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Emergency appeal operation update

Chad: Food insecurity

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Emergency appeal n° MDRTD009
GLIDE n° EP-2012-000001-TCD
Operation update n°1
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Period covered by this Ops Update: February 25 to 30
April 2012

Appeal target (current): CHF 2,239,273; [<click here to view the attached interim financial report >](#)

Appeal coverage: 24% (excluding DREF, 34% including DREF); [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): CHF 231,613 was initially allocated on 20 December, 2011 from the Federation's DREF to support the national society to respond. The DREF fund enabled food distribution to malnourished children and their families in the regions of Kanem,

An Emergency Appeal was launched on 25 February for CHF 2,239,273 to assist a total of 123,000 beneficiaries.

Summary: In response to widespread food insecurity and malnutrition, the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) supported by a regional disaster response team (RDRT) food security member, carried out a rapid selection of beneficiaries in the regions of Kanem and provided them with a three month ration of food. The selection of beneficiaries was undertaken in conformity with agreed vulnerability criteria.

The most remote villages and nomadic sites were prioritized, as they were not reached by former food security interventions and no other aid agencies are operating in those areas. Following the DREF allocation, a local advocacy meeting enabled authorities to secure food from the World Food Program. This food was aimed at providing children aged 6 to 23 months and their families with a short term ration of food to enable them to meet their nutritional needs. A total of 30,000 beneficiaries (5,000 children and 25,000 family members) were reached by the distribution of cereal, sugar, salt, pulses, CSB (Corn Soya and Beans) and oil. A total of 22 volunteers were trained and involved in the distribution process. Agricultural tools, seeds and agricultural input such as pesticides were also procured for 2,000 families for distribution in May to enable targeted families and local initiative groups to launch income-generating activities in marshland areas.

Despite delays in the distribution process caused by logistic challenges in the field (difficulties in finding a local transporter to pre-position food items in distribution sites), the RCC/IFRC succeeded in covering the 17 targeted distribution sites in a timely and effective manner.

Low appeal coverage has limited implementing long-term solutions for beneficiaries in the field. The approach is to launch simultaneously relief and recovery activities to support beneficiaries to bounce back and cut the



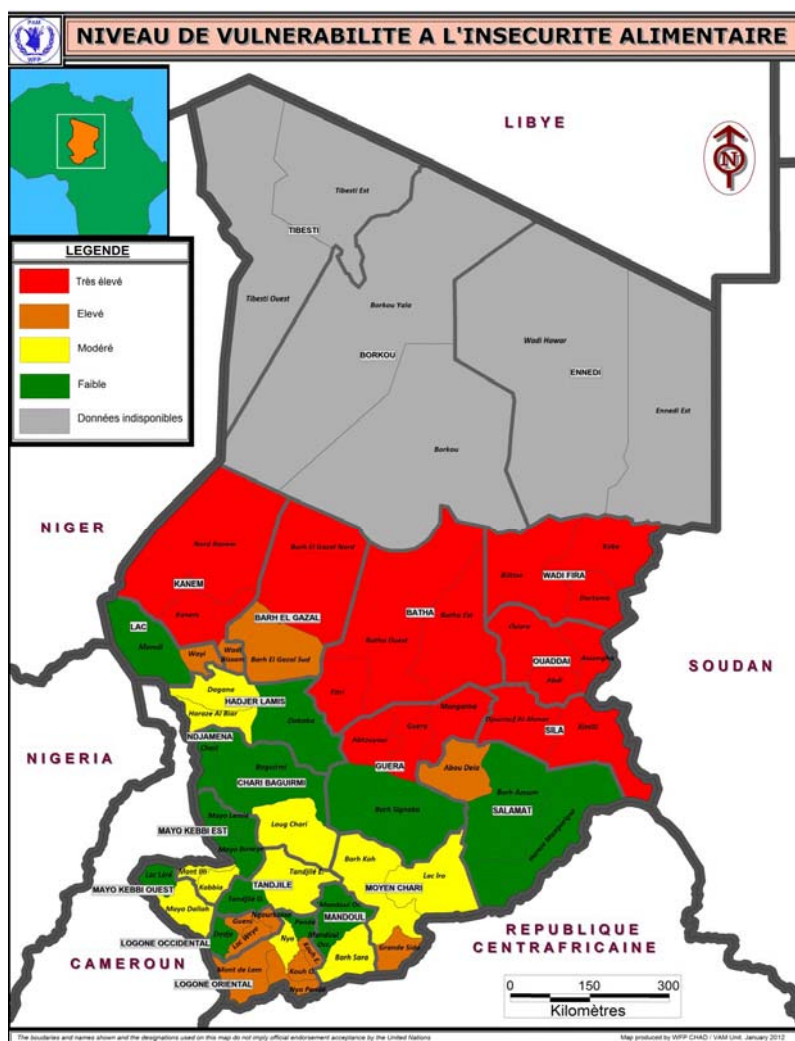
The RCC has distributed a three month ration of food targeting 5,000 malnourished children and their families. This supported short term beneficiary needs in areas where access to food is very difficult. Photo/RCC

