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In Brief

This Information Bulletin (no. 1/2005) is being issued based on the needs described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 17,040 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). The Federation does not anticipate further needs. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are needed. This operation will be reported on through the DREF update.

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The Situation

Since January 2005, Manica and Sofala provinces in Mozambique have been affected by a cholera epidemic: 295 cholera cases and 8 deaths were registered, a mortality rate of 2.7%. Marromeu reported 8 new cholera cases and 2 deaths in the second week of March. There is concern that cholera will spread to other provinces such as Maputo, Gaza, Nampula, Zambezia and Cabo Delgado.

The Mozambique Red Cross Society¹ has been allocated CHF 17,040 from DREF to support it staff and volunteers to conduct the following activities:

- Educating and mobilizing communities about the prevention of cholera and other diarrhoeal diseases.
- Identifying and evacuating cholera cases in the communities.
- Monitoring the cholera situation in the most affected communities
- Assisting and treating patients with cholera/diarrhoea in treatment centres run by the Ministry of Health (MoH) in the most affected areas.

¹ Mozambique Red Cross Society - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=120>

Coordination

The MoH is providing epidemiological surveillance and periodic information on the cholera epidemic. The Mozambique Red Cross collaborates to provide treatment at cholera treatment centres in the form of oral and intravenous rehydration in Manica and Sofala provinces.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Mozambique Red Cross staff and volunteers have been working in the affected areas since the outbreak of cholera in Manica and Sofala provinces. They have been implementing the following activities:

- Community mobilization for health and hygiene promotion.
- Door-to-door campaigns identifying diarrhoeal cases and monitoring hygienic practices;
- Advising in water chlorination;
- Administration of ORS as a first aid measure, and referring patients to nearest health facilities; and
- Providing support at cholera treatment centres.

The Mozambique Red Cross will continue these activities for the next three months, given the concern of a possible spread of cholera to other provinces. The national society in collaboration with other NGOs wants to intensify preventive and response activities, which will in turn entail the increased need for volunteers and resources. The table below indicates the number of people at risk of the epidemic and areas where Mozambique Red Cross plans to operate.

Table 1: Areas at risk of cholera where national society will operate

Province	Districts/localities	Beneficiaries	Number of volunteers
Maputo-city**	Chamanculo, Maxaquene, Polana, Luís Cabral, Hulene, Inhaca	4,500	47
Maputo Province**	Matola, Boane, Matutuine, Moamba, Manhiça	900	35
Gaza**	Massingir, Xai Xai, Chokwe	2,100	45
Sofala*	Marromeu, Beira, Nhamatanda, Marringue , Dondo	4,200	55
Manica*	Cidade de Chimoio , Manica and Bárue	2,300	40
Tete**	Cidade de Tete & Moatize	3,800	22
Zambezia**	Cidade de Quelimane, Mopeia & Mocuba	3,500	30
Nampula**	Cidade de Nampula, Moma & Angoche	4,050	25
Cabo Delgado**	Montepuez, Pemba & Chiure	1,900	30
Inhambane**			42
Niassa**			28
	Total	27,250	399

* Province with cholera cases

** Preventive activities covered by the project health and care , funded by the Federation

The Needs

The Mozambique Red Cross requires supporting health technicians and volunteers to benefit 6,500 beneficiaries in the two provinces of Manica and Sofala for the next three months. The table on the following page reflects the amount to address these needs, and formed the basis for the DREF allocation of CHF 17,040.

Table 2: Three-month budget

Description	CHF Total
10,000 units of ORS	2,300
10 boxes with 144 bottles of 1,000 units of chlorine (tablets or powder)	4,500
Incentives for 95 volunteers	1,620
Per-diem to supervise activities for headquarters and provincial branches	3,075
10,000 pamphlets, material for IEC	340
Transport expenses: fuel and oils for supervision	2,500
Administrative costs	1,665
Total	16,000
Programme Support	1,040
Grand Total (DREF)	17,040

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For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's 2005 Annual Appeal for Mozambique no. 05AA012 - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA012.pdf.

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