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DREF final report

Democratic Republic of Congo: Elections

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 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.

Summary: CHF 67,867 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 30 November, 2011 to support the DRC Red Cross national society in delivering First Aid to casualties in case of eventual social and political unrest after the November 2011 presidential and legislative elections.



Simulation of life-saving techniques during the training of the response team in Lubumbashi, Katanga province / Photo by Red Cross of DRC

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and the Belgian Red Cross. The NS needed support for the implementation of that plan. DREF funds were allocated to that effect. With the DREF allocation, the NS trained 250 volunteers who ensured health coverage during and after the presidential and legislative elections. The trained volunteers also sensitized the populations to the culture of peace, explaining the NS's contingency plan on elections to the Police, the Army, political parties and the civil society in DRC. In addition, the NS pre-positioned first-aid materials in each of the 11 provinces of the country. The materials included 200 first-aid kits, 400 Red Cross aprons and 120 Red Cross jackets. Today, months after the elections, tensions have calmed down, but not everywhere. In fact, thousands are reported to have been displaced internally in North Kivu, and this is generating a new humanitarian crisis that needs intervention.

DG-ECHO and Netherlands and Belgian National Societies and Governments have contributed funds to the complete replenishment of the DREF for this operation. The major donors and partners of DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the U.S.A., as well as DG-ECHO, the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, thanks all for their generous contributions.

Details of contributions to DREF are found at: www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2012.pdf.

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The situation

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Red Cross and Red Crescent action

With the DREF allocation, the NS trained additional volunteers, purchased first-aid materials and pre-positioned them in provinces.

Achievements against outcomes

Emergency health

Outcome: Increased readiness of Red Cross First Aid teams to provide timely First Aid services to casualties during and after presidential and legislative elections in November 2011.	
Outputs (expected results):	Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 250 Red Cross First Aid volunteers are trained, equipped and ready to provide life-saving First Aid services to casualties in cities most at risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train additional 250 First Aid volunteers Provide equipment to 50 Red Cross First Aid teams (200 First Aid kits) Provide transportation and incentives for the deployment of 250 additional volunteers Monitor the deployment of First Aid teams

Outputs and Outcomes:

In preparation for the November 2011 presidential and legislative elections in DRC, the NS had trained 300 first-aid team leaders and 180 first-aid volunteers with support from ICRC. As this number was not sufficient to enable the NS to cover the entire country, IFRC allocated some funds from its DREF. With this allocation, the NS trained an additional 250 First Aid volunteers in Kasaï Oriental, Equateur and Oriental provinces that were perceived as high risk areas. In addition, the NS trained 43 trainers of community-based first aid (CBFA) who in turn trained 400 volunteers in the same provinces. Those trainings contributed to strengthening the operational capacities of the Red Cross of DRC as they could now intervene easily in places at risk.

With the DREF allocation, the NS also purchased 200 first-aid kits, 400 Red Cross-marked aprons and 120 Red Cross-marked jackets and distributed them to trained Red Cross volunteers to facilitate their intervention in the field.

Outputs exceeded what was planned, and in trying to best respond to the gravity of the situation, expenditures also over and under-spent some budget lines. The crisis turned out to be worse than envisaged and demanded the Red Cross of DRC to adapt to a dynamic situation. The scale of the operation involved a growing number of volunteers, necessitating added related expenditure. There were other unbudgeted expenditures for teaching materials and international staff. These and over-spent budget lines were financed from savings from others, mainly transport and vehicle costs, and there was no over expenditure in the overall budget. A remaining unspent balance of CHF 1,853 will be returned to the DREF.

Impacts:

The activities of the Red Cross were of great help for people exposed to post-election violence. The NS played its role as auxiliary to public authorities and has fulfilled its mandate of assisting the wounded and alleviating human suffering. This has resulted in support to victims before, during and after elections, facilitating the evacuation of the wounded to designated health centers and dignified burial of the dead.

Other actors have recognized that this operation has contributed to an improved perception of the National Society by authorities, especially during crisis meetings on elections. Red Cross of DRC is increasingly considered a reference in times of alert, through strengthened communication with branches in provinces considered at risk and its presence in cities.

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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Appeal Launch Date: 29 nov 11

Appeal Timeframe: 29 nov 11 to 28 feb 12

Final Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/11-2012/6
Budget Timeframe	2011/11-2012/6
Appeal	MDRCD010
Budget	APPROVED

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	67,867					67,867	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	67,867					67,867	
C4. Other Income	67,867					67,867	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	67,867					67,867	
D. Total Funding = B +C	67,867					67,867	
Coverage = D/A	100%					100%	

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
C. Income	67,867					67,867	
E. Expenditure	-66,014					-66,014	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	1,853					1,853	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		67,867					67,867	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Medical & First Aid	18,500	12,514				12,514	5,986	
Teaching Materials		4,714				4,714	-4,714	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	18,500	17,228				17,228	1,272	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage		40				40	-40	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,200	138				138	3,062	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	3,200	178				178	3,022	
Personnel								
International Staff		1,000				1,000	-1,000	
National Society Staff	2,750						2,750	
Volunteers	9,000	10,382				10,382	-1,382	
Total Personnel	11,750	11,382				11,382	368	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	22,950	22,909				22,909	41	
Total Workshops & Training	22,950	22,909				22,909	41	
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,000						2,000	
Information & Public Relations	2,000	1,369				1,369	631	
Office Costs	900	2,968				2,968	-2,068	
Communications	775	1,414				1,414	-639	
Financial Charges	500	4,538				4,538	-4,038	
Shared Office and Services Costs	1,150						1,150	
Total General Expenditure	7,325	10,288				10,288	-2,963	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	4,142	4,029				4,029	113	
Total Indirect Costs	4,142	4,029				4,029	113	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	67,867	66,014				66,014	1,853	
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,853				1,853		