recurring cycle of famine. Recent pledges provided by Participating National Societies (PNS), in particular the Finnish Red Cross, as well as local partnership with WFP are expected to remedy resource constraints.

The situation

During the year 2010-2011; rainfall was erratic in the country and the water levels have not been favourable for crop production or animal husbandry. The RCC reports that rainfall in the area was 50% lower than the previous year in 2011. Across the country, rainfall irregularities have caused a serious water deficit and reduced planting levels by 43% in the Sahel region of the country and 18% in the Sudan region of the country compared to 2010. Attacks of pests (locust, caterpillars, birds etc) have also contributed to the decline in harvest and in harvestable areas. Total National cereal production was estimated at about 1,620,000 MTs last year, now has a deficit of 455,000 MTs, a drop of 50% over the previous year and 23% estimated on the average of the last five years. This deficit is very marked in the Sahel region of Chad where agricultural production has reduced by more than 56% over the production of last year, and the two areas of Kanem and Lac are particularly within the Sahel region.

Findings from the evaluations carried out by several aid agencies, the Chadian government and the RCC/IFRC revealed that a total of 1,6 Million people are affected by food crisis throughout the country. The regions hit hardest by the disaster are the regions of Kanem, Lac, Wadi Fira, Barh el Ghazal, Batha, Hadjer Lamis, Ouaddai and Salamat. Malnutrition rates among under age children rose to levels higher than the emergency threshold. Pastoralist started to lose their assets as they were obliged to sell their livestock at low prices. In order to find better grazing lands some travelled more south. The situation is also worsened by skyrocketing and uncontrolled food staple prices in the market. Several commodity items have seen their price doubled since November 2011.



Map of the regions affected by drought and malnutrition this year. The regions highlighted in red are the one severely affected by food crisis. Source World Food Program.

Distribution of food items, especially to targeted families with malnourished children aged 6 to 23 months enabled households to reduce their short-term vulnerabilities. Planned distribution of agricultural material, seeds and pesticide will enable targeted families and local initiative associations to launch income-generating activities in marshland, thereby providing them with livelihood and increasing their self-reliance.

Coordination and partnerships

The food security and nutrition cluster meetings activated in late 2011 are regularly attended by the RCC and the IFRC representation. During those meetings, plans of action and progress towards objectives for aid agencies implementing food security programs are shared and explained, in order to avoid duplication in the field and foster complementarities. The cluster meetings organized by OCHA are also attended by the Chadian government representatives.

Within the Movement, the IFRC country representation is supporting the Red Cross of Chad in resource mobilization, and facilitating coordinating activities. Coordination and partnership with other key external aid agencies such as the World Food Program and the DG ECHO are currently underway to secure sufficient funding for the implementation of this emergency appeal.

