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# Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Niger: Floods

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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 200,379 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Red Cross Society of Niger in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,600 families (11,200 beneficiaries). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Since 13 August 2013, perennial and torrential rainfall has resulted in heavy flooding all over the country. As of 2 September, 26 people lost their lives, with more than 75,347 people affected, including some 6,623 families whose houses have collapsed. In addition, approximately 12,000 hectares of crops are flooded and animals decimated. So far, the most affected regions are Maradi, Tillabery, Dosso, Tahoua, Niamey and Zinder.



**In Niamey, many houses and latrines are flooded. IFRC/RCSN**

The Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) responded immediately in organizing assessments alongside the authorities and other humanitarian agencies, providing non-food items from pre-positioned stocks and assisting in the evacuation and first aid of injured persons. In Niamey, affected families are being evacuated to ten sites with the support of the RCSN volunteers.

The National Society and IFRC have so far used the resources available in Dosso and Diffa regions where the food security, nutrition and water and sanitation project is being implemented. With the steep increase in affected households in the last two weeks, the National Society has requested for IFRC's support to assist affected households. The situation is expected to deteriorate further as rainfall is likely to continue for at least another three weeks, according to the last [African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development](#) (ACMAD) forecast issued on 2 September.

This DREF operation is based on a plan of action developed by Red Cross Society of Niger following rapid needs assessments and coordination of actions with the authorities and other humanitarian organizations. The operation will provide support to 1,600 families through provision of emergency shelter (including non-food items), emergency health and water, sanitation and health and hygiene promotion activities. Based on the evolving situation, further assessments and subsequent needs, an Emergency Appeal may be considered.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 30 November, 2013. A final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 28 February 2014).

[<click here for the DREF budget; here for contact details; here for map of the affected area>](#)

## The situation

Since the beginning of August, cumulative rains have been experienced in several parts of the country. Gradually, heavy rainfall between 2 and 13 August 2013 caused flooding in Maradi and Tahoua regions, where more than 182 mm was registered. At the same time, Niamey and Dosso regions were also hit by heavy rains that resulted in collapsed houses and damaged infrastructure.

For the last two weeks, the Disaster Management department of NRCS has been receiving daily updates on rainfall in the respective regions together with the statement of the needs of affected households, and their response. According to the authorities and partially confirmed by the National Society, as of 2 September 75,347 people from approximately 9,940 households had been affected, 26 persons had died and 6,623 families were currently homeless. 12,005 hectares of crops had been flooded and a number of livestock decimated. On 23 August, the Prime Minister invited the ministries, embassies, UN agencies, Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, international and national non-governmental organizations and requested for their support to respond to the floods situation.

The water level in Niger River is rising as the dam containing water in Burkina Faso broke, devastating villages and flooding crops. The rising water levels of Niger River will be accelerated by the recent floods in Mali.

**Table 1: Summary of the floods consequences in the 8 regions of the country**

Designation	Regions								Total
	Agadez	Diffa	Dosso	Maradi	Tahoua	Tillabery	Zinder	Niamey	
<b>Affected households</b>	866	73	1,378	2,399	1,148	2,083	1,046	947	<b>9,940</b>
<b>Houses collapsed</b>	369	13	930	1,240	1,002	252	1,065	1,752	<b>6,623</b>
<b>Affected population</b>	4,703	552	10,786	19,425	10,332	16,361	4,880	8,308	<b>75,347</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	4	0	0	9	2	7	1	3	<b>26</b>
<b>Flooded crops in Ha</b>	6,496		665	1,254	-	1,702	1,028	860	<b>12,005</b>
<b>Damaged infrastructure</b>	49 wells, 6 classrooms		1 well		2 classrooms				

*SOURCE (OCHA and Niger RC 02 September, 2013)*

## Coordination and partnerships

The government organized a meeting with Ambassadors, UN agencies, international and national organizations as well as local non-governmental organizations to launch a call for national and international solidarity. All regions have activated their contingency plans and an ad hoc "crisis management committee" which includes RCSN was put in place, led by the national regional civil protection authorities, to manage the floods situation with the main stakeholders such as the state and humanitarian partners. Regular information sharing meetings are organized by UNOCHA for information sharing and coordination, and are available [here](#).

The National Society, ICRC and IFRC participate in these meetings in Niamey as well as the ones held at regional level. Niger authorities have promised food allocations to the floods-affected population, to be distributed soon. UN agencies, through the acting UN Coordinator in Niger, announced that they will provide assistance as they did last year in term of food, non-food items and emergency health (no quantity or target beneficiary number had been specified at time of reporting).

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, through the IFRC country representative indicated the availability of non-food items for some 1,800 families in the country (stocks from ICRC: 1,000 kits; NRCS: 500 kits and IFRC: 300 kits). IFRC/NRCS kits consist of 2 blankets, 2 mats, 2 mosquito nets, 8 pieces of soap, 1 jerry can and 1 kitchen set each.

