DREF request.

Coordination and partnerships

The government has reactivated the 2009 floods coordination mechanism to manage the 2010 floods. This body and organisations such as the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS), supported by the Federation are actively involved in assessing and providing life saving relief. Regular meetings are being held by the coordination team. The government has provided tents in Manni, 300 mats, 300 blankets, 10 tons of food and allocated school classrooms to house the victims in three regions of Tougri and in the North and Central Manni. The Sahel region has not received support due to the difficulties of access and identification of beneficiaries.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

At the very early stages of the disaster, the provincial committees of the Red Cross mobilized volunteers to conduct field visits to evaluate the situation. 45 trained and active volunteers have been distributing relief across the provinces and supporting emergency evacuation, providing life saving first aid to some 400 people. The National Society President of the Burkinabe Red Cross has conducted a field visit on 25 July in partnership with the Government delegation to check the disaster situation. The National Society is using its prepositioned stock to support 600 families in Soum, Namantenga and Gnagna. Each family has so far received 2 mats, 2 blankets, 1 jerry can, 1 bucket, 1 kettle and 1 kg of soap. Burkinabe Red Cross Society is being supported by the Sahel Regional office with technical guidance, relief stock and regionally deployed Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) personnel. The Spanish, Luxemburg Red Cross and other in-country Partners National Societies are supporting BRCS to respond to the emergency.

The needs

Immediate needs

The situation of the flood is generally catastrophic affecting many people. The already poor populations are desperately looking for support to cope with the dire situation. Based on the initial assessment, the following are the immediate needs identified:

- Temporary Shelter: Since people are residing in schools while others are on high grounds (hills) to avert the flood effects, people therefore need temporary shelters. According to the National Society, around 1,620 families are homeless among them 210 families have been relocated in temporary shelters by the Government. The Burkinabe Red Cross RC will cater for 200 families.
- Health and Care: In addition to the provision of Mosquito Nets and Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS), volunteers will conduct sensitization of flooded communities on health preventive measures to avoid water borne diseases, and ensure hygiene promotion.

- **Water and Sanitation:** Affected families need clean water and sanitation. The materials to be provided include aqua tabs, jerry cans, personal Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) kits, hygiene kits, and disinfection of schools and as well increase the number of public latrines.
- **Logistics:** Based on the current situation, Non-food Items (NFI) such as kitchen sets, blankets, mats, and soaps will be provided to beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Assessment:** Initial assessment was conducted by local branches and findings were used in elaborating this DREF bulletin. However, there is the need for further more detailed assessment to better understand the situation and to determine the need for an emergency Appeal.
- **Capacity Building:** The National Society will build on the capacity acquired in 2009 floods and also further refresh volunteers on assessment, distribution, water and sanitation, health and care, and logistics.
- **Communication and Reporting:** Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials will be printed, distributed and utilized to reach target beneficiaries and to promote the work of the Red Cross. The National Society will develop, ensure quality, timely, monitoring, evaluation and reporting

Beneficiaries:

The intervention will targeted 1,000 most vulnerable families. The criteria of selection are: families with children under 5; families with pregnant woman; family households headed by women and families with disabled persons and those requiring special attention.

The proposed operation

Note: The planned detailed assessments will provide more information on the number of people affected in the country and which will determine the need for an emergency appeal.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases are reduced through the provision of safe water, public latrines, Water Sanitation kits, Hygiene kits, disinfection, and WatSan materials for 1,000 displaced families.

Expected results	Activities planned
The flooded communities improve their drinkable water, sanitation and hygiene to reduce vulnerabilities among displaced families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In coordination with the health and sanitation authorities, identify suitable sites and support communities to construct 100 public latrines for displaced families; • Conduct disinfection of schools and latrines to facilitate a convivance environment; • Conduct refresher training for 80 volunteers on household water treatment products and hygiene promotion; • Procure and distribute 1,000 Hygiene kits to displaced families; • Procure and distribute 1,000 jerry cans to displaced families; • Procure and distribute 60,000 aqua tabs to 1,000 most vulnerable families.

Logistics

Outcome: Procurement and distribution of relief items to meet the immediate needs of 1,000 displaced beneficiaries in flooded communities.

Expected results	Activities planned
Relief items procured and distributed to assist the affected households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct refresher training for the 5 logistic, 5 staff to ensure proper record keeping of stocks; • Support management of relief stocks in warehouses and available fleets; • Procure and distribute 1,000 kitchen sets, blankets, mats, and soaps to 1,000 displaced families.

Assessment

Outcome: The National Society will work closely with the national coordination mechanisms to assess the extent of the flood disaster and identify the Red Cross role for immediate response, risk reduction and early recovery strategies.

Expected results:	Activities planned
A Red Cross plan (as part of an integrated national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up teams with appropriate skills and agree on the methodology for the assessment; • Make available for the assessment team, assessment tools, materials

plan) to address the immediate, medium and long term needs of populations affected by the current flooding	<p>such as boots, gloves, masks, rain coats, protection materials, jackets, first aid kits and other accessories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide logistics and transport to facilitate the assessments; • In coordination with the national coordinating body and other partners agree on the appropriate emergency response, risk reduction and recovery plan.
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Communications/IT/Reporting and monitoring

Outcome: The National Society is engage in social mobilisation to reach population affected by floods.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Populations at risk are sensitised on flood detection, evacuation and risks associated with flooding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the existing communications tools used in the 2009 flood response, update and make available for the volunteers; • Refresh and support the skills of 120 volunteers on social mobilisation in the affected regions; • Capture the lessons learned from the floods operations; • Conduct media campaigns with the national and local radio networks to promote the work of the Burkinabe Red Cross Society and the International Federation.
Regular monitoring, evaluation, reporting of the operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare sitreps for information sharing based on the evolving situation of the floods and where needed prepare an emergency appeal; • Prepare three DREF implementation progress reports (September, October and November); • Carry out regular field visits and other monitoring activities and prepare monitoring reports; • Carry out a final evaluation of the activities and prepare the final DREF operations narrative and financial reports by 28 February 2010.

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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief		0
Shelter - Transitional	70,000	70,000
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
Clothing & Textiles	0	0
Food		0
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water & Sanitation	49,910	49,910
Medical & First Aid	18,440	18,440
Teaching Materials		0
Ustensils & Tools	49,235	49,235
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	17,000	17,000
Total Supplies	204,585	204,585
Land & Buildings		0
Vehicles		0
Computer & Telecom		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		0
Medical Equipment		0
Other Machinery & Equipment		0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,000	1,000
Distribution & Monitoring	6,800	6,800
Transport & Vehicle Costs	18,000	18,000
Total Transport & Storage	25,800	25,800
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff	7,000	7,000
National Staff		0
National Society Staff	1,600	1,600
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	8,600	8,600
Workshops & Training	7,200	7,200
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Travel	1,500	1,500
Information & Public Relation		0
Office Costs	700	700
Communications	5,660	5,660
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges		0
Other General Expenses	400	400
Total General Expenditure	8,260	8,260
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0

Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	16,539	16,539
Total Programme Support	16,539	16,539
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	270,984	270,984