National Society Capacity Building: The first activity undertaken toward building the capacity of the National Society is to involve food security personnel (a skilled nutritionist was recruited and appointed as food security focal point) in the evaluation process, planning and the implementation of activities within the timeframe of the DREF fund. A total of 22 volunteers were recruited and involved in the first phase of the distribution process. The National Society has been operating in the drought affected regions for the past two years, and has a strong network of trained volunteers used as coordinators, supervisors and team leaders. The implementation of long-term-solution projects in the targeted regions will strengthen the capacity of the RCC personnel at headquarters level and in the field, and the experiences gained will be duplicated in other areas with similar vulnerabilities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Food security and livelihoods	
Outcome 1: Enable access to rapid food assistance for up to 8,600 families in Kanem and Lac regions	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
8,600 families (43,000 beneficiaries) will receive 568 MTs of food supplies to meet basic food ration for three months in targeted areas in Kanem and Lac regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and targeting of beneficiaries (infants/children and adults to ensure family level coverage). • Beneficiary registration and distribution of food rations (corn, oil, sugar, salt) to adult people. • Distribution of special food rations (blanket feeding) to 5,000 children with MAM. • Monitoring and reporting.
Outcome 2: Up to 14,500 beneficiaries in the target populations of Kanem and Lac have access to improved food security through sustainable agricultural, livestock and income generation activities.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
1000 targeted families (5,000 beneficiaries) are able to benefit from seeds, agricultural tools and other facilities to protect crops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify beneficiaries for seed. • According to a seasonal calendar, identify the best time to a agricultural inputs to ensure their intended use. • Explore local practices and more drought resistant seed varieties to support more sustainable livelihoods • Distribute purchased seeds and tools. • Monitoring agricultural phases. • Set up grain and seeds banks in the communities. • Sensitization of communities on use of supplies and setting up of granaries

1,000 targeted families (5,000 beneficiaries) are provided with livestock, veterinary materials, medicines and others livestock facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish criteria and identify beneficiaries for livestock assistance • Purchase appropriate livestock and distribute livestock to the identified beneficiaries • Work with local authorities to set up and carry out vaccination campaign • Monitor livestock health and further needed support.
10 marshland communities(2,500 beneficiaries) receive support to sustain and diversity their income base through food for work and support for agricultural diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of vulnerable marsh areas/communities. • Initiate agricultural activities in marshlands, such as distribution and planting of counter season seeds to diversify agricultural base and provide additional food yield. • Pay (in kind) food to people involved in supporting agricultural and other activities. • Monitor and report.
Cash grants for 20 business associations to support 20 income generating projects in the targeted regions (2,000 beneficiaries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and work with business associations to enhance Targeting and capacity. • Identify the mechanism to deliver the cash grants and the value and number of instalments of the cash grants. • Support 20 micro-projects initiated within the communities through the associations in areas of that increase food production and availability in the area including fishing and conservation of seasonal vegetables and fruits.

Progress:

Beneficiary's identification

Prior to the distribution process, the RCC supported by the RDRT Food security member trained a total of 22 volunteers and involved them to carry out the following activities:

- The selection of distribution sites; the distribution sites were selected in conformity with vulnerability criteria. The 17 selected sites did not benefit from former food distribution due to their remotest location
- Following the sites selection, RCC volunteers and staff carried out information and sensitization session to clearly explain that targeted food distribution is different from the general food distribution where a majority of the population has access
- During the targeting process, families with children aged 6 to 23 months (height under 87 cm) were prioritized. The brachial perimeter was also used to assess the level of malnutrition among children.

Food distribution

A total of 5,000 identified malnourished children were provided with a two month ration of food made of CSB (corn-soya blend), sugar and oil. This ration was accompanied by another one month ration of food aimed at 25,000 other persons among the families of the malnourished children. The second ration of food was made of cereals, pulses, oil, and salt. The approach is to avoid families using the food aimed at reducing malnutrition among children. The three month rations of food provided to vulnerable families will enable them to have access to decent nutritional items and thereby meet in the short time their dietary needs in an environment where food has become scarce and the means to access it are almost non-existent.