Additionally the Red Cross Society of Niger will mobilize necessary volunteers in all region and areas affected to support the authorities and other organisations assisting the flood victims.

RCSN, supported by IFRC, coordinates its actions with the authorities (local and national), UN agencies (WFP, UNICEF; WHO, OCHA); EU and ECHO; Western Union; and the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners including ICRC, French, Spanish; Luxembourg; Irish, Monaco Red Cross societies as well as Qatari and Iranian Red Crescent societies.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

NRCS volunteers played a key role in carrying out a situation assessment (in collaboration with other actors and the authorities). In Maradi region, volunteers constructed 5 latrines for 35 families accommodated in schools in its response. In Niamey, volunteers evacuated some families from the flooded areas and provided non-food item kits to 17 families.

The National Society has expressed the need for support from IFRC and other Movement partners (ICRC and PNS) to assist the affected population, with the IFRC country office coordinating Movement partner support. During the last Movement coordination meeting, the National Society contingency plan was updated and activated, with the Movement capacity to respond to the floods reviewed. Non-food items (NFI) to assist some 1,800 families have been made available. ICRC has pre-positioned NFI kits to assist 1,000 families in Agadez, Diffa, Tahoua, Tillabery and Niamey. IFRC and RCNS are distributing 300 pre-positioned NFI kits to the flood-prone affected areas (Maradi and Zinder) to provide timely and appropriate assistance to the affected households. The National Society has a stock of 500 NFI kits that are being deployed as well. This stock will be replenished. NRCS is present in all regions with the capacity to mobilize well trained and active volunteers (including NDRT and CDRT members). A truck is also available in Niamey and each regional branch has a vehicle. ICRC has indicated its support to RCSN, if requested, in the regions where they are present (Agadez, Tillabery and Diffa). At the same time, PNS intervening in the regions are being contacted by Red Cross regional committee for support (Luxembourg Red Cross, for shelter; French Red Cross in Agadez and Zinder, Irish Red Cross in Zinder (Tanout department), Spanish Red Cross in Tillabery and Maradi, Monaco Red Cross in Niamey). According to the needs and the growing number of the affected population, this assistance will be not be enough, therefore, supported by IFRC, the National Society is increasing efforts to mobilize more internal resources and improve partnerships with other humanitarian organizations in the field including WFP, ECHO, OCHA and UNICEF as well as the authorities.

## The needs

The rapid assessment carried out by the respective regional authorities supported by the National Society as well as UN and NGOs showed that the immediate needs are temporary shelter, food, drinking water, water facilities, mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats, soap, kitchen sets, and jerry cans, latrines, adequate sanitation (treatment of water points), health and hygiene promotion, disinfection as well as cleaning material and products. RCSN, with support from IFRC has planned to assist 1,600 most affected families in the regions of Zinder, Maradi, Tahoua and Niamey in terms of relief (NFI distribution), water and sanitation and health promotion activities. This planning includes the replenishment of the 800 NFI kits which are currently being distributed to beneficiary families. Concerning the temporary shelter, the government is still trying to find a solution on that issue.

### **Selection of people to be assisted:**

Based on information from the coordination meetings and indicated actions of other partners, as well as support from ICRC and partner national societies, RCSN will target an initial 1,600 households with the support of IFRC (including the replenishment of the 800 kits prepositioned and distributed), The criteria for the selection of households are as follow:

- Homeless households gathered in schools, mosques and in host-families;
- Households with children under 5 years old;
- Households with pregnant women,
- Women headed households and households with disabled people.

According to the meteorology predictions, the rains will continue in the coming weeks and more damage could happen with more needs identified; the early warning activities will be maintained and reinforced for the population living alongside the Niger River (early warning to risk reduction).

## The proposed operation

The Niger Red Cross, with the support from IFRC is seeking to bring assistance to 1,600 households in the most affected regions (Maradi, Tahoua, Zinder and Niamey). These areas were pre-selected prior to the floods, as population living in the areas were identified as most vulnerable communities. The communes and villages selected were discussed and agreed upon with the local authorities and the “crisis management committee” coordinating the intervention.

This DREF operation will focus on meeting the needs in emergency shelter, emergency health and water, sanitation and health and hygiene promotion, through the provision of essential household items, drinking water, mosquito nets and oral rehydration salts (ORS). The volunteers’ capacity will be increased in order to run awareness sessions to affected communities on prevention of diseases transmitted through unsafe water. The Red Cross volunteers will be trained in communication techniques, prevention and needs assessment. An RDRT will be deployed for 2 months to support the National Society and branches in the efficient implementation of this operation.

This operation aims at reducing the impact of floods of the most vulnerable population.

