

www.ifrc.org
Saving lives,
changing minds.

Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Cambodia: Floods

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DREF operation n° MDRKH003
GLIDE n° FL-2011-00148-KHM
13 October 2011

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (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 308,682 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support Cambodian Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,110 families (approximately 49,520 beneficiaries) for three months. Un-earmarked funds to replenish the DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains and the overflow of the Mekong river since the second week of August 2011 has affected 17 provinces out of 24 in Cambodia, destroying crops and communal infrastructure, and affecting overall more than 1.1 million people. The local authorities, Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), and the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) as well as other relevant agencies have been working hard in response to the needs of affected people in these 17 provinces.

CRC activated its branches immediately at the beginning of the rains in August, and staff and volunteers have continued to support the affected population since that time. The situation worsened on 23 September, prompting the NCDM to call for an emergency meeting involving all parties concerned, to review the overall response and needs. These floods are presently considered the worst since the floods that took place in 2000. Following this meeting, the National Council of Ministers made the call for national assistance on 26 September.

The DREF is based on the outcomes of assessments by national disaster response



Presently, many safe areas to which affected people have been evacuated house both families and livestock in the same living compound. (Photo: CRC-PVG branch)



teams (NDRT) who visited the most affected areas on 6 and 7 October. These assessments highlighted the need for immediate food (rice), shelter (plastic sheets), water purification (ceramic water filters), sanitation and hygiene interventions in seven districts located in the two most affected provinces: Kampong Thom and Prey Veng Province, for 10,110 families.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 13 January 2012; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation by 13 April 2012.

[<click here for the DREF budget; contact details; or a map of the affected areas>](#)

The situation

Heavy rain has caused localized flooding in flat and mountainous areas, and the overflow of the Mekong river since the second week of August 2011. According to the Royal Government of Cambodia, the flooding has affected 17 provinces of a total 24 municipalities/provinces nationwide. Official government figures report 167 deaths due to these floods.

While the affected areas are still struggling to deal with the standing floodwaters, more rain is expected in the coming period; the government hydrology department forecasts that the Mekong river water levels will remain high until end October 2011.

Updated report on the flood situation in Cambodia, as of 10 October 2011											
#	Provinces	Districts	Communes	Affected Population		Evacuated population		Vulnerable people		Affected houses	Damaged houses
				Families	People	Families	People	Deaths	Injuries		
1	Preah Vihear	8	10	5,199	21,836	665	2,793	4	-	1,320	6
2	Kampong Thom	8	71	26,894	112,955	2,997	12,587	34	3	7,629	15
3	Battambang	9	35	7,490	31,458	-	-	8	-	7,490	13
4	Banteay Meanchey	7	23	-	-	1,271	5,338	8	-	-	-
5	Siem Reap	12	66	17,787	74,705	-	-	2	1	17,787	15
6	Oudar Meanchey	5	7	354	1,487	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Kampong Cham	14	74	33,436	140,431	6,085	25,557	46	1	33,053	83
8	Kratie	5	32	15,601	65,524	1,403	5,893	19	5	9,891	75
9	Stoeung Treng	5	21	3,005	12,621	225	945	-	-	465	-
10	Prey Veng	8	86	74,495	312,879	9,729	40,862	51	5	58,816	404
11	Kandal	9	78	39,194	164,615	-	-	4	-	39,194	-
12	Kampong Chhnang	6	31	7,413	31,135	5,100	21,420	16	-	-	-
13	Pursat	4	12	7,307	30,689	808	3,394	5	-	4,000	-
14	Takeo	7	32	7,869	33,050	726	3,049	8	-	7,869	24
15	Phnom Penh	3	22	15,848	66,562	2,528	10,618	1	2	13,422	-
16	Svay Rieng	6	31	13,750	57,750	2,383	10,009	1	2	3,573	7
17	Kampot	2	5	3,760	15,792	284	1,193	-	-	498	-
TOTAL		118	636	279,402	1,173,488	34,234	143,657	207	19	205,007	642

Source: National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), and Cambodian Red Cross (CRC)

Coordination and partnerships

CRC branches took immediate action in ten affected provinces (of which eight branches also requested relief assistance from the CRC national headquarters), in cooperation with local authorities. The branches maintained contact and updated the headquarters on their respective situations. CRC branches continue to engage regularly with the Provincial Committee of Disaster Management (PCDM). The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement has been represented at the National Committee of Disaster Management (NCDM) in carrying out continuous assessments, planning and implementation of relief actions.

