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DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF)

29 October 2003

Appeal No. 01.95/2003

Appeal Target: CHF 3,400,000 (USD 2,446,214 or EUR 2,336,657)

Programme Update No. 03;

Period covered: July - Sept, 2003

The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 180 countries.

For more information: www.ifrc.org

In Brief

Appeal coverage: 48.3 %; See attached Contributions List for details¹.

Outstanding needs: CHF 2,201,897 (1,557,211 USD / 1,432,128 EUR)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme Summary: 2003 For the reporting period: 7 allocations carried out; CHF 7'618'666 opening balance; CHF 534,760 voluntary contributions; CHF 2,500 3rd quarter interest; CHF 785,000 total allocation; CHF 662,376 total reimbursed; CHF 8,178,674 closing balance; 2002: pending CHF 1,633,464; reimbursements CHF 184,046; waivers CHF 0

Operational developments

The following seven operations received DREF over the reporting period: 4 to Africa, 2 to Asia and 1 to MENA. The total amount allocated to these operations was CHF 785,000. The total amount reimbursed during the period was CHF 662,376 making the total amount for reimbursements for the year CHF 1,293,287. During the period CHF 632,833 was reimbursed for 2002 operations that were allocated DREF. The closing balance for the reporting period stands at CHF 8,591,972. The total amount of contributions for the period covered stood at CHF 534,760 bringing the appeal coverage to approximately 48%.

Operations

Goal: the goal of the DREF is to provide immediate funding in response to major and minor disasters thereby enabling the Federation to react rapidly, effectively and efficiently.

Objective: to make DREF a secured line of credit for new emergencies

¹ This includes only donations made against the appeal and does not include quarterly interest – see annex 1

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Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

As mentioned above DREF has provided 7 operations with funds out of which 4 have launched appeals.

The regional breakdown of the allocations is as follows:

| Location | Disaster Type | Date | Requested | Approved | Reimbursed | Remaining |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AFRICA | | | | | | |
| Nigeria | Liberian Asylum Seekers | 08.07.03 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Gambia | Storms | 01.08.03 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Sudan | Floods | 04.08.03 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 |
| Sahel Region | Floods | 08.09.03 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 0 | 125,000 |
| Africa Total | | | 365,000 | 365,000 | 200,000 | 165,000 |
| ASIA / PACIFIC | | | | | | |
| India | Drought | 02.07.03 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 0 | 100,000 |
| China | Floods | 21.07.03 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 0 | 300,000 |
| Asia/Pacific Total | | | 400,000 | 400,000 | 0 | 400,000 |
| MENA | | | | | | |
| Morocco | Floods | 22.08.03 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| MENA Total | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| TOTAL | | | 785,000 | 785,000 | 200,000 | 585,000 |

Chronological details of the above allocations are as follows:

India – Drought

Amount Allocated: CHF 100,000

Status: CHF 100,000 outstanding (*appeal coverage 11.7%*)

Latest Operations Update: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/160302.pdf



A severe drought in numerous states in India over four and a half years continued unabated. The state of Rajasthan was the most affected with over 4.8 million hectares of the post monsoon crop destroyed and the ground water levels considerably reduced. Over 43 million people and 54 million livestock were affected. A joint India Red Cross (IRCS) and International Federation assessment late last year had revealed that the food security situation of the drought-affected population was deteriorating visibly. The worsening drought conditions caused a change in the food consumption patterns among the people in the region. Many families had not consumed green vegetables for a long period of time and daily meals were reduced to one per day.

The operation addressed priority needs for food. The DREF was released in order to kick start the operation. Response to this appeal has so far been very low. More information on this operation can be found in the above website.

Nigeria – Assistance to Liberian Asylum Seekers

Amount Allocated: 10,000

Status: CHF 10,000 outstanding (*no appeal launched*)

Information update: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=128>

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At the end of June, the Nigerian Red Cross Society and the Lagos Regional International Federation Office received an official request to provide urgently required humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers from Liberia. The Nigerian Red Cross provided tents, plastic sheeting and clothing from its limited preparedness stock to help ease the plight of the asylum seekers. The NRCS applied for Federation DREF to assist in the procurement and distribution of non-food items and provide assistance to the refugees. A total of 2,357 refugees benefited from the DREF. Since the non-food items were limited, only the most vulnerable were targeted.

