

DREF operation



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Rwanda: Rubavu Landslide

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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 177,163 (USD 165,418 or EUR 123,717) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 5,920 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Several areas of Rwanda have experienced floods following on-going above normal heavy rains which resulted in a landslide in Rubavu district on 26 March 2010. Communities in three cells of Rubavu sector are among those most affected by landslides. As a consequence of heavy rains along Rwanda hills of Rubavu districts in Western Province; approximately 5,920 people have been affected out of which approximately 1,184 families are homeless due to destroyed houses.



A house destroyed by the landslide.
Photo by RRC.

Infrastructure has been destroyed including damaged small roads connecting communities and community latrines. A significant number of water wells which serve as the major sources of water for family use have been destroyed and thus rendering thousands of families without clean and safe water. Majority of the victims are currently accommodated in three identified sites. In view of the rising numbers of displaced families and individuals, the local Government authorities are working together with the Army, Police, Rwandan Red Cross (RRC) and disaster management stakeholders in establishing temporary living settlements.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 30 June 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, (by 30 September 2010).

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The situation

The communities in Murambi, Kubukoko and Kanembwe cells in Rubavu sector in Rubavu district, western province have been affected by heavy rains which occurred on 26 March 2010 led to landslides which resulted in 14 deaths and caused extensive damage to houses and property, displacing 1,184 households. Water wells damaged leaving over 5,920 victims without access to safe and clean water.



Families affected by the landslide relocating to safer regions.
Photo by RRC.

According to reports from the RRC and the Government of Rwanda, eight houses were completely destroyed and the rest of the houses were at high risk of further landslides. A decision was made to relocate 1,184 household immediately in 3 different sites including; Murambi, Kubukoko, Kanembwe in Rubavu sector. These sites do not have basic infrastructure such as water supply system and there is concern that the situation is likely to force people to look for alternative sources of water thus increasing the risk of use of contaminated water leading to the spread of waterborne diseases.

The rains are continuing in other sectors around the area bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo, along the Virunga Mountains stretch, are likely to be affected as well. Also other parts of Rwanda, especially in the North, could face the same situation. On 28

March 2010, the Western Province Governor called for an emergency meeting with local authorities for Rubavu District, Army, Police, RRC and disaster stakeholders. Immediate decision was taken to prevent more deaths that were likely to happen due to further landslides.

Coordination and partnerships

The RRC through its respective local branch in the affected areas is closely working together with the local government, National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) and collaborating with other agencies such as United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in supporting the affected community. The affected populations will be involved in the planning process for effective execution of activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The National Society has so far made available modest emergency stocks to support vulnerable families in 3 different sites of Murambi, Kubukoko and Kanembwe in Rubavu district. The volunteers from the RRC local branch were immediately deployed to assist in the camp installation actions, hygiene promotion, and supporting the re-location of the landslide victims. The National Society headquarter level is in close contact with the NDMC for regular updates and information with regard to the trend of rainfall.

The needs

A total population of 5,920 people (1,184 households) are targeted for distribution of non-food items (NFIs), shelter, health and/or hygiene promotion and food items and will be done in collaboration with local authorities and World Food Programme (WFP). The needs identified include; kitchen set, plastic sheetings, blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, water tanks, washing soap, creoline, kitenge (traditional clothes), iron sheets, nails, sprayer pump and volunteers kits.

The proposed operation

The RRC will work closely with the Rwandan Government and UNICEF in providing the targeted beneficiaries with food and basic NFI for 3 months. In addition, the proposed intervention aims at addressing water and vector borne diseases that could spread as a result of water contamination. The RRC will utilize the DREF funds to purchase shelter and health and/or hygiene promotion items which will add to its disaster preparedness stocks propositioned for rapid deployment.

In general, it is expected that by the end of this operation, the affected populations will have been registered and settled in the new sites and will have received food and NFIs. At the relocated sites, health and/or hygiene standards are expected to be maintained with emphasis on reducing the number of deaths from illnesses. RRC will target 200 most vulnerable household with construction materials such as iron sheets and nails, and support shelter construction to ensure that these families have durable shelter.



RRC volunteer registering a displaced person.
Photo by RRC.

Overall Objective: To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to households affected by landslides in Rubavu district and implement disease prevention and health promotion for a period of 3 months.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Specific Objective 1: To provide basic non-food and shelter items to 1,184 households affected by landslides and relocate 5,920 people.

