

# DREF operation



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## Haiti: Floods

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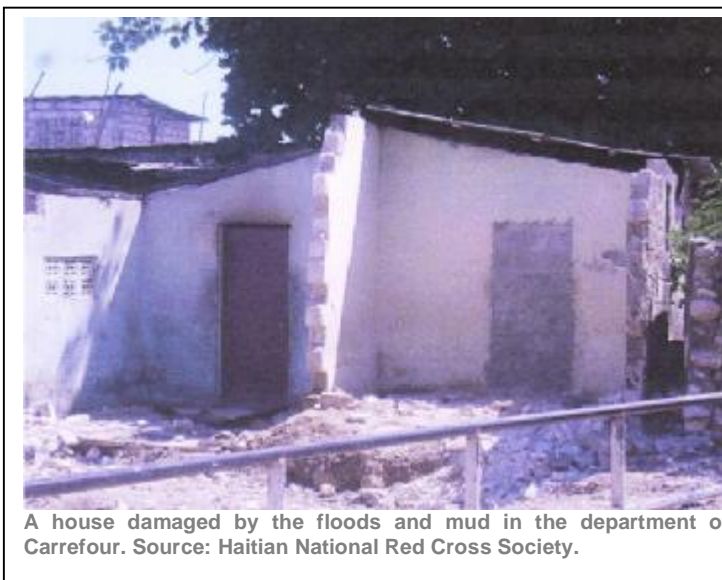
The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 105,656 (USD 103,918 or EUR 69,950) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) in its initial damage and need assessment costs. It will also provide non-food items and water provision to approximately 500 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** On 20 October 2009 six communities in Haiti were deeply affected by mudslides caused by heavy rainfall. This DREF operation is focused on providing support to the Haitian National Red Cross Society in order to provide relief assistance to the most affected people.

This operation is expected to be implemented in three months, and will therefore be completed by 6 February 2010; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 6 May 2010).

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A house damaged by the floods and mud in the department of Carrefour. Source: Haitian National Red Cross Society.

## The situation

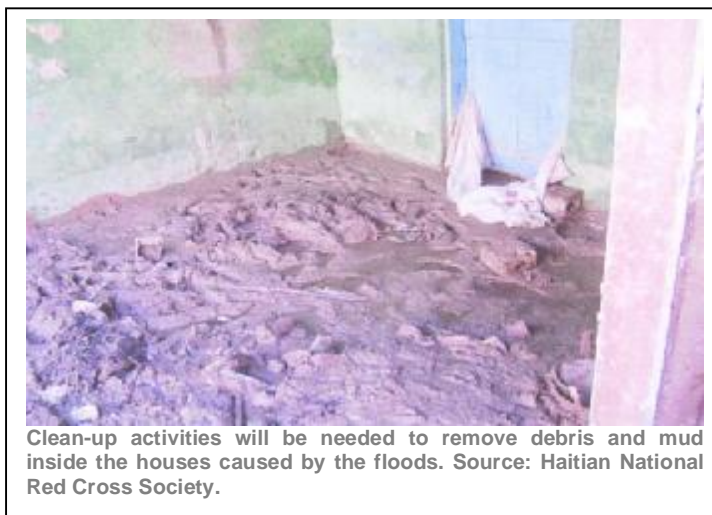
On the night of 20 October 2009, heavy rainfall from the normal seasonal rains caused flooding in the communities of Bergamothe, Bois Thioute, Cite Thema, Ti Kajou, Bizoton as well as the smaller communities along the railway in the department of Carrefour. The floods caused extensive damage to household belongings and properties. The Haitian National Red Cross Society has carried a quick assessment in the affected region and reported that 500 families have been severely affected by the floods. Unfortunately four people were found dead and six disappeared of which two appeared later after. Most of the affected families have had their homes completely flooded. Some families are still living in collective shelters in nearby communities while others are staying with family members. Some families have started to clean their homes

to prepare for their return. Nonetheless, even when these families return to their homes they will need basic items, especially safe drinking water which is not available to these families as their wells have been contaminated.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Haitian National Red Cross Society, in coordination with an International Federation's delegate present in-country, has conducted an assessment of the water systems in the affected communities and consulted with local authorities regarding the status of water distribution networks in Bergamothe and Bizoton. The French Red Cross is currently assessing the possibility to support some activities with the local volunteers of the HNRCS.