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China – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 300,000

Status: Outstanding CHF 300,000 (*appeal coverage 31.3%*)

Latest Operations Update: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/180306.pdf



Since 20 June non-stop torrential rains have hit the Huai River valley, pouring down more the 400 millimetres precipitation over some areas. The continuous rains led to a rapid rise of the water level on the upper and middle reaches of the river. Consequently for the first time in 12 years, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters had to divert the floodwaters. A total of nine flood diversion areas were used this year to divert floodwater from the swollen Huai River in a massive flood control campaign.

Moreover as an extraordinary emergency measure, the authorities destroyed dikes upstream from major cities in order to lower the water level by letting them drain into farmland and rural townships. More than 1 million

people worked on the dikes and embankments between Hongze Lake and the Yangtze River in east China's Jiangsu Province, a key area where floodwater from the Huai River valley flows into the Yangtze.

This dire situation was repeated in many parts of central, southern and eastern provinces of China. Flooding in the southern provinces of Hunan and Guangxi started in mid-May, triggering the first local response from the government and the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC). This year's floods have seriously affected the provinces of Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Guizhou, Sichuan, Guangxi, Zhejiang and Hunan as well as Chongqing municipality. Altogether, the floods have hit sixteen provinces with the worst hit being Anhui, Jiangsu and Henan, all located along the Huai River.

As a result, 3.5 million people were displaced and 4 million hectares of farmland were inundated with water. Many of those displaced lived in public buildings, tents or under plastic sheeting in miserable conditions after losing their homes and crops.

The DREF allocation was used for the procurement of tents and water purification tablets.

Gambia – Storm

Amount Allocated: CHF 30,000

Status: CHF 30,000 outstanding (*no appeal launched*)

More Information: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=70>

On 24th August a squall of approximately 30-35 knots hit the area around Basse Santa Su in the Upper River Division of the Gambia. According to the Basse Hydrometeorological Institute, the squall came in from the east, lasted several minutes but managed to demolish or severely damage over 100 compounds, affecting more than 1,000 persons. Many old trees fell on houses and government offices, blocking roads, cutting off electricity and telecommunications. The disaster occurred at a time of the year known as the "hunger season" in Gambia. The storm destroyed the remaining reserves of family food supplies, making the provision of food the most urgent need until the next harvest season. Other needs included shelter and material for repair and reconstruction of houses, clothing and malaria drugs.

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On completion of the rapid assessment carried out by the Gambia Red Cross in cooperation with the Divisions Commissioner, the Federation Delegation released a working advance on 29th August pending the transfer of the DREF allocation. This allocation was used for the provision of basic foodstuff for 200 families for six weeks, clothing and the procurement of medicaments.

Sudan – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 200,000

Status: fully reimbursed (*appeal coverage 96.4%*)

Latest Operations Update: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/190304a.pdf

On 28th July heavy rains in eastern Sudan's Kassala Province caused severe flooding, in the towns of Kassala, Sawakin, Sennar, Tokar, and Barbar. Further flooding broke through the banks of the Gash River that divides Kassala town. An estimated 200,000 people have been affected by the flooding. The Governor of Kassala State declared that the disaster was beyond their resources on Friday 1 August, and requested Government assistance from Khartoum. Relief goods from Khartoum were distributed to those initially affected, and the SRC was appointed lead agency to coordinate the relief operation. The Federation deployed a water and sanitation Emergency Response Unit (ERU) to provide critical support. 1,000 volunteers and 263 SRC staff members were working in this operation.

The DREF allocation was used to provide initial relief assistance and to carry out the assessment.

Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger Senegal & Mauritania – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 125,000

Status: CHF 125,000 outstanding (*appeal coverage 26.3%*)

More Information: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/africa.asp>

Exceptionally heavy rains and severe floods in the Sahel region caused the loss of life of several dozen people, the destruction of homes and the loss of food crops of several ten thousand people in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Mauritania. The National Societies of all countries had activated the disaster response teams and have started some initial emergency relief operations within the range of their possibilities. The most urgent needs in all affected countries were food items, blankets, mattresses, household equipment, mosquito nets, and health prevention and hygiene measures.

