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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.93/2004; Appeal target: CHF 1,300,000; Appeal coverage: 2,061,888 - 158.6%

Summary: DREF has proven to be a vital tool for disaster response in minor emergencies as well as large scale disaster operations. There were several examples in the program updates which detail how DREF was used to bring assistance to victims of disaster. It is clear that the use of DREF can speed up the receipt of vital relief to disaster victims and reduce their suffering. All efforts should be taken to more fully utilize this important tool.

Overall analysis of the programme

The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund is one of the International Federations main disaster response tools. It was established in 1985 as is part of the organizations overall centrally managed and coordinated disaster response capacity. The Fund continued to prove itself as an invaluable disaster response tool to both the national societies and delegations. Funds were released in minimal time ensuring that funding was guaranteed almost immediately after the occurrence of the disaster. Approximately 44% of the disasters allocated with DREF were classified as major disasters and therefore required that appeals be launched. The opening balance for 2004 was CHF 8,798,523 and the closing balance was CHF 9,382,522. The total amount of contributions for 2004 was a CHF 2,061,888 which was approximately 158.6% of the amount appealed for.

Objectives, Achievements, and Constraints

Objective: To make DREF a guaranteed line of credit for new emergencies.

Achievements

During 2004, 55 DREF allocations were made for a total of CHF 4,740,721. This is an increase of 61% over 2003. Of this amount CHF 3,024,335 was reimbursed to the Fund (please see annex 1 for details). Of the 55 allocations 34 were in response to sudden natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. See appendix 2 for additional statistics sorted by region, type of disaster and type of appeal.

Of the 55 allocations from the Fund, 24 were given in advance of emergency appeals with total allocations of CHF 2,813,307. This accounted for 59% of DREF allocations. One hundred percent of DREF funds used for emergency appeals were reimbursed.

DREF has been particularly useful during minor emergencies where no appeal was launched. There were a total of 29 allocations of DREF during minor emergencies with a value of CHF 1,667,414. Reimbursement for minor emergencies totaled CHF 211,028 or 13% of the overall amount allocated. While this amount may seem small it is largely due to a change in practice which does not require the replenishment of DREF for minor emergencies.

Allocations for disaster preparedness and evaluation were made for a total of CHF 210,000 (one of each). There was no reimbursement to DREF for these activities nor was any requested.

Constraints

Although there has been a significant increase in the use of DREF there are still opportunities for increased utilization of DREF, particularly in the areas of minor emergencies and disaster preparedness. Through discussions with staff within the secretariat, field staff and national societies it is clear that there is a lack of knowledge at all levels about the possibilities of using DREF for disaster preparedness. Better use of this component of DREF could reap huge benefits in disaster prone areas. Additionally, based on conversations with field staff and national societies, the previous practice of requiring a plan for replenishment of DREF for minor emergencies prior to allocation has adversely affected the number of DREF requests. In response to both cases, every opportunity will be taken to educate staff and national societies in the current regulations regarding the use of DREF.

Appendix 1 – DREF Allocations

DREF allocations 2004		Swiss Francs			
Location	Disaster Type	Date	Paid	Reimbursed as at 29/3/05	Remaining
AFRICA					
Togo	Cholera Epidemic	18-Feb-04	37,000		37,000
Tanzania	Drought assessment	04-Mar-04	17,636		17,636
Madagascar	Cyclones	16-Mar-04	50,000	50,000	0
Togo	Cholera Epidemic - additional	18-Mar-04	10,000		10,000
Namibia	Caprivi floods	29-Mar-04	60,000	60,000	0
Djibouti	Storms	16-Apr-04	30,000	2,636	27,364
Zambia	Floods	27-Apr-04	20,000	230	19,770
Kenya	Floods	13-May-04	50,000		50,000
Cameroon	Cholera	18-May-04	20,000		20,000
Chad	Displaced persons from Darfur	07-Jun-04	100,000	100,000	0
Darfur - Sudan	Displaced persons from Darfur	10-Jun-04	100,000	665	99,335
Guinea & Sierra Leone	Cholera	10-Sep-04	122,000		122,000
Rwanda	Population movements	15-Oct-04	50,000		50,000
Senegal	Cholera	28-Oct-04	27,000		27,000
Central African Rep.	Floods	03-Nov-04	20,000		20,000
Côte d'Ivoire	Civil unrest	19-Nov-04	100,000		100,000
Zambia	Cholera	24-Nov-04	50,000		50,000
AMERICAS					
Haiti	Political unrest	17-Feb-04	60,000	60,000	0
PADRU	Evaluation	15-Apr-04	40,000		40,000
Colombia	Floods	05-May-04	50,000		50,000
Dominican republic	Floods	25-May-04	100,000	100,000	0
Cuba	Hurricane Charley	06-Sep-04	100,000	100,000	0
PADRU	Caribbean hurricane season (Frances)	07-Sep-04	70,000	70,000	0
Caribbean	Hurricane Ivan	08-Sep-04	100,000	100,000	0
Caribbean	Hurricane Ivan	13-Sep-04	200,000	200,000	0
Caribbean	Hurricane Jeanne	17-Sep-04	100,000		100,000
Panama	Floods & mudslides	19-Sep-04	88,000		88,000
Haiti	Floods (hurricane Jeanne)	20-Sep-04	150,000	150,000	0
Bahamas	Hurricane Jeanne	24-Sep-04	70,000	70,000	0
Colombia	Floods	28-Oct-04	100,000	100,000	0
Costa Rica	Heavy rain	10-Nov-04	40,000		40,000
Colombia	Earthquake	16-Nov-04	50,000		50,000
Panama	Strong rain	26-Nov-04	50,000		50,000
ASIA PACIFIC					
Philippines	Floods & Landslides	01-Jan-04	50,000	50,000	0
Indonesia	Floods	01-Jan-04	100,000	100,000	0
Bangladesh	Twin tornadoes	19-Apr-04	42,000	2,257	39,743

