

DREF operation n° MDRIN009
GLIDE n° FL-2012-000110-IND
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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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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.

Period covered by this update: 6
October to 12 December 2012.

Summary: CHF 298,424 was allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 13 July 2012 to support the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to 200,000 beneficiaries.

In response to heavy flooding that hit Assam from 26 June 2012, IRCS activated its emergency response teams at district, state and national levels, targeting the most vulnerable 2.2 million persons who have been affected by this flooding with the distribution of non-food items, provision of shelter, water, and sanitation and health promotion interventions.



Indian Red Cross Society staff and volunteers constructing a toilet in Assam. **Photo:** Indian Red Cross Society.

Although flooding is a seasonal event in India, these floods are the worst to hit Assam in decades. In addition, the flooding came extremely early in the monsoon season and was followed by several waves of back-to-back of floods over a sustained period.

The operation is expected to be implemented within five months, and completed by 12 December 2012. In line with IFRC reporting standards, the final report (narrative and financial) will be issued 90 days after the end of the operation (by 31 March 2013).

The major donors and partners of this DREF operation include the Canadian Red Cross and government, and tsunami funds who have contributed CHF 58, 298 CHF and CHF 240,125 respectively. IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions. Details of the contributions to the DREF can be found on www.ifrc.org/dref.

The situation



Flood affected communities receiving their daily share of purified water.
Photo: Indian Red Cross Society.

Following heavy monsoon rainfall in June, flooding began from 26 June affecting communities across all 27 districts of Assam. A total of 22 districts were severely impacted. It was reported that approximately 2.2 million have been affected with some 120 lives lost.

Outbreaks of communal violence in the summer, which soon turned widespread in the state, led to road marches and demonstrations of torch-bearing mobs in many districts. The situation became quite volatile and fragile. The national disaster response team (NDRT) and national disaster water and sanitation response team (NDWRT) volunteers were withdrawn from the field due to the increasing insecurity in the field.

Concerned at the complexity of the situation IRCS national headquarters deployed a joint team made up of personnel from IRCS, IFRC and ICRC to assessment the needs of the violence affected communities and review the flood relief operation so far. Discussions with the Assam state branch officials and the joint assessment team recommended the following actions:

- Wait until mid-October for the DREF-related activities to re-start for the flood operations.
- Encourage within IRCS to improve monitoring and communications.
- Formulation of a response plan for those caught up in the internal disturbance jointly with IRCS and ICRC for a quick response through provision of critical non-food items (NFIs) required in the hosted in makeshift camps.

The situation in the affected areas has improved and life is limping back to normal as water levels have receded in these areas. The affected populations have now got some respite from the distribution of NFIs, provision of shelter, water and sanitation and health promotion interventions done by IRCS.

Coordination and partnerships

During the reporting period, the IRCS, IFRC and ICRC team jointly carried out an assessment of the situation due to increased displacements from communal violence and further waves of flooding. All the stakeholders provided inputs to assist IRCS to develop a plan of action. Partner National Societies (PNSs) and other government agencies were also kept up-to-date about the actions on the ground.

At district level, government officials coordinated with the state and district Red Cross branches. Government resources including guesthouses and ferry boats were made available to the Red Cross for delivering the relief supplies.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: 2,000 families (10,000 people) benefit from necessary shelter and non-food items.

Output: 2,000 families (10,000 people) received basic shelter and non-food items.

Planned Activities:

- Deployment of national disaster response team (NDRT)/national disaster water, sanitation response team (NDWRT)/state disaster response team (SDRT) members/volunteers to conduct assessments, prepare lists of beneficiaries, and identify distribution points.
- Mobilization of stocks from the regional warehouses.
- Distribution of shelter and non-food items (tarpaulins, mosquito nets, bed sheets, kitchen sets, sarees, dhotis, buckets with lids and towels).
- Replenishment of the distributed stocks.
- Ongoing monitoring and technical advice by IRCS national headquarters and IFRC.

Progress:

1. The procurement of 2,000 family pack items has been completed towards replenishment of the stocks distributed during Assam flood relief operation.