- Activities planned**
- Register the affected people by household, age and sex.
 - Purchase plastic sheeting, blankets, sleeping mats, and clothing based on the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) procurement standards and procedures.
 - Distribute the blankets, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, plastic sheeting, washing soap, clothing and food based on Minimum Sphere Standards.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Specific Objective 2: To contribute to the prevention and control of water and vector borne diseases among 1,184 households (5,920 people) affected by landslides.

- Activities planned**
- Purchase water tanks, hygiene items and 2,040 long lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets - LLITNs (two per household) based on IFRC procurement, standards and procedures.
 - Distribute jerry-cans, soap and hygienic pads.
 - Conduct refresher training for volunteers on malaria prevention and control as well as cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) prevention and control.
 - Conduct sensitization campaigns on prevention and control of malaria, focusing on proper use of LLITNs, early case detection and referral.
 - Focus on prevention of AWD and/or cholera outbreak.
 - Conduct sensitization campaigns on poor hygiene and waterborne and/or water related diseases using the Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) methodology.
 - Construct latrines for displaced communities.
 - Set up compost and mobile dustbins in the new sites selected.
 - Distribute LLITNs.
 - Produce information, education and communication and/or behavioural change communication (IEC/BCC) materials and volunteer toolkits to be utilized during health education and promotion.

Emergency Health

Specific objective 3: Contribute to the prevention of infant and maternal mortality through provision of components of minimum initial service package to the affected population.

- Activities planned**
- Distribution of BP5 provided by UNICEF.
 - Promote proper breast feeding practices to reduce infant mortality.

- Conduct health education and promotion to the community, targeting mothers and focusing on prevention of childhood illness such as measles.

Emergency shelter

Specific objective 4: To improve the living conditions for 200 most vulnerable households through provision of construction tools.

Activities planned

- Identification of the most vulnerable households for the iron sheets distribution.
- Procurement, transportation and distribution of the iron sheets and nails for construction of the rooftop of the houses.

Logistics

Specific objective 5: Strengthen the National Society's logistics capacity through effective warehouse management.

Planned Activities

- Receive goods provided by the Rwandan Government and other humanitarian actors.
- Transport non-food items.
- Produce daily warehouse reports.
- Set up a distribution calendar and disseminate it to beneficiaries.

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 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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DREF NUMBER		DREF NAME		Date: 9 April 2010	
MDRRW006		Rwanda – Rubavu Landslide			
BUDGET SUMMARY					
Budget Group			DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL CHF	BUDGET
500	Shelter - Relief		37,985		37,985
501	Shelter - Transitional		0		0
502	Construction - Housing		0		0
503	Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0		0
505	Construction - Materials		30,915		30,915
510	Clothing and Textiles		18,558		18,558
520	Food		0		0
523	Seeds and Plants		0		0
530	Water and Sanitation		23,659		23,659
540	Medical and First Aid		0		0
550	Teaching Materials		0		0
560	Utensils and Tools		4,815		4,815
570	Other Supplies and Services and Cash Disbursements		0		0
Total Supplies			115,932		115,932
580	Land and Buildings		0		0
581	Vehicles		0		0
582	Computer and Telecom		0		0
584	Office/Household Furniture and Equipment		0		0
587	Medical Equipment		0		0
589	Other Machinery and Equipment		5,769		5,769
Total Land, vehicles and equipment			5,769		5,769
590	Storage		0		0
592	Distribution and Monitoring		825		825
593	Transport and Vehicle Costs		20,025		20,025
Total Transport and Storage			20,850		20,850
600	International Staff		0		0
640	Regionally Deployed Staff		1,600		1,600
661	National Staff		0		0
662	National Society Staff		15,742		15,742
669	Other Staff benefits		0		0
670	Consultants		0		0
Total Personnel			17,342		17,342
680	Workshops and Training		0		0
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700	Travel		1,500		1,500
710	Information and Public Relation		2,500		2,500
730	Office Costs		0		0
740	Communications		1,500		1,500
750	Professional Fees		0		0
760	Financial Charges		254		254
790	Other General Expenses		0		0
Total General Expenditure			5,754		5,754
830	Cash Transfers to National Societies		0		0
831	Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0		0
Total Contributions and Transfers			0		0
599	Program Support		11,516		11,516

Total Programme Support		11,516	11,516
594	Services & Recoveries	0	0
799	Shared Services	0	0
Total Services		0	0
TOTAL BUDGET		177,163	177,163