The IFRC Cambodia country office has supported CRC by coordinating in-country partners including partner national societies and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) representatives who visited the worst-affected areas in Kampong Thom and Prey Veng from 3 to 7 October. Red Cross Red Crescent partners also assigned two national staff to actively support the CRC rapid assessment team. Furthermore, in cooperation with Danish Red Cross, CRC assisted the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO) in a field assessment in Kampong Cham and Prey Veng from 10-11 October respectively. DG ECHO, with its European Commission Office in Phnom Penh, called for a meeting with relevant partners on 12 October 2011.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

CRC branches mobilized staff and volunteers and, with their own funds and resources, responded to vulnerable people who have been most affected by floods in 18 provinces. The actions undertaken by the CRC branches have been supported at all levels by the National Society to respond and assist the affected population most in need.

With the worsening of the situation on 24 September and in response to the call for national assistance on 26 September from the Council of Ministers, the CRC headquarters took a leading role in the management of the operation and expanded humanitarian relief distributions to 17 provinces. At this time, CRC also increased its emergency operational activities to further assist those affected to evacuate to safer areas; or assist those who continue to stay in their residences by providing food and non-food items, ceramic water filters, and plastic sheets. Unconditional cash grants were also made by CRC to affected families.



A CRC-IFRC rapid assessment team works together on boats with heads of villages that have been flooded out. Community consultation and participation are priorities in the implementation of this operation. (Photo: CRC-PVG branch)

According to the CRC relief items standard, the national society has provided beneficiaries with rice (30kg per family) 10 cans of fish, one box of instant noodles, one *krama*, one sarong, one blanket, and one mosquito net. Plastic sheets have been provided to evacuees who presently located in the designated safe areas. (See table with details below)

On 2 October, the IFRC country office reallocated its contingency fund of USD 10,000¹ to cover 820 ceramic water filters to assist 820 families in Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces. German Red Cross has also supported CRC with USD 1,780 in selected areas in Pusat province, including the Bakan district where 90 families were assisted with plastic sheets, rice, salt, soap, and water containers, as well as three small-scale water treatment units.

CRC national headquarters: expenses for the flood operation, as of 10 Oct 2011					
No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (USD)	Total Price (USD)
1	Rice	412	Tonne	510	210,120
2	Instant noodles	20,100	Box	4	80,400
3	Canned fish	2,114	Box	30	62,456
4	Sarong	19,600	Sarong	2.62	50,320
5	<i>Krama</i>	21,500	Scarf	0.6	12,900
6	Mosquito net	20,100	Mosquito net	2.15	43,215
7	Blanket	19,250	Blanket	2.2	42,350
8	Other expenses during the relief distribution				61,883
				Total	563,644

¹ Approximately CHF 9,144 at current exchange rates

The needs

The rapid assessment findings show the immediate needs for those affected are: food; shelter to alleviate the crowded living conditions in communal areas such as pagodas; access to safe drinking water, as existing sources have been contaminated by floodwaters; education on hygiene practices to support the reduction of disease from contaminated food and water as well as the added risks associated in living in communal environments.

The proposed operation

Through support from DREF, Cambodian Red Cross will focus its operation in the seven most affected districts of Kampong Thom and Prey Veng provinces to complement ongoing humanitarian action by the government and other organizations in neighboring provinces.

CRC relief operations will deliver immediate assistance in the above-mentioned areas in the sectors of , food, shelter, water purification, and health and hygiene education. Food distributions will follow CRC's standard relief items: rice (30kg per family), 10 cans of fish, and one box of instant noodles. This DREF operation will support the provision of rice while the rest of the food items will be supported by other donor contributions.

