

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Jamaica: Tropical Storm Nicole

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 150,644 (USD 156,440 or EUR 112,186) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Jamaica Red Cross (JRC) in delivering immediate assistance to some 500 families (2,500 beneficiaries). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary:

From 27 to 30 September 2010 Tropical Storm Nicole passed through the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas bringing heavy rain and winds. The island of Jamaica received heavy rain and experienced flash flooding of up to 7 inches of rainfall.

The proposed DREF operation aims to provide relief and emergency health care, including psychosocial support, to 500 families throughout the island of Jamaica. The provision of relief items will help the families to overcome the scarcity of food and other goods which are daily necessities.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 10 January 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (10 April 2011).

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The situation

Tropical Storm Nicole developed rapidly on 28 September and passed through the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas bringing heavy rain and winds. The island of Jamaica received rain and



Jamaica Red Cross volunteer conducting assessment of a collapsed house (Source: Jamaica Red Cross Society)

experienced flash floods and landslides in all parishes. Statistics from the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) indicate that as of 3 October, 12 persons have died as a result of the adverse weather conditions while two are reported missing. Twenty seven cases of injuries were also reported.

The Jamaica Public Service Company has reported that approximately 170,000 households are without electricity due to damage to utility poles and faults in the electricity network because of lightening and rains. Emergency collective centres are active in various parishes of the country with the Ministry of Labour assisting affected persons.

Twenty-two emergency shelters were activated housing 437 persons in six parishes: Saint James, Trelawny, Saint, Catherine, Kingston, Saint Andrew, Westmoreland and Saint Mary. As of October 4, 7 shelters remained open in four parishes housing 252 persons. The Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) and the Jamaica Red Cross are assisting persons in shelters. Other shelters are on standby and will be opened should communities in which water is rising are evacuated and they are needed.

Although the entire island of Jamaica was affected by Tropical Storm Nicole, information from the initial damage and needs assessment conducted by the Jamaica Red Cross has determined the communities that received the greatest impact. These communities have been identified in ten parishes: Clarendon, Saint Catherine, Saint James, Hanover, Saint Mary, Saint Elizabeth, Saint Ann, Kingston, Saint Andrew and Westmoreland.



Heavy rains caused Hope River to wash away the ford which links to Harbour View to Bull Bay. Source: The Gleaner / Norman Grindley.

Coordination and Partnerships

The Jamaica Red Cross is working with the ODPEM, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security to ensure smooth transition of its relief activities. The United Nations Population Fund and Food for the Poor have pledged their support for the JRC response operations, once assessments are finalized. Representatives of the JRC have been participating in disaster management coordination meetings with ODPEM and have maintained contacts with branches and partners and also participated in the Western Caribbean Donor Group meeting. The JRC has been in close contact with the IFRC's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Caribbean Regional Representation, which has published an Information Bulletin and provided assistance in developing the Plan of Action. The Head of Delegation from the French Red Cross based in Guadeloupe has been in close contact with the Jamaica Red Cross to provide assistance as required.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The volunteers of the Jamaica Red Cross are involved in shelter management, damage and needs assessments and relief distributions. Based on a request from ODPEM, the Jamaica Red Cross is also providing warm meals for persons in emergency shelters. To date 126 families received food in two shelters in Kingston and Saint Andrew.

The needs

Based on the initial assessment conducted by the JRC, the most urgent needs identified are food for households and emergency shelters, cleaning kits and items such as mattresses, beds, bed bases, sheets, pillows, kitchen kits, tarpaulins, clothing, school supplies and mosquito nets. Response workers, persons living in shelters and those who have been adversely affected by Tropical Storm Nicole are also in need of psychosocial support to cope with the effects of the storm.

The JRC has also identified farmers who have lost their crops as the affected families that will need assistance in the long term with livelihood support. Livelihoods activities will focus on supporting farmers with

alternative income generating activities to allow families to resume normality. In addition, the Jamaica Red Cross will provide 3,000 students with school supplies and will target 400 persons with livelihoods support.

