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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Senegal: Floods in Thiès

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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 192,662 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Senegalese Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,000 families affected by floods in Thiès. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The regional seasonal forecasts of the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) have predicted higher than normal rainfall in some parts of West Africa, including Senegal. Since 1 August 2011, the western central regions of Senegal have been experiencing torrential rains. Some 5,214 people have been affected by the floods (latest update from the field) in Thiès. Additional rains caused flash floods, increasing the vulnerability of the community. The situation is chaotic in the city and some essential services have been disrupted. The discharge of septic tanks and wastewater make people fear a threat of outbreak.



**Flood waters have inundated various houses in Thiès.
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Senegalese Red Cross volunteers have been deployed from the outset to assess the situation. Of the 5,214 people directly affected, 6 have been reported injured. Some 328 displaced families whose houses have been destroyed have been evacuated by Red Cross volunteers and temporarily housed in neighbouring homes and schools. In coordination with the disaster committee, Red Cross volunteers remain engaged in ongoing needs assessment.

The planned response will utilize DREF resources to target 1,000 families (4,500 people). It aims to reduce immediate vulnerability through provision of essential relief materials, to improve shelter for the 328 displaced families, to help prevent outbreak of communicable diseases and malaria, and improve access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three (3) months, and will therefore be completed by October 2011. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by end January 2012).

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The situation

The ACMAD regional forecasts predicted an increase rainfall in West Africa. The forecast indicated that the highest rainfall is expected over Senegal, Mali, the Gambia, Guinea Bissau and in the northern part of Guinea Conakry. From 1st August up to now, there have been incessant rains which continue to cause devastating floods in the community of Thies as well as in many other communities in Senegal. With the increased rains, the number of affected populations as of today stands at 5,214 affected people and 328 families. Their houses have either completely collapsed or invaded by the flooding waters. The authorities and other actors have relocated displaced families in schools. The initial assessment indicated the following data:

Com-munity	Affected families	Affected People	Injured	Death	Displaced families	Houses destroyed	Wells flooded	Latrines flooded
Thies	1,321	5,214	6	0	328	128	142	229

No.	Action	Time	Responsibility
1	Transportation of 1,000 sets of non-food items for immediate distribution to the most vulnerable flood victims. The distribution of shelter kits has also been planned.	Immediately	Logistics & Finance Teams, Disaster Management Coordinator
2	Additional 5 team members (Health, Water and Sanitation, IT and Relief/Organizational Development) for the assessment.	Immediately	Disaster Management and Health Coordinator
3	Situational Reports (SITREP) are prepared and regularly shared	After assessment	Deployed Resource person
4	Preparation of DREF information bulletin, budget and request	Immediately	RDRT deployed Resource person/Sahel Regional Representation

Coordination and partnerships

At local level, since 3 August 2011 up to date, the departmental committee on development (CDD) is the coordinating committee. There have been regular coordination meetings. The Senegalese Red Cross Society has been actively participating to the response. The authorities have agreed to displace the affected families in schools.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The needs

Following the rapid assessment carried out, the field team has identified the following immediate needs:

- **Shelter:** Many people are displaced and are currently hosted in schools and neighbours' houses. Shelter kits will be distributed to 328 families whose houses have been completely destroyed. Indeed, these families need support in shelter.
- **Water and Sanitation:** A total of 142 wells and 229 latrines have been flooded. Purification tablets will be provided to treat water. The National Society will also assist with hygiene promotion, rehabilitation and the construction of damaged family latrines.
- **Relief items:** Non-food items (NFI) such as blankets and sleeping mats will be provided to the flood victims. Additionally, to facilitate the operation of volunteers in the field, boots, gloves, rain coats and other safety gadgets will be provided.
- **Coordination:** Within the Red Cross Movement and along with the local and central government authorities and other actors, coordination meetings will be conducted regularly to ensure complementary efforts in supporting flood victims.

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcomes:

- To contribute to the reduction of vulnerability to floods for 1,000 families with the provision of relief materials.
- To contribute to the improvement of shelter for the 328 displaced families.

Outputs (expected results) : Relief items are procured and distributed to 1,000 flood affected families

Activities planned:

- Procurement and distribution of 2,000 blankets and 2,000 sleeping mats for 1,000 families affected by the floods;
- Procurement and distribution of 328 tarpaulins and 328 shelter tool kits to 328 displaced families;
- Procurement of 50 boots, gloves, masks, and rain coats respectively for 70 volunteers;
- Procurement and utilization of 10 megaphones and 10 sets of batteries by volunteers during the implementation phase;
- Transport and warehousing of procured materials to the nearest point for distribution;
- Relief refresher training for 20 volunteers.

Emergency health

Outcome: To contribute to the prevention of an outbreak of communicable diseases and malaria among the 1,000 most vulnerable flood affected families.

Outputs (expected results): The risks of communicable diseases outbreaks are reduced for 1,000 families and the health status of the communities is maintained.

Activities planned:

- Procure 2,000 mosquito nets for 1,000 families;
- Procure and distribute nails and hammers for volunteers to support the mosquito nets hang-up process for 1,000 families;
- Conduct hang-up and keep-up activities on mosquito nets utilization after distribution;
- Train 30 volunteers on preventive measures on communicable diseases and sanitation for 1,000 families;
- Carry out health sensitization activities in flooded communities.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: To contribute to the improvement of access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities for 1,000 flood affected families.

Outputs (expected results): All 1,000 families have access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities.

Activities planned:

- Procure 60,500 purification tablets for 1,000 families;
- Construct 80 family latrines for the most vulnerable families affected by the floods and that have no access to proper latrines;
- Procure and distribute 1,000 hygiene kits to 1,000 families;
- Procure and distribute 20 Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) kits to volunteers to work with the flood affected communities in Thies;
- Conduct refresher training for 20 volunteers in household water treatment and hygiene promotion;
- Procure and distribute 5,000 bars of soap, 1,000 jerry cans, 4,000 detergents, and 1,000 buckets for 3 months for 1,000 families;
- Conduct hygiene promotion activities.

Communications/IT/Reporting and monitoring

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

Outputs (expected results):

- Communications materials are developed to reach flooded victims, pupils and other populations at risk.
- Timely and accurate reports are prepared and shared.
- Populations at risk are sensitized on flood detection, evacuation and risks reduction associated with floods.
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Activities planned:

- Design/update audio, print, visual and other sensitization materials;
- Strengthen media corporation at national level;
- Reinforce the National Society social mobilization capacities;
- Strengthen the National Society capacities to sensitize affected populations;
- Share information with all partners and prepare timely reports;
- The National Society to report on the activities carried out.

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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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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	40,575	40,575
Shelter - Transitional		0
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
Clothing & Textiles	27,000	27,000
Food		0
Seeds & Plants		0
Water & Sanitation	61,238	61,238
Medical & First Aid		0
Teaching Materials	2,275	2,275
Utensils & Tools	9,220	9,220
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total Supplies	140,308	140,308
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		0
Distribution & Monitoring	5,000	5,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	15,670	15,670
Total Transport & Storage	20,670	20,670
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff		0
National Staff		0
National Society Staff	12,175	12,175
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	12,175	12,175
Workshops & Training	3,500	3,500
Total Workshops & Training	3,500	3,500
Travel	1,750	1,750
Information & Public Relation	1,000	1,000
Office Costs	500	500
Communications	500	500
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges	500	500
Other General Expenses		0
Total General Expenditure	4,250	4,250
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	11,759	11,759
Total Programme Support	11,759	11,759
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	192,662	192,662



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