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## DREF operation update Ghana: Floods

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**GLIDE n° FL-2013-000041-GHA**  
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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.

**CHF 168,768 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Ghana Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to up to 2,500 beneficiaries (500 households). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Period covered by this update:** 12 April to 15 June 2013.

### **Summary:**

The floods disaster that occurred in late March ago displaced about 2,500 persons in 17 districts/municipalities, the Ghana Red Cross targeted its assistance to the most affected districts and communities in Tamale Metro, West Manprusi and Gushigu.

The Ghana Red Cross in collaboration with IFRC targeted its assistance through relief, health and hygiene promotion activities in the targeted districts and communities. Registration of the most vulnerable beneficiaries has been done, site selection for the rehabilitation of latrines is in progress and results will be out soon. Relief materials including blankets, buckets, mosquito nets, mats, jerry cans, soap and aquatabs are being procured. Distribution of these items will soon be carried out to the affected beneficiaries. The planned activities when implemented will help to restore dignity; health and livelihood of the beneficiaries at the same time improve on the method of shelter construction in those affected communities even beyond. Volunteers are on the ground to facilitate the needed activities to be carried out.



One of the damaged household structures in the aftermath of the floods.  
Photo: GRCS

With implementation set to take longer than originally planned, and taking into consideration the availability of technical resources to carry out a review at the end of the operation, this operation will be extended for two months for a review and lessons learnt workshop to take place in September. As such, the operation timeframe will end on 30 September, with a final report to be published three months later, by 31 December 2013.

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The European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO) contributed towards replenishing the DREF allocation made for this operation. The major donors and partners of DREF include

the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, DG ECHO, the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors.

The IFRC, on behalf of the Ghana Red Cross Society, would like to extend its thanks to all for their generous contributions.

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## The situation

The floods that occurred since March 2013 left people displaced in more than 16 districts/ communities. The main focus was on the northern districts where many households suffered either damage or complete loss of property and shelters after the floods. The areas most affected were targeted by the Ghana Red Cross and assessment carried out, figures of affected household recorded. The floods have since receded and communities, with assistance from Ghana Red Cross and supported by IFRC and partners,

The Swiss Red Cross in collaboration with GRCS delivered relief support to the targeted beneficiaries in coordination with relevant government agencies. They provided quantities of food and non food items to the victims. Some of the victims have managed to do some repairs to their houses by having to sell some of their personal effects such as animals and others had to pledge or borrowed from friends. This has got a negative impact on the beneficiaries. The IFRC in collaboration with the national society have embarked on providing support in Relief, Health and Hygiene Promotion, Capacity building (Trainings) and probably shelter. The recent concluded assessment conducted by the Shelter Delegate has resulted in the consideration of a cash grant in lieu of more concrete shelter support to be included into the DREF plan and budget. However, considering the timeframe of the intervention and challenges for implementation to date, this has been decided to be a lesson learnt for future interventions, but not be implemented for this operation for now.

The time allocated for this intervention is speculated to meet up with the time frame given, provided the support in terms of coordination and collaboration from the national society is maintained. The climate is rather unpredictable and erratic sighting the possibility of expecting more rains with heavy storms. If the prognoses are right then the operations have to brace up to meet the challenges.

## Coordination and partnerships

Ghana Red Cross, supported by IFRC, have been collaborating with government agency NADMO at regional level to prepare contingency plans for the coming rainy season. There are other humanitarian actors on the ground addressing other issues in health and livelihood (Action Aid, Oxfam), but unfortunately these actors are not involved in the ongoing response to the disaster affected district/communities.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The intervention of the Swiss Red Cross through GRCS, outside of this DREF, impacted positively on the lives of the targeted affected victims. The relief kits that were provided to the beneficiaries contributed in maintaining their health practices especially on hygiene as these are daily use items(Blanket, tooth pastes, kitchen sets, sanitary pads, mosquito nets, hurricane lamps, etc.). IFRC's support through DREF has helped to reduce the gap by providing support to another 500 beneficiaries in the same affected districts and communities.

Volunteers have been sent to the various targeted districts and communities and have concluded the identification and registration of targeted number of beneficiaries per community. Distribution lists and ration cards have been developed. Meanwhile, procurement of the relief materials is underway after the clarification and consensus have been taken by GRCS, with all necessary documents put in place towards the purchase of the recommended items.

Training of volunteers is scheduled to be done prior to the distribution exercise, as soon a decision is taken and approval for the release of funds.

**Progress:**

Up to 80 volunteers have been identified and selected to participate in a two-day training which covers with 20 volunteers from each district. The training will be conducted before the distributions of materials and the content covers Relief, DRR, PHAST and health promotion. Proposed shelter refresher training is being planned to be carried out during the implementation. There was brought about by the shelter delegate who have just concluded a comprehensive shelter assessment he did in the affected communities a week ago. From his findings there were a lot of problems faced in the communities, such as poor constructions of structures, lack of experienced and qualified constructors, costs of building materials, poor quality materials, sites and location of houses (knowledge) and the poor management of their environments. His recommendations are yet to be approved for any shelter related support to the affected. Identification and the registration of targeted beneficiaries have been done and documents are being processed to meet up with the time of implementations.

