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CAMEROON: FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

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DREF Allocated: CHF 20,000

This Information Bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below. An allocation from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) in the amount of CHF 20,000 has been released, and further needs will be evaluated. Unearmarked funds to repay the DREF are needed. This operation will be reported on through the quarterly DREF update.

The Situation

Heavy rain fall reported from the night of Tuesday, 26 June through Wednesday, 27 June 2001 triggered landslides in several areas of the coastal town Limbe in south-western Cameroon. Hardest-hit areas of Limbe include Mabetta Newlayout, Mile Two, Towe and Mbenbe. Heavy rains across West and Central Africa caused damage throughout the regions.

According to initial reports, over 30 people are declared dead or missing in Cameroon alone. It was initially estimated that the landslides buried or destroyed about ten houses.

Meanwhile, destructive floods are also causing havoc in the landslide-stricken region, so far leaving a vast trail of destruction and over 1,500 persons homeless. Floods are a recurring problem in Cameroon's coastal region.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The International Federation has released CHF 20,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to address the most urgent needs of approximately 1,000 victims. The local branch of the Cameroon Red Cross Society in Limbe was also damaged in the floods. The regional delegation of the Federation in Yaoundé is monitoring the situation closely and supporting the national society whose specialized and trained relief team responded efficiently.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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