The proposed operation

The Jamaica Red Cross drew up a Plan of Action for six months to provide humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable families affected by Tropical Storm Nicole. This DREF operation will focus on the relief phase of the Plan of Action which includes: food and non food items, prepared meals for emergency shelters, provision of psychological support, distribution of school supplies and training for volunteers supporting the operation.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: The impact of the rains and floods on the daily routines and food security of 500 families in the communities of Saint Catherine, Clarendon, Saint James, Hanover, Saint Mary, Saint Elizabeth, Saint Ann, Kingston, Saint Andrew and Westmoreland is reduced.
Output 1: 500 families are assisted to return to normalcy through the provision of relief items and food packages for 8 weeks.
Output 2: 3 emergency shelters will be supplied with 3 meals per day for 3 weeks.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Rapid Assessment. • Deployment of shelter managers to be in charge of emergency shelters. • Prepared meals for Emergency Shelters in Kingston. • Distribute food and non-food relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to target families. • Coordination with the National and Local Emergency Operations Centres and local partners. • Information and Data Management. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Five hundred families within the most affected communities will receive relief assistance consisting of food items:

Food Packages 1 per family	
Items	Total quantity per family
Soup	3 packs
Rice	6 lbs
Flour	6 lbs
Oats	2 packs
Cornmeal	6 lbs
Large corned beef	3 cans
Sardines or Tuna	3 cans
Mackerel	3 cans
Cooking Oil	1 bottle
Sugar	6 lbs
Syrup	1 bottle
Cocoa	1 tin
Sausage	3 cans
Baked Beans	3 cans
Mixed Vegetables	3 cans
Crackers	3 packs
Lasco Flavoured Milk	3 packs
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Red Peas	3 lbs

The food package, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, blankets, kitchen sets, cleaning kits and buckets will be distributed to the most vulnerable communities. Priority for distribution of these items will be given to persons occupying the shelters and those who are temporarily displaced. The food will be a standard package of

items in accordance with SPHERE standards per household. The food parcels, meals and cleaning kits will be locally procured and the rest of the relief items will be sent from the Federation warehouse in Panama. Information pamphlets will be given to beneficiaries with instructions for the use of tarpaulins and mosquito nets.

Emergency health and psychosocial support

Outcome: The risks from waterborne and vector-borne diseases are reduced through the provision of preventive health including hygiene promotion activities to 500 households.

Output 1: Reduced risk of outbreaks of water and vector borne diseases because of enhanced disease surveillance at the community level.

Output 2: Families in emergency shelters have received psychosocial support.

Activities planned:

- Carry out training on epidemic control for volunteers and WASH for 30 volunteers who will train affected communities on hygiene and hygiene promotion at household level.
- Provide psychosocial support to families living in emergency community shelters.
- Carry out health promotion and disease prevention campaigns focusing on diseases with epidemic potential and the prevention of vector-borne diseases including dengue and malaria.
- Support the Ministry of Health in meeting basic health care needs of the flood affected population through preventive and health promotion activities.
- Conduct hygiene campaign at a community level.