The local authorities (Mayor of Carrefour), the Civil Protection (Direction de la Protection Civile - DPC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), OXFAM, ACTIONAID, CARITAS and the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Aid (OCHA) carried out a damage and needs assessment in affected areas. Local authorities related to water, health, and disaster management services have participated in the needs assessments. The Civil Protection (Direction de la Protection Civil - DPC) in Carrefour has carried out the initial assessment and provided families with temporary shelter.



The International Federation maintains a team in Haiti as part of the response operation to the 2008 Hurricane season. There are two delegates and three staff in the team who have been active in coordinating the response. Partner National Societies (PNS) in-country supporting programmes with the HNRCS (the American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross, the French Red Cross, the German Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross Societies) from existing programming in the country.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the emergency, volunteers from the local HNRCS branches in the affected region and headquarter have conducted needs assessments in Bergamothe and Bizoton – the two worse affected –, and the National Society plans to carry out water distribution activities to respond to the immediate needs of the affected population.

As mentioned above, the HNRCS regional committee with the participation of a manager from the head office, the Civil Protection and officials from the National Direction for Potable Water and Sanitation (Direction Nationale de l'eau potable et de l'assainissement - DINEPA) conducted an initial assessment in two (Bergamothe and Bizoton) out of six communities. The International Federation, through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit in Panama and the Latin Caribbean Regional Representation based in Santo Domingo, have been in constant communication with the HNRCS. The Federation sub-delegation office in-country provided assistance to the Haitian National Red Cross Society in carrying out the preliminary assessments and will support the National Society 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

### Beneficiary selection:

The needs identified are:

- Relief items for the affected families of Bergamothe, Bois thioute, Cite thema, Ti Kajou, Bizoton, and *route des rails* (ruelle Assade, ruelle Jamaïque, quarters of Ti Mache, Ti bomb and Bo Pon. These smaller communities are located along the railway).

- Clothing for women, men and children.
- Sterilized water or sterilization pills for water.
- Hygiene kits
- Cooking or Kitchen kits
- Basic medications.
- Mattresses
- Blankets
- Agriculture tools (shovel, pickaxe, wheelbarrow, rake, pitchfork) and tools and products for washing purposes (brushes, broom, mask, rubber boots, flashlight and batteries).
- Insectized-treated mosquito nets
- 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.

A total of 500 family kits have been requested, 400 of which will be distributed from pre-positioned stock and later replenished. These are stocks that were prepositioned through RLU unit in Panama. Because the communities' water networks are still badly damaged from the 2008 Hurricane season, clean water will be provided for 500 families in all targeted communities until the families can access their normal water sources.

Clean-up equipment for the 500 families in all communities to remove debris from their residences is also needed.

## The proposed operation

The overall objective of this operation is to provide safe drinking water, basic health services through a mobile clinic, agricultural tools and relief assistance to the families affected by flash floods and mudslides in the communities of Carrefour. 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 safe drinking water, as well as 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: 500 families in the department of Carrefour 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:

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

In addition, the HNRCS will locally purchase through the funds from this DREF 100 cleaning kits, which contain the following items: 1 wheel barrow, 2 shovels, 1 pick axe, and 1 pitchfork. The National Society plans to distribute one cleaning kit per five families to be able to clean their home and prepare their homes for return.

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Objective: The HNRCS will assist the 500 affected families by distributing water from cistern truck.**

#### Activities planned:

- Distribution of water to the affected families

- Monitor and evaluate the distribution activities

## How we work

*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.*

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".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- 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.