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DPRK	Train explosion	27-Apr-04	50,000	50,000	0
Bangladesh	Floods	22-Jul-04	48,307	48,307	0
Nepal	Floods	23-Jul-04	50,000	50,000	0
China	Floods	09-Aug-04	214,000	245	213,755
Indonesia	Earthquake	15-Nov-04	100,000	100,000	0
Papua New Guinea	Volcano	24-Nov-04	50,000		50,000
Philippines	MuiFa typhoon	25-Nov-04	50,000	50,000	0
Philippines	MuiFa typhoon	30-Nov-04	100,000	100,000	0
Asia	Earthquake, tsunamis	26-Dec-04	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
EUROPE					
Spain	Madrid train blast	11-Mar-04	4,000	2,873	1,127
Serbia & Montenegro	Violence in Kosovo	19-Mar-04	140,000	122,122	17,878
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Floods	19-Apr-04	50,000	50,000	0
Ukraine	Explosion in ammunition depot	07-May-04	10,000	10,000	0
Russian Federation	North Ossetia - hostages	03-Sep-04	20,000	20,000	0
Russian Federation	North Ossetia - hostages	06-Sep-04	30,000	30,000	0
Albania	Floods	10-Dec-04	80,778		80,778
MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA					
Morocco	Earthquake	24-Feb-04	75,000	75,000	0
Egypt	Border closing	03-Aug-04	75,000		75,000
GENERAL					
Secretariat - OSD	Base camp (earthquake operations)	22-Dec-04	170,000		170,000
Total			4,740,721	3,024,335	1,716,386

Items in blue indicate an emergency appeal was launched.

Appendix 2 – DREF Allocation Analysis

Allocations by Type		
Type	Number	%
Floods/Landslides	19	35%
Hurricane / Cyclone	9	17%
Civil Disturbance / Hostage	5	9%
Health Related	6	12%
Earthquake	4	7%
Explosions	3	6%
Population Movement	3	6%
Drought	1	2%
Volcano	1	2%
Preparedness & Evaluation	2	4%
Total	55	100%

DREF Emergency Appeals 2004				
Region	Number of Allocations	% of Allocations	Total Value of Allocations	% of Allocations
Africa	3	13%	210,000	6%
Americas	8	33%	880,000	31%
Asia/Pacific	9	37%	1,548,307	54%
Europe	3	13%	100,000	6%
MENA	1	4%	75,000	3%
Total	24	100%	2,813,307	100%

DREF Minor Emergencies 2004				
Region	Number of Allocations	% of Allocations	Total Value of Allocations	% of Allocations
Africa	14	49%	653,636	38%
Americas	8	28%	448,000	26%
Asia/Pacific	3	10%	306,000	18%
Europe	3	10%	234,778	14%
MENA	1	3%	75,000	4%
Total	29	100%	1,717,414	100%

DREF Disaster Preparedness & Evaluation 2004				
Region	Number of Allocations	% of Allocations	Total Value of Allocations	% of Allocations
Disaster Preparedness	1	50%	170,000	81%
Evaluation	1	50%	40,000	19%
Total	2	100%	210,000	100%