Non Food Items (NFIs)	Quantity
Mosquito net	4,000
Tarpaulin	2,000
Dhoti	2,000
Saree	2,000
Bed sheet	2,000
Bucket	2,000
Towel	2,000
Kitchen set	2,000
Blanket	2,000

2. NFIs such as *dhoti*, *sarees*, bed sheets, buckets, blankets were procured locally. Kitchen sets, tarpaulins and mosquito nets were procured through the IFRC global framework agreement.
3. Kitchen sets were delivered at Vikhroli warehouse by the vendor which were then transported to Kolkata and Arakonam warehouses.
4. The tarpaulins and mosquito nets received from the regional warehouse in Kuala Lumpur were received at Kolkata warehouse. Part of the consignment is being further sent to Arakonam warehouse. This internal movement of goods is estimated to be completed by the end of January 2013. Beneficiary distribution list has been received from the Assam state branch.

Emergency health

Outcome: The immediate health risks of the flood affected and displaced population are reduced.

Outputs: Basic health services for at least 50,000 people are delivered for two months.

Planned Activities:

- Mobilize IRCS mobile health units to provide health check-up camps and health awareness activities.
- Coordinate with district health administration.

Progress:

No progress has been reported on this activity by the Assam state branch due to the complex situation in the field. The health check-up camp and health awareness activities were not conducted.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of water and sanitation-borne related diseases has been reduced through access to safe drinking water, appropriate sanitation and hygiene promotion.

Outputs:

- Increased access to safe drinking water to the flood affected 50,000 people.
- Improve hygiene knowledge and behaviour of 200,000 people affected by floods.
- Increased access to appropriate sanitation for at least 200 flood affected families.

Planned activities:

- Detailed assessment to identify villages for intervention.
- Mobilize and installation four water treatment units in assessed locations through NDWRT.
- Establishing a water distribution system.
- Training 30 volunteers on hygiene promotion.
- Hygiene promotion activities for affected community by IRCS volunteers.
- Distribution of bucket/jerry cans for household level storage of safe drinking water.
- Distribution and explanation of the use of chlorine tablets.
- Construction of rapid latrines (approximately 200).
- Collaborate with the relief sector in providing safe water storage containers and hygiene kits to targeted families.
- Monitoring of use of latrines and household level water treatment and storage.

Progress:

Following the withdrawal of the water treatment unit from the field, the NDWRT members cleaned the equipment properly and stored it in the Guwahati regional warehouse. Indian Red Cross Society national headquarters has a taken decision to keep the unit at the Guwahati warehouse instead of returning it to Bahadurgarh warehouse.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was allocated on 13 July 2012 for CHF 298,424 for five months to assist 200,000 beneficiaries.
- The first DREF operation update was issued on 24 August 2012.
- A second DREF operation update was issued on 26 October 2012.
- A third DREF operation update was issued on 22 January 2013.

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 (NGO's) 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.

MDRIN009 - India - Assam Floods

Appeal Launch Date: 13 jul 12

Appeal Timeframe: 13 jul 12 to 13 dec 12

Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2012/7-12
Budget Timeframe	2012/7-12
Appeal	MDRIN009
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	298,424					298,424	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	298,424					298,424	
C4. Other Income	298,424					298,424	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	298,424					298,424	
D. Total Funding = B +C	298,424					298,424	
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	298,424					298,424	
E. Expenditure	-134,554					-134,554	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	163,870					163,870	

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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)		298,424					298,424	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	26,000	24,167				24,167	1,833	
Clothing & Textiles	33,755	32,626				32,626	1,129	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	34,153	1,444				1,444	32,709	
Medical & First Aid	10,576						10,576	
Utensils & Tools	47,171	43,127				43,127	4,044	
Other Supplies & Services		0				0	-0	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	151,655	101,365				101,365	50,290	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	2,203	3,887				3,887	-1,683	
Distribution & Monitoring	5,288	2,358				2,358	2,930	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	11,282	3,323				3,323	7,959	
Logistics Services		3,904				3,904	-3,904	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	18,773	13,471				13,471	5,302	
Personnel								
International Staff		70				70	-70	
National Society Staff	21,152	1,101				1,101	20,051	
Volunteers	16,005	246				246	15,759	
Total Personnel	37,157	1,417				1,417	35,740	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	10,929						10,929	
Total Workshops & Training	10,929						10,929	
General Expenditure								
Travel	47,594	9,234				9,234	38,359	
Information & Public Relations	3,525	154				154	3,372	
Office Costs		26				26	-26	
Communications		106				106	-106	
Financial Charges		404				404	-404	
Other General Expenses	10,576	164				164	10,412	
Total General Expenditure	61,696	10,088				10,088	51,608	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	18,214	8,212				8,212	10,001	
Total Indirect Costs	18,214	8,212				8,212	10,001	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	298,424	134,554				134,554	163,870	
VARIANCE (C - D)		163,870				163,870		