## Contact information

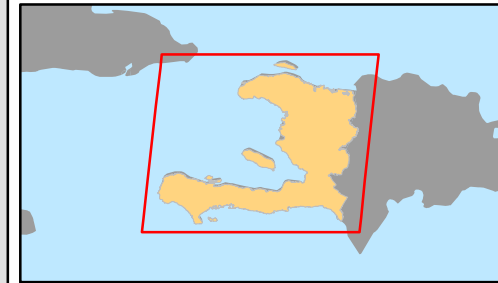
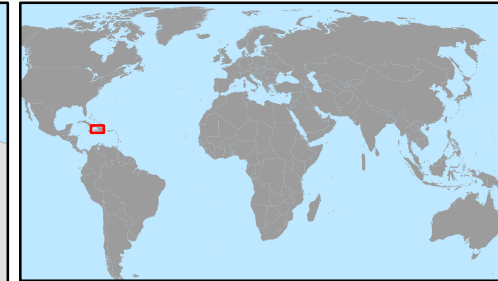
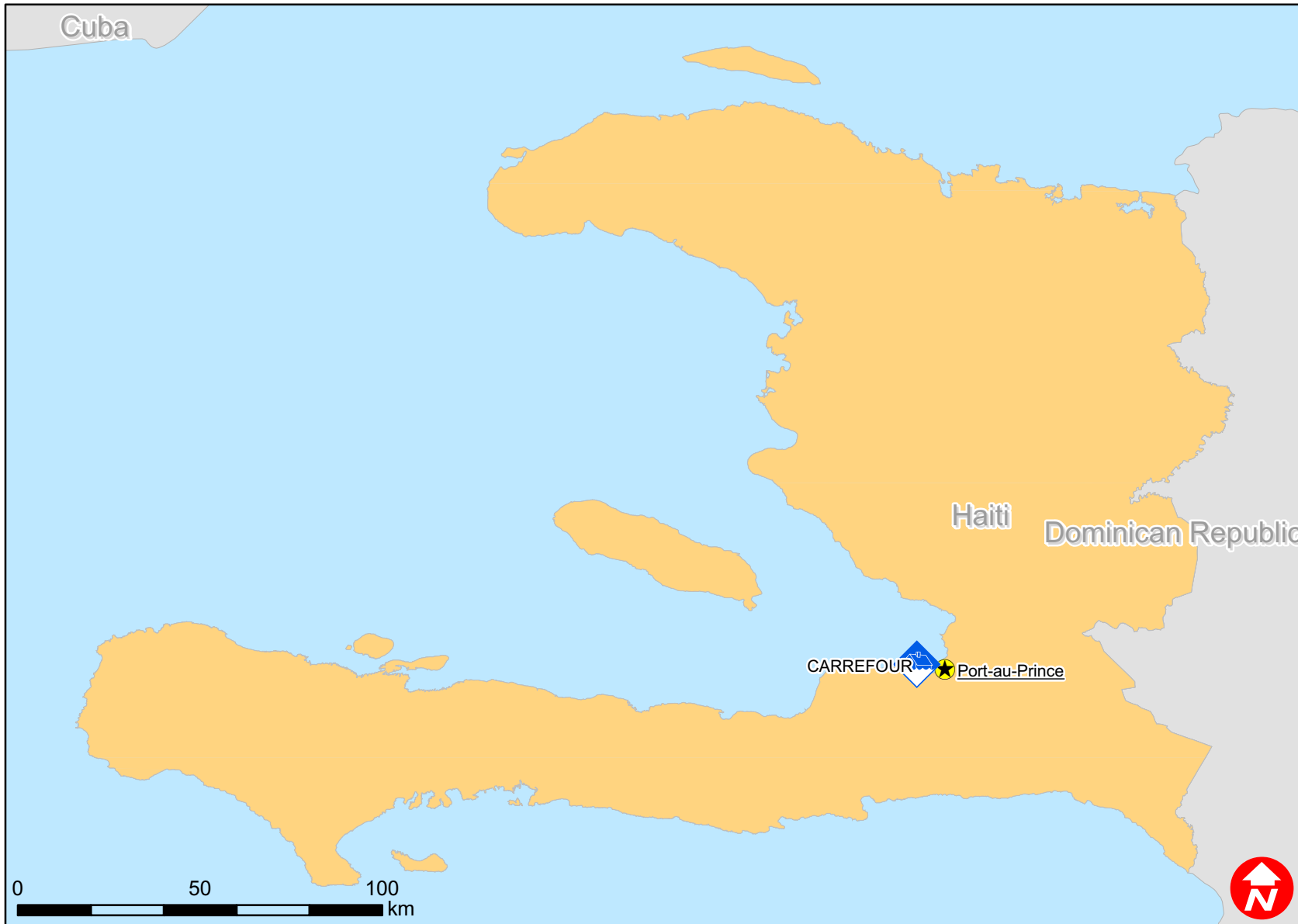
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## **DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY**

Haiti Floods Carrefour

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### **BUDGET CHF**

#### **RELIEF NEEDS**

Shelter	0
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	9,618
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	15,348
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	43,743
Other Supplies & Services	0
<b>Total Relief Needs</b>	<b>68,709</b>

#### **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	794
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,207
Service fee & Recovery	1,750

#### **PERSONNEL**

International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	5,487
National Staff	
National Society Staff	5,719
Consultants	

#### **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**

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#### **GENERAL EXPENSES**

Travel	6,651
Information & Public Relations	
Office running costs	512
Communication Costs	307
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	6,652
Other General Expenses	

#### **PROGRAMME SUPPORT**

Programme Support - PSR	6,868
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<b>Total Operational Needs</b>	<b>36,947</b>
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<b>DREF ALLOCATION</b>	<b>105,656</b>
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