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 IFRC'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 IFRC'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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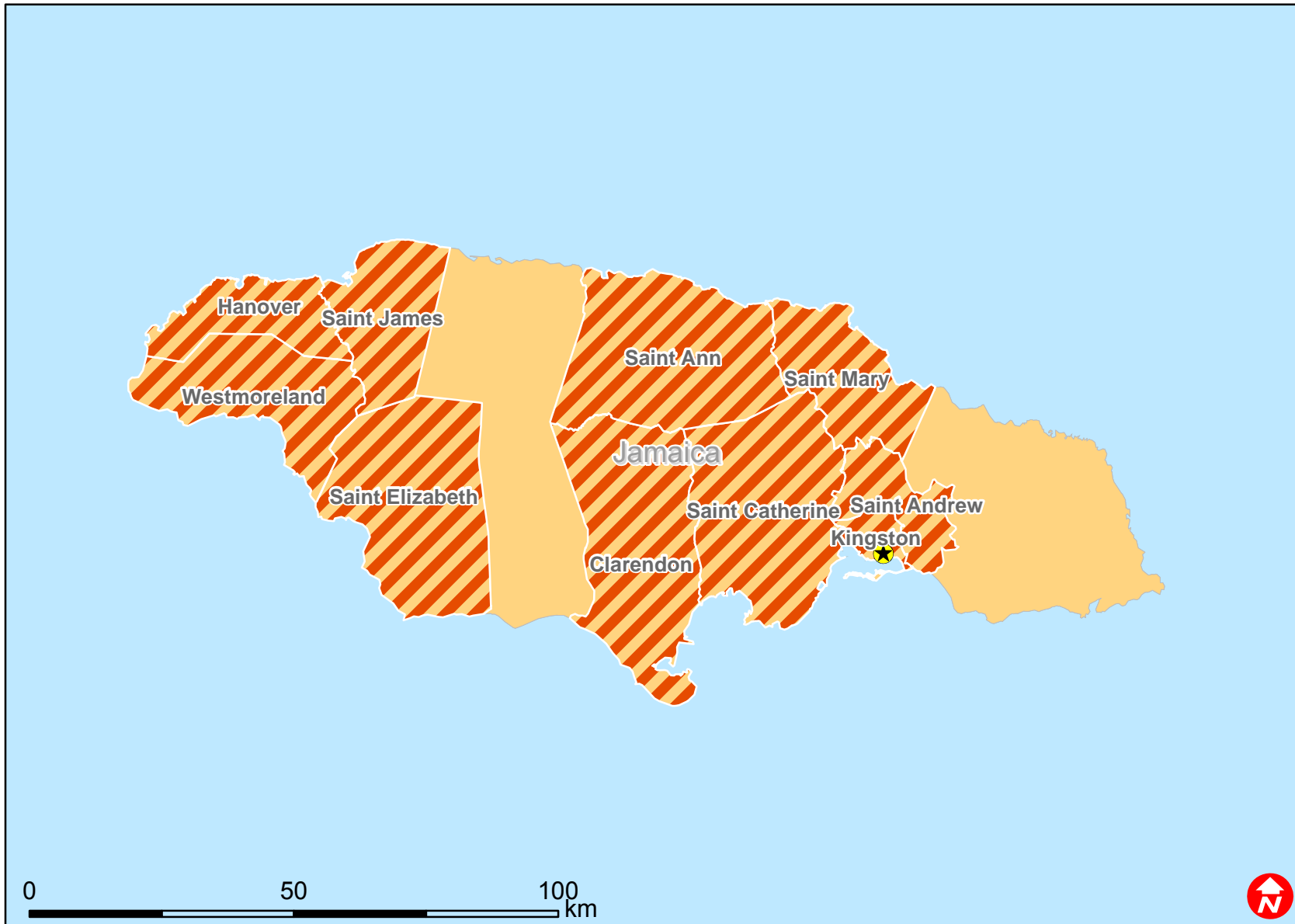
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	17,000	17,000
Shelter - Transitional		
Construction - Housing		
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		
Construction - Materials		
Clothing & Textiles	15,000	15,000
Food	28,500	28,500
Seeds & Plants		
Water & Sanitation		
Medical & First Aid		
Teaching Materials	5,200	5,200
Ustensils & Tools	18,500	18,500
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	7,500	7,500
Total Supplies	91,700	91,700
Land & Buildings		
Vehicles		
Computer & Telecom		
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		
Medical Equipment		
Other Machinery & Equipment		
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage		
Distribution & Monitoring	6,500	6,500
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,000	4,000
Total Transport & Storage	10,500	10,500
International Staff		
Regionally Deployed Staff		
National Staff		
National Society Staff	4,000	4,000
Other Staff benefits		
Consultants		
Total Personnel	4,000	4,000
Workshops & Training	15,400	15,400
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Travel	3,000	3,000
Information & Public Relation	4,350	4,350
Office Costs	1,500	1,500
Communications	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees		
Financial Charges	3,000	3,000
Other General Expenses		
Total General Expenditure	14,850	14,850
Cash Transfers to National Societies		
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	9,194	9,194
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Services & Recoveries	5,000	5,000
Shared Services	0	0
Total Services	5,000	5,000
TOTAL BUDGET	150,644	150,644



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 Targetted parishes