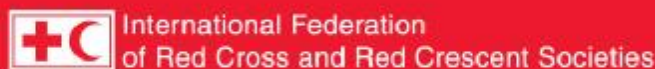


DREF operation



Haiti: Floods

DREF operation n° MDRHT006
Glide No. FL-2009-000102-HTI
25 September 2009

The International Federation's 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 response to emergencies. 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 50,118 (USD 48,826 or EUR 33,159) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Haitian National Red Cross Society in providing water and essential relief items to 800 people affected by the floods in the communities of Williamson and Carries in the department of l'Ouest. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: On 18 September 2009 several communities in Haiti were deeply affected by heavy rainfall and mudslides. This DREF operation is focused on providing support to the Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) in order to provide relief assistance to the most affected people.

This operation is expected to be implemented in one month, and will therefore be completed by 25 October 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 25 January 2010).



Mudslides affected a house in the community of Carries. Source: Haitian National Red Cross Society

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The situation

On 18 September 2009, the community of Williamson in the department of l'Ouest, experienced flash flooding due to heavy rains. The floods caused extensive damage to crops and property fencing affecting 65 families (296 persons). Fortunately houses were not completely destroyed, however, in some cases affected families lost valuables and personal effects. Water systems which had already been destroyed after the hurricanes of 2008 were contaminated.

Heavy rainfall has been affecting the nearby community of Carries since the second week of September. A total of 23 families (102 persons) were affected. The community of Carries was affected by mudslides due to the heavy rain, resulting in the death of one resident and six injured. The mudslides destroyed 11 houses

and severely damaged 12 others. Safe drinking water is not available to these families as their wells have also been contaminated. Health problems have been reported by the health authorities in this community as a result of the emergency. After two weeks, the 23 families are still living in collective shelters (church and school). This community also remains vulnerable following the hurricanes that struck Haiti in 2008.

Coordination and partnerships

The Haitian National Red Cross Society in coordination with the French Red Cross has conducted an assessment of the water systems in both affected communities and consulted with local authorities regarding the status of water distribution networks in Williamson and Carries. The French Red Cross will be supporting water distributions with the local volunteers of the HNRCS.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted an initial needs assessment in one area and has distributed family kits (which follow International Federation standards) and aquatabs to 23 families in Carries. Local authorities (related to water, health, and disaster management services) have participated with the Haitian National Red Cross Society in the needs assessments in both communities. The Civil Protection (Direction de la Protection Civile, DPC) in Carries has provided sheltered families with mattresses.

The International Federation maintains a sub-delegation in Haiti as part of the response to the 2008 Hurricane season. There are 4 delegates and 12 staff in this delegation. There are currently five Partner National Societies (PNS) in-country supporting programmes with the HNRCS (the American, Canadian, French, German and Spanish Red Cross Societies).



Mudslides affecting the community of Carries. Source: Haitian National Red Cross Society

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the emergency, volunteers from the local HNRCS branches have conducted needs assessments in both communities and the National Society has arranged water distribution to respond to the immediate needs of the affected population.

The HNRCS regional committee with the participation of a manager from the head office, the Civil Protection and the National Direction for Potable Water and Sanitation (Direction Nationale de l'eau potable et de l'assainissement - DINEPA) officials conducted an initial assessment in both affected communities. The HNRCS arranged the distribution of safe drinking water to Carries using a 3,000 gallon cistern truck.

The International Federation, through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit in Panama and the Latin Caribbean Regional Representation based in Santo Domingo, has been in constant communication with the HNRCS. Additionally, a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member from the Canadian Red Cross is in-country providing assistance to the National Society in carrying out the preliminary assessments and to implement the plan of action (costs covered outside of the DREF allocation).

The HNRCS will set up mobile clinics to address some of the health issues that are resulting from this disaster.

The needs

The needs identified are:

- Relief items for the affected families of Williamson (family kits). A total of 165 kits have been requested, 65 of which will be distributed from pre-positioned stock and later replenished. Clean water supply for 800 persons in both communities until the families can access their normal water sources. The communities' water networks are still badly damaged from the 2008 Hurricane season. Since that time, the local authorities have put in place a daily water distribution system by cisterns, as a stop gap measure. Residents pay a daily fee to the trucking company to obtain water. The activities proposed in this plan aim to financially assist the affected families in obtaining safe drinking water from the existing system. The HNRCS will pay the daily fee to the trucking company for the affected families for 30 days.
- Clean-up equipment for the 33 families in Carries to remove debris from their residences.
- Provision of medical services due to health issues identified by local health authorities.
- Some families may also require some food items (such as rice, beans and cooking oil) depending on further assessments.

The proposed operation

The overall objective of this operation is to provide safe drinking water and relief assistance to the families affected by flash floods and mudslides in the communities of Carries and Williamson.

The activities within the operation will help to build the response capacity of the National Society in damage and needs assessments, registration of beneficiaries, distribution of relief items and water, and monitoring and evaluation.

The DREF operation will also cover costs of per diem and mobilizations of volunteers assisting during the operation.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: 800 people in the communities of Williamson and Carries will receive essential non food items to recover from the effects of the emergency.

Activities planned:

- Conduct emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

The Regional Logistic Unit (RLU) in Panama will ship by sea the family emergency kits. Each family emergency kit will contain:

- Hygiene kit, which includes washing powder, toilet paper, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, razor, hygienic pads.
- Kitchen kit (frying pan, knives, plates, glasses, forks)
- Bucket (4 litres capacity)
- Two jerry cans,
- Two blankets
- Two mosquito nets per family.