Recap of the food items distributed and beneficiaries reached

Number of sites	Children ration		Family ration		Total of beneficiaries reached	Total of food distribution
	Number of	Quantity of food	Number of other	Quantity of food		
17					30.000	359.322kg

	children		family members			
	5.000	138,028 kg	25.000	221,294 kg		

During the distribution process, the RCC and the IFRC carried out a detailed evaluation of beneficiary's needs and the best approaches to meet the identified needs. Recommendation from the evaluation report included:

- The distribution of supplementary food to children from 0 to 23 months in serious risk of malnutrition
- Reinforcement and setting up of a community resilience programme in food security
- The distribution of agricultural tools, improved seeds to farmer for the coming rainy season
- Fostering off season farming in marshland areas (through rehabilitation of wadis)
- Effective involvement of local RC branches through its supervisors under the management of the national food security focal point

Challenges: Delay in finding a local transport supplier for the distribution hindered the implementation of the emergency response food. Activities related to health, water sanitation, DRR and capacity building have not been yet launched due to low funding of the emergency appeal. Fundraising is currently underway and financial resources will be secured in the coming weeks to really start implementing activities.

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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.



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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Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/12-2012/4
Budget Timeframe	2011/12-2013/2
Appeal	MDRTD009
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	2,239,273					2,239,273	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Cash contributions</u>							
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	403,846					403,846	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	73,900					73,900	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>	24,038					24,038	
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross</i>	36,136					36,136	
C1. Cash contributions	537,920					537,920	
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	231,613					231,613	
C4. Other Income	231,613					231,613	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	769,533					769,533	
D. Total Funding = B + C	769,533					769,533	
Coverage = D/A	34%					34%	

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	769,533					769,533	
E. Expenditure	-264,700					-264,700	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	504,833					504,833	

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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)		2,239,273					2,239,273	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Construction - Facilities	104,854						104,854	
Construction Materials	19,311						19,311	
Food	184,504						184,504	
Seeds & Plants	135,922	86,769				86,769	49,153	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	328,156	23,720				23,720	304,435	
Medical & First Aid	13,592						13,592	
Teaching Materials	75,727	19				19	75,708	
Utensils & Tools	172,816						172,816	
Other Supplies & Services	224,194						224,194	
Cash Disbursement	38,835						38,835	
Total Relief items, Construction, Suj	1,297,911	110,508				110,508	1,187,403	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	7,767						7,767	
Computers & Telecom	2,330						2,330	
Office & Household Equipment	8,350						8,350	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	18,447						18,447	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	6,990	1,873				1,873	5,117	
Distribution & Monitoring	388	22,223				22,223	-21,835	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	126,600	19,086				19,086	107,514	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	133,979	43,182				43,182	90,796	
Personnel								
International Staff	295,049	5,892				5,892	289,157	
National Staff	111,786	6,333				6,333	105,453	
National Society Staff	52,605	2,432				2,432	50,173	
Volunteers	62,913	5,635				5,635	57,278	
Total Personnel	522,353	20,292				20,292	502,062	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants		9,878				9,878	-9,878	
Professional Fees	35,923	113				113	35,811	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe	35,923	9,991				9,991	25,933	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	19,029	375				375	18,654	
Total Workshops & Training	19,029	375				375	18,654	
General Expenditure								
Travel	25,824	5,935				5,935	19,889	
Information & Public Relations	17,961	403				403	17,558	
Office Costs	14,392	1,213				1,213	13,179	
Communications	11,930	657				657	11,273	
Financial Charges	4,854						4,854	
Total General Expenditure	74,962	8,209				8,209	66,753	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		55,989				55,989	-55,989	
Total Operational Provisions		55,989				55,989	-55,989	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	136,669	16,155				16,155	120,514	
Total Indirect Costs	136,669	16,155				16,155	120,514	

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BUDGET (C)		2,239,273					2,239,273	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)		2,239,273	264,700				264,700	1,974,573
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,974,573					1,974,573	