The NRCS intends to meet the immediate need of 1,600 most vulnerable households as follow:

- **Emergency shelter and non-food items:** Non-food items (NFI) including blankets, sleeping mats, and mosquito nets will be provided to the affected households. Based on assessed needs, 700 of the identified households will receive kitchen sets as well.
- **Water and sanitation:** RCSN will assist in distributing cleaning products (detergent, insecticide and disinfectant sprays) to clean and disinfect latrines and water points. Water bladders will be made available to provide potable water in 8 villages and 4 schools. The hygiene promotion will include water borne sensitization campaigns, and jerry cans, buckets, soap and aquatabs will be distributed.
- **Health and care:** Apart from health materials distribution, the community sensitization in health promotion will be strengthened through volunteers’ refresher courses and equipment (first aid kit). The National Society has also planned to distribute soaps and ORS as support to local health centres.

This DREF operation will support a more detailed assessment through the deployment of a regional disaster response team (RDRT) member to assess and monitor the evolving situation and assist the National Society to revise its response as needed. The results of the assessment will inform consideration of a possible Emergency Appeal if required.

### Assessment

**Outcome:** Emergency needs of flood-affected families are identified and gaps documented, leading to revision of the operation’s plan of action if required

**Outputs (expected results):** Detailed assessment is carried out across all sectors and the operation plan of action is revised appropriately to address outstanding needs if required

**Activities planned:**

- Deploy an RDRT to support National Society in planning and managing a detailed assessment including household visits and key informant interviews
- Identify outstanding needs and gaps in consultation with local authorities and other stakeholders
- Maintain monitoring of the prevalent rains and evolving situation with regular reports to IFRC
- Revise plan of action and budget as needed

### Emergency shelter and non-food items

**Outcome:** The immediate needs of 1,600 families affected are met through the distribution of essential household items.

**Outputs (expected results) :** 1,600 families are provided with appropriate non-food items

**Activities planned:**

- Identification of the 1,600 beneficiary families;
- Develop plan of action, with community participation, in planning and distribution of relief items;
- Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution;
- Procure(regionally) and distribute 3,200 sleeping mat, 3,200 mosquito nets, and 3,200 blankets, 3,200 pieces of soaps, 1,600 jerry cans, 1,600 buckets, 700 kitchen sets by 60 volunteers;
- Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distribution.

**Emergency health**

**Outcome: The immediate threat to health status for 1,600 families is reduced for targeted communities of Zinder, Maradi Tahoua and Niamey.**

**Outputs (expected results): Increased awareness and prevention of waterborne diseases is ensured through support and information campaign in targeted communities.**

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct first aid, evacuation and carry out psychological support to the affected beneficiaries;
- Conduct epidemic control (ECV) and PHAST re-trainings for 60 communities agents and 60 volunteers;
- Conduct door to door sensitization campaigns to promote individual and collective hygiene as means of avoiding the spread of water borne diseases;
- Regular control and monitoring on community health status and possible referral of cases of ill-health identified;
- Print and distribute IEC materials on epidemic control;
- Procure/provide to the communities with 45,000 ORS and educate them on preparation and use.

**Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion**

**Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related disease are reduced for 1,600 families through the provision of water, water purification items and adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion in the affected areas of Zinder, Maradi Tahoua and Niamey.**

**Outputs (expected results): Waterborne diseases are prevented through awareness campaigns and provision of hygiene kits in targeted communities.**

**Activities planned:**

- Plan and organize sanitation activities (cleaning and disinfection of 80 latrines, 50 wells and 100 schools);
- Continue monitoring and assessing the situation in the affected areas as well as in other parts of the country;
- Provide the selected areas (schools, communities) with 12 water in bladders in collaboration with local authorities, fire-fighters and civil protection who will provide the tankers;
- Refresher training for 60 volunteers on household water treatment and hygiene promotion;
- Procure and distribute 150,000 aquatabs to the targeted 1,600 households;
- Produce and disseminate hygiene leaflets on the risks associated with flooding and precautions to take;
- Establish hygiene promotion committees in the communities to reinforce the work of volunteers and community agents.

**Logistics**

Logistics support to the operation includes delivering a range of relief items in line with operational priorities.

The primary tasks may include:

- Local procurement of non-food items in line with IFRC and NS guidelines
- If items are unavailable they may be requested from the Regional IFRC warehouse in Dakar, Senegal.
- Reception and storage of items before delivery to distribution sites.
- Coordination of transport of all relief items.