The operation will target beneficiaries identified through rapid assessments as below:

- People who have completely lost their houses, rice fields and rice stocks;
- Elderly and/or disabled people, and children;
- People with chronic diseases; pregnant women; and single-headed households

Cambodian Red Cross senior staff from the national headquarters, national disaster response teams (NDRT) and branch disaster response teams (BDRT) will be assigned for this emergency operation in close cooperation with the IFRC country office. The Southeast Asia regional disaster response team (RDRT) has been on alert and is ready for deployment as required.

Relief distributions (food and transitional shelter)

Outcome: The immediate needs of 5,055 families are met through the distribution of essential household items and emergency shelter needs

Outputs and activities planned:

- Conduct on-the-ground assessments, selection and verification of 5,055 families.
- Develop plan of action with community participation in planning and distribution of relief items.
- Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution.
- Locally procure household and shelter items in line with IFRC and CRC procurement standards and quality control.
- Distribute food (rice) and communal shelter (plastic sheeting), and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end-user.
- Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related disease are reduced for 10,110 families through the provision of water purification items and adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion.

Outputs and activities planned:

- Assess the existing coverage with a view of ensuring availability of an adequate water supply.
- Develop plan of action with community participation in planning and distribution of relief items.
- Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution.
- Locally procure and distribute ceramic water filters for 10,110 families in line with IFRC and CRC procurement standards and quality control.
- Provide appropriate health and hygiene education for 10,110 families
- Conduct on-the-ground campaign and information activities to beneficiaries by those distributing relief items including Red Cross volunteers and Red Cross Youth.

All relief items are available and can be procured locally following IFRC and CRC procurement and quality standards. CRC will manage the full logistics service and transportation of the relief items.

Contact information

For further information specifically related to this operation please contact:

- **Cambodian Red Cross:**
 - Mme Pum Chantinie, secretary general, office phone: +85 (0) 23 881 511; mobile phone: +855 (0) 12 921 105; email: pum.chantinie@redcross.org.kh
- **IFRC Cambodia country office:**
 - Leena Kamarainen, country representative, office phone: +855 (0) 23 880 717; mobile: +855(0) 12 901 400; email: leena.kamarainen@ifrc.org
 - LAK Mony Rasmey; programme coordinator/office manager; mobile phone: +855(0) 12 846 357; email: lak.monyrasmey@ifrc.org
- **IFRC Southeast Asia regional office, Bangkok:**
 - Anne LeClerc, head of regional office; office phone: +66 2661 8201; email: anne.leclerc@ifrc.org
- **IFRC Asia Pacific zone office, Kuala Lumpur**
 - Al Panico, head of operations, phone: + 603 9207 5700, email: al.panico@ifrc.org.
 - Heikki Väättämoinen, operations coordinator; mobile phone: +6012 230 7895; email: heikki.vaatamoinen@ifrc.org
 - Alan Bradbury, head of resource mobilization and PMER, email: alan.bradbury@ifrc.org. phone: +603 9207 5775.
Please send all pledges of funding to zonerm.asiapacific@ifrc.org



[Click here](#)

1. DREF budget [below](#)
 2. Click [here](#) to return to the title page
-

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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.

www.ifrc.org
Saving lives, changing minds.



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.
-

DREF OPERATION

13-10-2011

MDRKH003 Cambodia : Floods

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	22,500
Food	78,353
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	129,320
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	230,173
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	1,200
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	1,200
Storage, Warehousing	250
Distributions & Monitoring	5,000
Transport; Vehicle & Boat Costs	6,500
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	11,750
National staff	9,520
Volunteers	31,200
Total PERSONNEL	40,720
Workshops & Training	1,000
Total WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	1,000
Information & Public Relations	500
Office Costs	1,000
Communications	500
Financial Charges	1,000
Other General Expenses	2,000
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	5,000
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	18,840
Total INDIRECT COSTS	18,840
TOTAL BUDGET	308,682