In addition, the HNRCS will distribute 33 cleaning kits, which contain the following items: (1 wheel barrow, 2 shovels, 1 pick axe, and 1 pitchfork). These kits will be locally procured following HNRCS procedures, ensuring transparency in the process. The French Red Cross has kindly offered to provide supervision of distribution kits and safe drinking water during the initial stages.

Water and sanitation

Objective: The HNRCS will financially assist the affected families receiving water from cistern trucks by compensating the water fee.

Activities planned:

- Distribution of water to the affected families
- Monitor and evaluate the distribution activities

The affected families will receive safe drinking water for a period of 30 days.

How we work	
<p><i>All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.</i></p>	
<p>The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters. • Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies. • Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability. • Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.
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DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

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BUDGET CHF

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	4,534
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	3,205
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	11,777
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	6,593
Other Supplies & Services	3,750
Total Relief Needs	29,859

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computers & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse	
Distribution & Monitoring	401
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,222
Service fee & Recovery	1,750

PERSONNEL

International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	0
National Staff	
National Society Staff	5,751
Consultants	

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training	
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	3,616
Information & Public Relations	
Office running costs	310
Communication Costs	207
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	2,745
Other General Expenses	

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

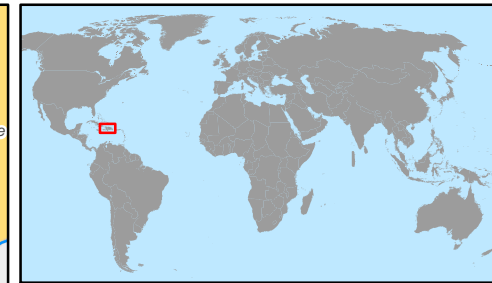
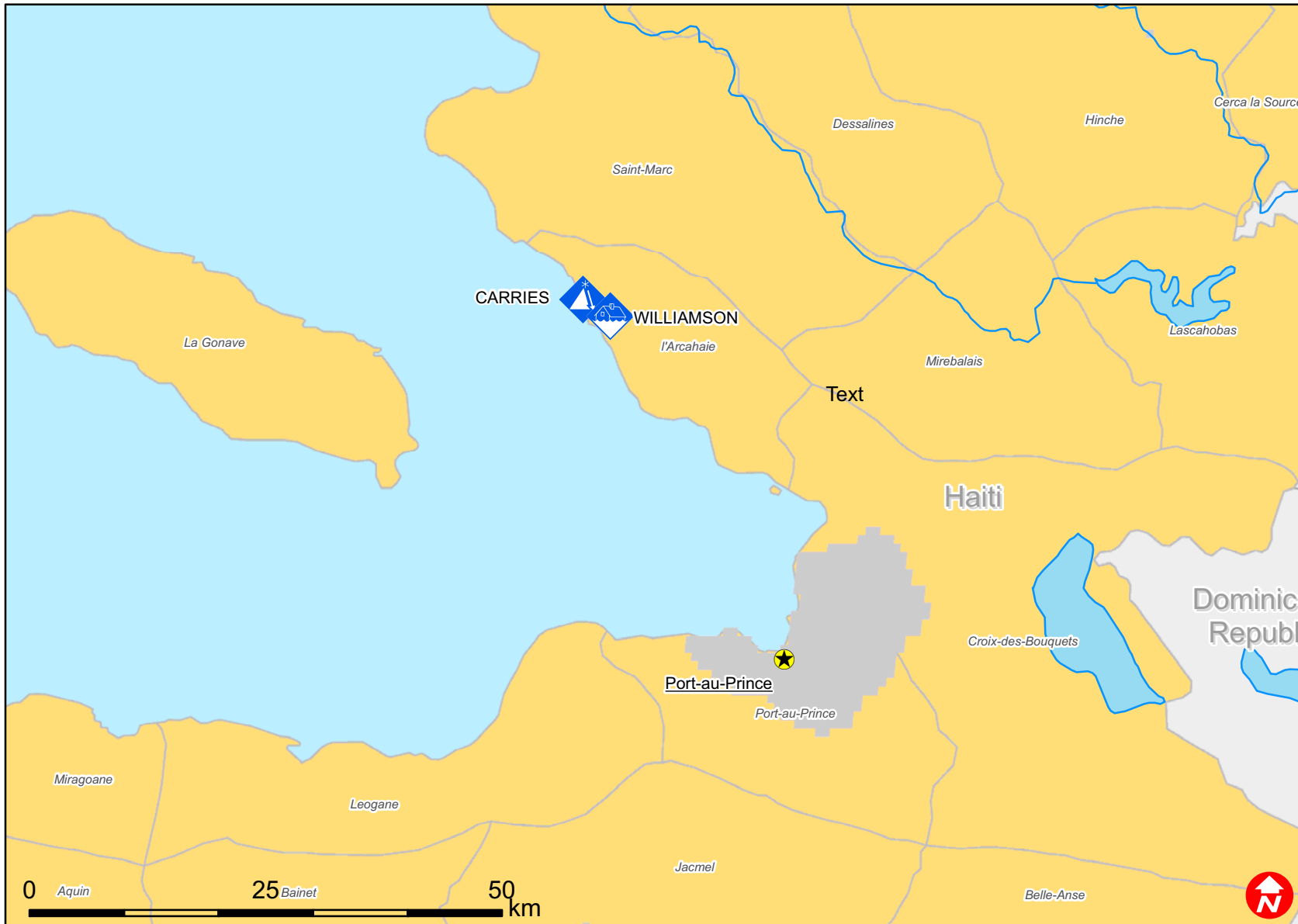
Programme Support - PSR	3,258
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Total Operational Needs	20,259
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DREF ALLOCATION	50,118
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-  Flash floods in Williamson
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