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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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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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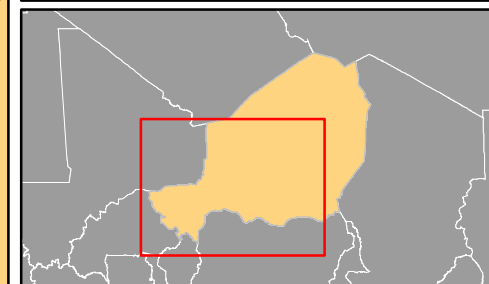
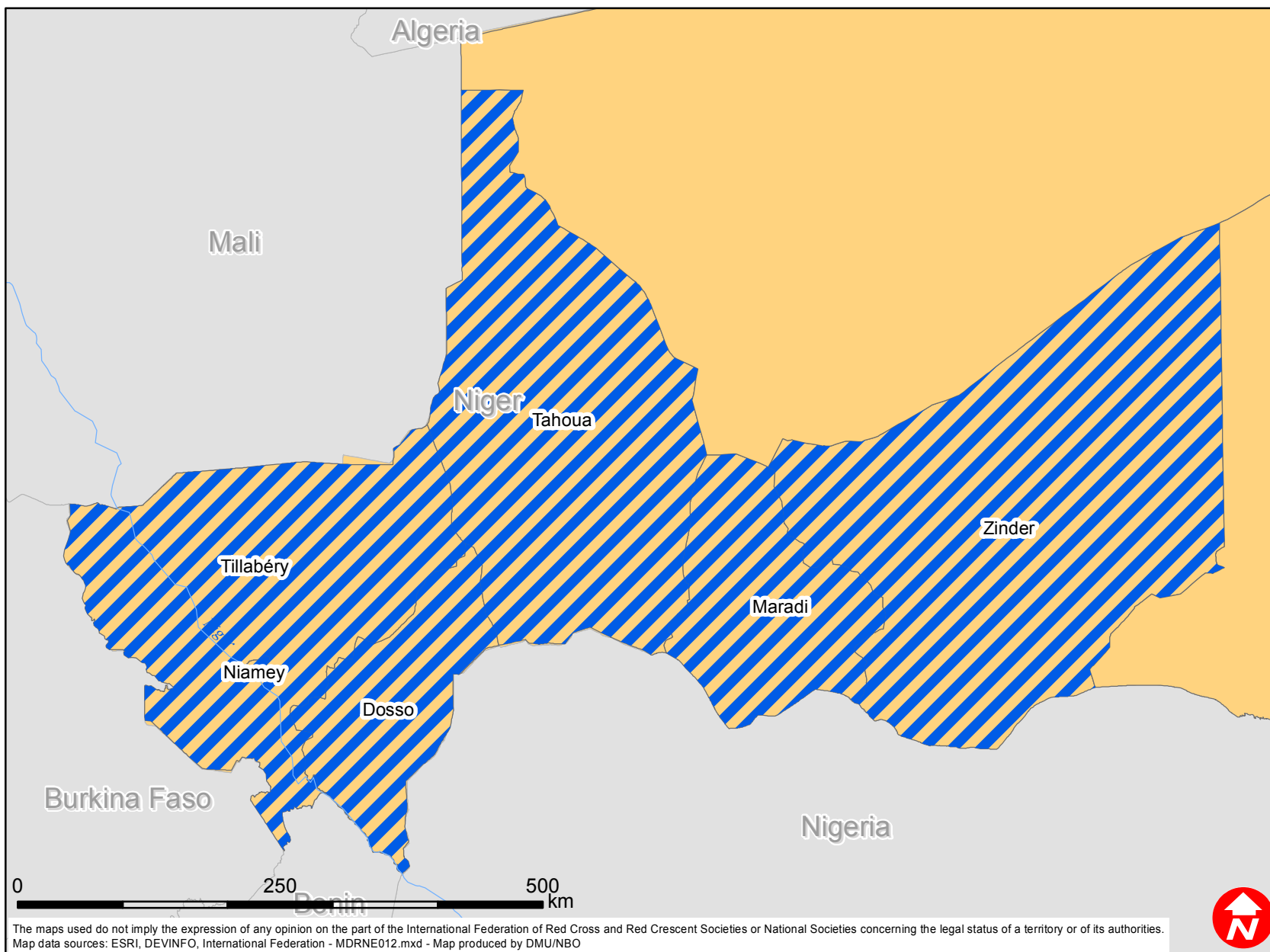
<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	0
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	42,501
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	29,886
Medical & First Aid	4,858
Teaching Materials	0
Ustensils & Tools	26,795
Other Supplies & Services	0
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>104,040</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	1,600
Distribution & Monitoring	943
Transport & Vehicle Costs	33,321
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>35,864</b>
International Staff	10,943
National Staff	
National Society Staff	9,340
Volunteers	15,566
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>35,849</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	1,623
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>1,623</b>
Travel	5,000
Information & Public Relations	0
Office Costs	1,415
Communications	1,415
Financial Charges	2,943
Other General Expenses	
Shared Support Services	0
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,774</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	12,230
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>12,230</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>200,379</b>




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