

### DREF operation n° MDRSN008 14 December, 2012

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 94,737 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 10 February 2012 to support the Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS) to deliver immediate assistance to people affected by the civil unrest in relation to elections in Senegal. Furthermore, the DREF aimed to increase preparedness for emergency response during pre-election, election and post-election periods, as the risk for escalating violence remained high. In early 2012, the upcoming Senegalese Presidential election led to increased instability and violence in the country. The opposition considered the validation of the application of the incumbent President by the Constitutional Council to be

unconstitutional. Therefore, his run for re-election for a third term was followed by protests, demonstrations and disturbances causing many injuries and some deaths.



SRCS volunteers evacuating a wounded person during the clashes/Photo: SRC/IFRC

The DREF operation was initiated to strengthen the SRCS preparedness capacities to adequately respond to expected needs during pre-election, election and post-election periods. The allocation enabled the National Society to set up an emergency intervention based on its contingency plan. First Aid teams were trained, a system for safe evacuation of injured persons established and advanced medical posts installed at strategic points in 8 out of 14 regions. A total of 891 volunteers from 5 regions in Senegal namely, Dakar, Thies, Ziguinchor, Kaolack and Diourbel were trained out of which 686 volunteers were trained in relief activities while 205 volunteers were trained to coordinate and harmonize response activities. In addition, regional committees were provided with basic response equipment such as First Aid kits, stretchers and tarpaulins and observer teams made up of 168 trained volunteers set up in the 5 regions.

The strengthened National Society capacities and response structures facilitated the implementation of relief activities for wounded persons caught up in clashes between demonstrators and law enforcement agencies. A total of CHF 6,328 was unspent at the close of the operation and has been returned to DREF.

Belgian Red Cross /Government contributed towards the replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The major donors and partners of the 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 USA, as well as DG ECHO, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) the Medtronic, Z Zurich and Coca Cola Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Senegalese Red Cross Society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions.

Details of DREF contributions can be found on: [http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010\\_2012](http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2012)

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## The situation

Senegal's former President Abdoulaye Wade was first elected in 2000, after serving as the main opposition leader to a one party state for almost 30 years. In 2001, he introduced a limit of two presidential terms as part of the country's revised constitution. However, in 2008 term lengths were later changed, which entitled the former President to run for presidency again. The oppositional parties in Senegal disagreed with this action stating it to be a violation of the constitution, and held demonstrations to put pressure on the former President to withdraw his candidacy. The validation of the president's bid for re-election by the Senegalese Constitutional Council on 28 January 2012 further destabilized the country with clashes between demonstrators and law enforcement agencies resulting in 4 deaths, 62 critically wounded by gunfire and over 300 minor injuries.

Due to the high risk for escalation of violence and fear that the opposition and youth movements would resort to guerilla violence, the SRCS initiated work and developed a contingency plan for emergency response and management in order to save lives and attend to injured persons. Together with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Dakar regional delegation, SRCS set up Brigades for Operational Emergency Relief (BOSU) and refreshed volunteers in First Aid. An observer team was set up with 168 volunteers mobilized in the 5 regions and on the candidates' registration day, events turned worse than expected and the SRCS realized the need to strengthen its contingency plans.

The support from IFRC enabled the SRCS to put in place additional emergency structures in accordance with a revised contingency plan, train additional volunteers in First Aid, equip the regions with first aid kits, stretchers and deploy First Aid teams. This increased the preparedness of the National Society enabling it to respond with lifesaving activities.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In November 2011, SRCS initiated a workshop for Movement partners, to alert partners of the seriousness of the political situation in the country and to emphasize the need for response preparedness. After this preparatory step, SRCS developed and started implementing a Plan of Action for the 14 regions of Senegal, focusing on preparedness for the presidential candidates' registration day, the voting days and days of a potential second round. In addition, as part of the preparedness activities the National Society met with political leaders and government authorities and constantly briefed them on the SRCS contingency planning and emergency set up.

Through support from IFRC, SRCS trained 891 volunteers from 5 regions namely, Dakar, Thies, Ziguinchor, Kaolack and Diourbel. Out of the total number of volunteers trained, 686 were trained for the relief activities while 205 were trained for the coordination and harmonization of response activities. The regional committees were provided with basic response equipment, and observer teams were set up in the 5 regions. Additionally an emergency device was established and covered all Senegalese departments and a strategic watch system set up and the First Aid teams put on alert.

On 27 January 2012, SRCS organized a workshop in Thies on communication in times of crisis, with support from ICRC Communications Department in the Dakar regional office. Furthermore, ICRC provided support in contingency planning, setting up emergency response structures as well as refresher training in First Aid for volunteers.

## 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 the presidential elections of February 2012**

#### Outputs (expected results)

- 500 Red Cross First Aid volunteers are trained, equipped and ready to provide lifesaving First Aid services to casualties in the cities most at risk.

