

# ***MALI: FLOODS***

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### ***The Disaster***

On June 17th, unusually strong rains have hit the town of Asango in Mali: the total annual rainfall of reasonably good years fell in one day. This caused the death of 3 people, the total destruction of 164 houses, 21 administrative buildings, the partial destruction of another 57 buildings as well as of the economic base of 200 families: their cattle drowned in the river Niger. A total of 1,784 people are affected.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

Mali RC, assisted by the Swiss delegate in Gao, assessed the needs of the population, and ICRC distributed tarpaulins to the affected families.

Mali RC will distribute part of the food (13 Mt. of millet and 0,5 Mt. of vegetable oil), purchased for the victims of the drought in the country, during the first week of July to the most vulnerable in Asango.

### ***Needs***

These food items need to be replaced. Local purchase and distribution will cost 8,400.-- CHF. Mali Red Cross requests 8,700.--CHF for the reconstruction of their warehouse and their office.

The Federation will release support from the DREF for immediate action in Mali, and asks all donors to replenish the DREF as soon as possible.

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