**Emergency health**

**Outcome: text (bold) Reduce health risks, morbidity and mortality as a result of the emergency on the affected population through the provision of health promotion, preventive, community –level and referral services to families in the affected areas for three months.**

Outputs( Expected results)	Activities Planned
Reduction of mortality and morbidity of beneficiaries as a result of floods/rainstorms are prevented and health services are supported through a primary health oriented programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train up to 30 community based volunteers on health and hygiene promotion and the proper utilisation of mosquito nets</li> <li>• Conduct health promotion campaigns within the affected population on malaria and water-borne diseases, targeting 500HH</li> <li>• Acquire First Aid kits and referral services for affected communities</li> <li>• Monitoring and reporting on activities</li> </ul>

**Progress:** A total of 30 volunteers for the training have been selected and plans are under way for the training to be carried out. These volunteers will carry out the health promotion campaigns in all the targeted districts/communities. Communities have been alerted about the intervention in health activities in their communities and their support is overwhelming. First aid kits will be provided in all the targeted affected communities and procurement is underway, together with ongoing monitoring of the situation.

**Challenges:**

The period coincides with the farming season and most of the targeted beneficiaries will be engaged during this time and will affect the timely implementation of some of the activities.

**Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion**

**Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases is reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 500 HH. In Gushegu, Yendi and Nanumba districts**

Outputs	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 500HH have access to clean water, soap and knowledge</li> <li>- Appropriate sanitation, including excreta disposal and drainage, is provided to 500HH for three months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public demonstration on household water treatment using tablets including water safe storage</li> <li>- Procure and distribute water treatment tablets to cover target beneficiaries needs for three months</li> <li>- PHAST in emergency training and supervisors orientation</li> <li>- Hygiene promotion sessions &amp; activities like personal and environmental sanitation promoted in communities ,monitoring and reporting on activities</li> <li>- Rehabilitation of 10 communal and instituional latrines</li> <li>- Provision of 100 emergency latrines where applicable</li> <li>- Coordinate with partners involved in watsan activities</li> <li>- Monitoring and reporting on activities</li> </ul>

**Progress:**

Water treatment tablets have been secured and will be distributed together with the other relief items. During the distributions demonstrations will be shown to the beneficiaries on the use and importance of these health items and materials. PHASTER in emergency orientation and training, while originally scheduled for April, was postponed to June due to internal delays.

A total of 20 volunteers have already been trained in latrine constructions and these trained volunteers are in the field locating sites for the construction and rehabilitation of 100 latrines in the targeted communities.

**Logistics**

<b>Outcome: Non-food items are delivered to affected families in a timely and effective manner</b>	
<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
Relief items are procured and delivered timely, properly stored and distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Procure and distribute relief stocks and controlling supply movements to end user in accordance with IFRC procurement standards</li><li>- Monitor and Evaluate relief activities and reporting on the relief distributions</li><li>- Facilitate appropriate warehousing and transportation to distribution points</li></ul>

**Progress:** Procurement and distribution plans for purchase and ensuing distribution are underway. Warehouse facilities have been pre-positioned to receive and store materials that would be distributed later. Transportation in terms of vehicles have been addressed to effectively facilitate all the interventions.

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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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## Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRGRH009 - Ghana - Floods

Timeframe: 17 Apr 13 to 17 Jul 13

Appeal Launch Date: 17 Apr 13

Interim Report

### Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe: 2013/4-2013/6	Programme	MDRGRH009
Budget Timeframe: 2013/4-2013/6	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding s	Y	Project

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>A. Budget</b>		126,576				126,576	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0	
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Other Income</b>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		168,768				168,768	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>		168,768				168,768	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		168,768				168,768	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		168,768				168,768	

\* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

## II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0	
<b>C. Income</b>		168,768				168,768	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-145,103				-145,103	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		23,665				23,665	

### III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			<b>126,576</b>			<b>126,576</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Clothing & Textiles	30,000		41,700			41,700	-11,700	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	22,545		13,888			13,888	8,657	
Medical & First Aid	1,388						1,388	
Teaching Materials	1,800						1,800	
Utensils & Tools	3,375						3,375	
<b>Total Relief items, Constructive</b>	<b>59,108</b>		<b>55,588</b>			<b>55,588</b>	<b>3,519</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	14,363		5,180			5,180	9,183	
Logistics Services	2,100						2,100	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; S</b>	<b>16,463</b>		<b>5,180</b>			<b>5,180</b>	<b>11,283</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	7,500		4,118			4,118	3,382	
National Society Staff	5,496		4,685			4,685	811	
Volunteers	10,875		21,084			21,084	-10,209	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>23,871</b>		<b>29,888</b>			<b>29,888</b>	<b>-6,017</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	6,750						6,750	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>6,750</b>						<b>6,750</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	6,750		8,132			8,132	-1,382	
Information & Public Relations	2,355		1,349			1,349	1,006	
Office Costs	1,125		6,308			6,308	-5,183	
Communications	1,680		2,670			2,670	-990	
Financial Charges	750		2,134			2,134	-1,384	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>12,660</b>		<b>20,594</b>			<b>20,594</b>	<b>-7,934</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			24,997			24,997	-24,997	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>24,997</b>			<b>24,997</b>	<b>-24,997</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support	7,725		8,856			8,856	-1,131	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>7,725</b>		<b>8,856</b>			<b>8,856</b>	<b>-1,131</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>126,576</b>		<b>145,103</b>			<b>145,103</b>	<b>-18,526</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>-18,526</b>			<b>-18,526</b>		

### IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
<b>BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people</b>							
Disaster response	126,576	0	168,768	168,768	145,103	23,665	
Subtotal BL2	126,576	0	168,768	168,768	145,103	23,665	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>126,576</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>168,768</b>	<b>168,768</b>	<b>145,103</b>	<b>23,665</b>	