**Activities planned:**

- Train additional 500 First Aid volunteers.
- Provide equipment to 100 Red Cross First Aid teams (100 First Aid kits and 10 mobile unit help kit).
- Provide transportation and incentives for the deployment of 500 additional volunteers.
- Support SRCS on logistics and interventions material.
- Monitor the deployment of First Aid teams.

**Achievements:**

The National Society operational capacity in emergency assistance was strengthened during the civil unrest response operation. First Aid treatment, evacuation, hospital transfer services, and transportation services were provided on a need basis by the National Society to assist people affected by the violence.

SRCS trained 891 volunteers from 5 regions in Senegal, including Dakar, Thies, Ziguinchor, Kaolack and Diourbel. Out of the total number of trained volunteers 686 persons were trained for the relief activities while 205 volunteers were trained for the coordination and harmonization of activities. The training emphasized the need for security in the field and simulation exercises held in each of the targeted regions.

The regional committees were provided with basic response equipment such as First Aid kits, stretchers and tarpaulins and observer teams made up of 168 trained volunteers set up in the 5 regions. An emergency device was established and covered all Senegalese departments and a strategic watch system set up and the First Aid teams put on alert during the electoral campaigns.

**Table 1: Summary of response equipment provided to SRC regional Committees.**

Regional committee	Number of teams	Number of stretchers	Number of First Aid kits	Number of flags	Number of tarpaulins
Dakar	22	22	22	8	30
Tamba	5	5	5	2	0
Matam	5	5	5	2	0
Kaolack	8	8	8	6	10
Thies	7	7	7	6	8
Saint-louis	8	8	8	2	0
Louga	3	3	3	2	0
Kolda	5	5	5	2	0
Kedougou	5	5	5	2	0
Kaffrine	4	4	4	2	0
Fatick	6	6	6	2	0
Diourbel	6	6	6	6	6
Ziguinchor	8	8	8	6	16
Sedhiou	6	6	6	6	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>82</b>

The elections and hand over of power was relatively peaceful without much violence as initially feared. However, several violent clashes occurred up to and after election results were announced and SRCS was the lead organization providing rescue assistance to those injured in the areas where clashes occurred. Evacuation, First Aid and hospital referral services were provided to 251 persons.

**Table 2: Number of teams mobilised and number of persons affected.**

Regional committee	Number of teams	Number of First Aid workers	Number of members in the coordination teams	Number of victims	Number of deaths
Dakar	22	154	21	176	1
Tamba	5	35	15	0	0
Matam	5	35	12	0	0
Kaolack	8	56	17	6	2
Thies	7	49	17	3	0
Saint-louis	8	56	12	7	2

Louga	3	21	12	0	0
Kolda	5	35	12	11	0
Kedougou	5	35	12	5	0
Kafrine	4	28	12	2	0
Fatick	6	42	12	1	0
Diourbel	6	42	17	38	0
Ziguinchor	8	56	17	0	0
Sedhiou	6	42	17	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>5</b>

Through this operation, the image of the Red Cross was enhanced in a positive way, with the Senegalese Red Cross Society proving their capacity to provide needs-based services to people during these kinds of violent situations.

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## How we work

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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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MDRSN008 - Senegal - Civil Unrest

Appeal Launch Date: 08 feb 12

Appeal Timeframe: 08 feb 12 to 08 may 12

Final Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2012/2-2012/11
Budget Timeframe	2012/2-2012/5
Appeal	MDRSN008
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
<b>A. Budget</b>	94,737					94,737	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0	
<b>Income</b>							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	88,409					88,409	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>	88,409					88,409	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>	88,409					88,409	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	88,409					88,409	
<b>Coverage = DIA</b>	93%					93%	

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0	
<b>C. Income</b>	88,409					88,409	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-88,409					-88,409	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0	

## 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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		94,737				94,737		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Clothing & Textiles	2,160	1,868				1,868	292	
Medical & First Aid	37,625	39,122				39,122	-1,497	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>	<b>39,785</b>	<b>40,990</b>				<b>40,990</b>	<b>-1,205</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Distribution & Monitoring	3,000	4,661				4,661	-1,661	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,670						3,670	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>6,670</b>	<b>4,661</b>				<b>4,661</b>	<b>2,009</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
Volunteers	30,500	24,438				24,438	6,062	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>24,438</b>				<b>24,438</b>	<b>6,062</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	10,000	11,501				11,501	-1,501	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>11,501</b>				<b>11,501</b>	<b>-1,501</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel		103				103	-103	
Information & Public Relations	500	403				403	97	
Financial Charges	1,500	916				916	584	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,422</b>				<b>1,422</b>	<b>578</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recov	5,782	5,396				5,396	386	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>5,396</b>				<b>5,396</b>	<b>386</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>94,737</b>	<b>88,409</b>				<b>88,409</b>	<b>6,328</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>6,328</b>				<b>6,328</b>		