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# Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF): Niger: Floods

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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 250,491 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Red Cross Society of Niger in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,600 families. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Torrential rains in Niger since 17 August 2011, caused heavy flooding in the regions of Dosso, Tillabéry, Tahoua and Maradi. This situation continues to worsen as rainfall persists and is expected continue for at least two weeks according to the latest meteorological forecast. To date, nine (9) people have died, and 1,750 houses have been destroyed. More than 1,929 ha of crops are flooded and several herds of livestock decimated. It should be noted that the flooded areas are among those affected by the food insecurity crisis of 2010. These floods can compromise the recovery phase of that operation which has not yet been completed. Indeed more than 3 million people in Niger are still in a food insecure situation and need assistance. These floods may therefore increase the vulnerability of many families that are already victims of drought, hunger and endemic diseases.



Flooded areas in Niger. Photo RCSN

The current operation targets 1,600 highly-vulnerable families among the 4,011 affected households in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry through provision of non-food items (NFI) such as blankets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets; provision of potable water and distribution of buckets and jerry cans; hygiene promotion, including cholera sensitization; distribution of mosquito nets; as well as provision of tarpaulins and shelter tool kits. Through the operation, capacities of volunteers will be reinforced.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 30 November, 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 28 February, 2012).

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## The situation

Since mid August 2011, Niger has been experiencing heavy rains causing flooding in Tillabéri (Ouallam, Tera, Tillabéri and Kollo); Tahoua (Abalack, Konni, Tchintabaraden, Azai, Tabalack, Bouza), Maradi (Mayayi)

and Dosso Regions. Nine (9) people have been reported dead because of the floods accompanied by strong winds. In addition, over 1,750 houses have been destroyed and over 28,175 people have been left homeless. The affected people have taken refuge in schools, mosques or in their neighbours or relatives' houses or have used other means to take shelter. A total of 1,929 ha of crops have been destroyed or washed away. The victims have also been worrying about the loss of their livestock and small ruminants (512 animals). As rainfall is still continuing, people living in huts built of mud have been invited by the Niger authorities to find shelter in more secure areas such as schools or mosques. Another event has worsened the situation. Indeed, a cholera epidemic has been declared in Tillabéry (with almost 482 cases and 3 deaths). Besides, the raining season accompanied by flooding is the period for high malaria transmission. This table below gives more details about the damaged caused by floods.

Regions	Areas	affected households	affected people	Deaths	Houses damaged	Crops destroyed (ha)	Livestock decimated
<b>Tillabéry</b>	4	256	1,792	2	287	632	252
<b>Tahoua</b>	5	3,358	23,506		640	1,129	235
<b>Maradi</b>	2	220	1,540	6	594		
<b>Dosso</b>	4	177	1,337	1	229	159	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>28,175</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>491</b>

## Coordination and partnerships

Crisis Management Committees have been set up in all the affected regions by the Prime Minister and the Red Cross Society of Niger is member of the committee. The Governor of Niamey is chairing the regional crisis management committee. Under the coordination of OCHA a meeting held in Niamey on 25 August to assess the situation and coordinate the response. The National Society as well as UN agencies (WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, FAO), national and International NGOs took part to that meeting and decided to do a joint evaluation mission in the four floods affected regions.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) is working very closely with the International Federation through an integrated IFRC Country Representation. With support from the Sahel Regional Representation, the National Society has activated its floods contingency plan early last week at the onset of the disaster. Permanent phone contacts were established with the four Red Cross regional branches. A Red Cross Movement coordination meeting was held, which involved all the Movement partners, including French Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent, Iran Red Crescent, ICRC and the International Federation. At regional level, Red Cross local branches have joined the Crisis Committees chaired by regional Governors. Prior to these actions, the Red Cross Society of Niger did a quick assessment in Tillabery at the onset of the floods. To meet the immediate needs of some 100 affected families in Tillabery, the RCSN distributed 100 blankets, 100 sleeping mats, 80 loincloths, 20 tents and 5 kitchen sets.

## The needs

### Selection of people to be reached:

The quick assessment carried out by the National Societies as well as other NGOs show that the immediate needs include the temporary shelter, drinking water, water facilities, latrines, adequate sanitation (treatment of water points) blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, bars of soap, buckets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, tarpaulins, shelter tool kits hygiene promotion, disinfection, cleaning material and product, of 4,011 affected households in four (4) regions. The Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) with support from the International Federation has planned to support 1,600 most affected families in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry.

The criteria for the selection of households are as follow:

- households with children under 5 years;
- households with pregnant women,
- women headed households and households with disabled people.