The DREF allocation was distributed equally between the affected National Societies and was used for the procurement and distribution of both food and non-food items.

Morocco – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 20,000

Status: CHF 20,000 outstanding (*no appeal launched*)

More Information: N/A

In early August the Moroccan Red Crescent Society (MRCS) requested assistance from the International Federation for the use of the DREF to help cover the flood relief operation. The MRCS used its own special emergency fund to respond immediately to the disaster and requested that DREF replenish its fund. This was, however, an unconventional use of the DREF.

Impact

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DREF continues to prove itself as an invaluable disaster response tool. The availability of the funds at short notice enabled delegations and National Societies alike to initiate operations soon after disasters occur. Those most vulnerable were reached in minimal time and the procurement of goods and provision of services was facilitated by the immediate availability of funds.

Constraints

During this period there have been minimal constraints – those faced were related mainly to reimbursement issues. The appeal is less than 50% covered at the end of the third quarter. Issues regarding the purpose of DREF and the authority of the guidelines were raised, when operations were requesting allocations. These issues will be tackled in coordination with finance and other concerned departments

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Coordination

There continued to be good information flow between the Secretariat and the field, both Federation and National Society offices, on the utilisation of the DREF. Operations allocated with DREF were requested to reimburse or provide explanations as to why reimbursements have not been made. DREF allocations were posted on DMIS for members of the Movement. Donors continue to be kept informed through email as soon as allocations are made – however we would like to encourage donors and all those who are interested in DREF to submit their details to the email address given below in order to receive updated information on allocations and other matters pertaining to DREF.

For further information please contact:

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All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

APPEAL No. 01.95/2003

PLEDGES RECEIVED

10/12/2003

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|-------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
|-------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|

CASH

| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | 3,400,000 | TOTAL COVERAGE | 48.6% |
|---|-----------|----------------|---|
| AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR | 2,000 | USD | 2,781 29/01/2003 |
| AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR | | | 14,336 06.06.03 |
| AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM | 110,000 | USD | 145,420 04.09.03 |
| AUSTRIAN - RC | 50,000 | EUR | 77,150 27.06.03 |
| BANGLADESH - PRIVATE DONOR | 100,000 | BDT | 2,331 19.02.03 DIRECTLY TO THE DELEGATION |
| BANGLADESH - PRIVATE DONORS | 50,000 | BDT | 1,125 13.01.03 DIRECTLY TO THE DELEGATION |
| BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04) | | | 500,000 24.02.03 |
| BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR | 2,500 | USD | 3,476 17/01/2003 |
| BRITISH - PRIV. DONOR (PACE MICRO TECHN.) | 2,000 | GBP | 4,362 19.02.03 |
| BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR | | | 5,705 09.01.03 |
| BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR | 1,000 | usd | 1,414 01.09.03 |
| DANISH - GOVT | 950,000 | DKK | 194,750 27.06.03 |
| GERMAN - RC | | | 10,000 12.02.03 BANGLADESH COLD WAVE |
| ICELANDIC - RC | | | 75,150 04.06.03 |
| JAPANESE - RC | 124,771 | USD | 160,643 18.06.03 |
| LUXEMBOURG - RC | 10,000 | EUR | 14,555 13/01/2003 |
| NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC | 2,157,497 | NOK | 406,688 24.09.03 |
| PRIVATE DONORS | | | 3,906 09/01/2003 |
| PRIVATE DONOR | 500 | GBP | 1,074 03.06.03 |
| SWISS - RC | | | 21,300 21/01/2003 BANGLADESH COLD WAVE |
| SWISS - PRIVATE DONOR | | | 7,794 11.06.03 |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | 1,653,960 CHF 48.6% |

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES | | | | | | |
| | | | | 0 | CHF | 0.0% |

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|--------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED | | | | | | |
| | | | | 0 | CHF | |