## The proposed operation

The Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN), with support from the International Federation through its Sahel Regional Representation, PNSs, ICRC targets 1,600 most vulnerable families among the 4,011 affected households in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry. It would be relevant to note that food

security and nutritional recovery activities are ongoing on these regions. Following the rapid assessment, the following needs have been identified:

- **Relief:** Non-food items (NFI) such as blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets will be provided to the affected households.
- **Water and sanitation:** The RCSN will assist in distributing buckets and jerry cans, providing potable water. The hygiene promotion will include cholera sensitization campaign.
- **Health-care:** The distribution of mosquito nets is a priority. The National Society has also planned to distribute bars of soap. The reinforcement of skills and capacities of volunteers in health promotion is also crucial
- **Shelter:** Tarpaulins and shelter tool kits will be purchased and distributed.

#### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Outcome: To contribute to the reduction of the vulnerability to floods of 1,600 families with the provision of relief materials.**

##### Outputs (expected results)

- Relief items are procured and distributed to 1,600 families affected by the floods.

##### Activities planned:

- Procurement and distribution of 3,200 blankets and 3,200 sleeping mats;
- Procurement and distribution of 800 kitchen sets;
- Deploy a regional logistic resource person to support the National Society in the distribution activities

#### Emergency health

**Outcome: Reduce the health risks due to flooding through the provision of mosquito nets and conduct health sensitization sessions for 1,600 affected families.**

##### Outputs (expected results)

- Mortality and morbidity are reduced through the provision of mosquito nets, and preventive health care sensitization sessions to the affected families.

##### Activities planned:

- Conduct sensitizing (IEC) activities focused on diseases related to water, environmental health, good nutritional practices and the use of mosquito nets;
- Procure and distribute 3,200 mosquito nets to 1,600 affected families;
- Procure and distribute 144,000 bags of oral rehydration salt (ORS);
- Procure equipment for Red Cross volunteers (120 waterproof, 120 pairs of boots, 2,000 masks and 120 pairs of gloves)
- Refresher training for 80 volunteers on communication and awareness campaign.

#### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Outcome: The risks of diseases are reduced through the improvement of access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities for 1,600 affected families in Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua and Tillabéry.**

##### Outputs (expected results)

- Potable water, sanitation and hygiene are provided to families affected by floods

##### Activities planned:

- Conduct outreach activities focused on health;
- Procure and distribute 1,600 jerry cans, 1,600 buckets,
- Purchase and distribute 144,000 Aquatabs tablets to the affected families;
- Procure and distribute 16,800 bars of soap to the affected households;
- Refresher training for 80 volunteers on water treatment and hygiene promotion.

## Emergency shelter

**Outcome: Provide support to 350 households in emergency shelter**

### Outputs (expected results)

- 350 households have adequate emergency shelter

### Activities planned:

- Purchase and distribute 350 shelter tool kits;
- Purchase and distribute 700 tarpaulins.

## Communications/Reporting and monitoring, and coordination

**Outcome: To contribute to the improvement of the capacity of the National Society to engage in social mobilization to reach out to flooded families and to ensure timely reporting, monitoring and evaluation of activities.**

### Outputs (expected results)

- Populations at risk are sensitized on floods detection, evacuation and risks associated with flooding.

### Activities planned:

- Review the existing communications tools used in the previous flood response, update and make available to the volunteers;
- Refresh and support the skills of 80 volunteers on social mobilization in the affected regions;
- Conduct media campaigns with the national and local radio networks to promote the work the Red Cross Society of Niger and the International Federation;
- Capture the lessons learned from the floods operations

### Outputs (expected results)

- Regular monitoring, evaluation, reporting of the operation

### Activities planned:

- Prepare situational reports for information sharing based on the evolving situation of the floods and when needed prepare an emergency appeal;
- Prepare DREF implementation progress reports;
- 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 2012.

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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 OPERATION

02-09-11

## MDRNE008 NIGER FLOODS

<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	18,935
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	43,200
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	8,222
Medical & First Aid	14,760
Teaching Materials	5,885
Ustensils & Tools	32,552
Other Supplies & Services	40,448
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>164,002</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	25,420
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>25,420</b>
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	26,340
Volunteers	3,400
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>29,740</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	1,840
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>1,840</b>
Travel	2,500
Information & Public Relations	2,300
Office Costs	3,000
Communications	2,400
Financial Charges	2,000
Other General Expenses	2,000
Shared Support Services	
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,200</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	15,288
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>15,288</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>250,491</b>



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