

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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NIGERIA: MUNITIONS DEPOT EXPLOSION IN LAGOS

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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 03/2002

Launched on 31 January 2002 for CHF 748,133 for three weeks. Revised on 8 February, 2002 (see Update no. 1) for CHF 1,020,000. Programme extended for a total period of three months and budget revised to CHF 1,523,000 (USD 900,377 or EUR 1,031,674). This operation will now end on 30 April 2002, and a Final Report will be issued by 31 July, 2002.

DREF Allocated: CHF 150,000

Beneficiaries revised: 32,000 families

Operations Update No. 3; Period covered: 25 February 2002 - 15 March 2002; last Ops Update (no. 2) issued 6 March, 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 112.2%

Related Appeals: 2002 Nigeria Annual Appeal no. 01.03/2002

Outstanding needs: None

Operational Developments

An army commission of inquiry set up to investigate the bomb explosion has not published a report so far. Army personnel and their dependents have been evacuated to various settlement camps to avert further injury and loss of life posed by unexploded ordinance (UXOs) and to allow the joint Nigeria/U.S military experts to carry out their UXO detonation and clearing exercise. Since the initial relocation of some 2000 army personnel and dependents to the Abalti Barracks and the Army Resettlement camp at Oshodi, a further 1,500 families have been moved to the Ipaja military camp under the camp evacuation operation. Civilians evacuated from the camp and those affected in the outlying areas have continued to take temporary refuge with relatives and friends within the wider community.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action w

The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) concluded its second phase of food and non-food item distributions to 5,620 displaced families. The assistance was provided to the displaced persons at Mafoluku, Mosafejo, Alasia, Bolade, Sogunle, Ladipo, and the Ipaja Army Re-settlement Centre. There was also a distribution of educational materials to five affected schools.

50,000 information posters warning residents of unexploded ordinances (UXOs) were printed and placed in markets and other public places within the affected area. Radio messages commissioned by the NRCS and USAID were aired on popular radio stations. Water tanks donated by a local firm were erected at various displacement sites. Two hundred and fifty volunteers were active on a daily basis throughout the operational area.

A verification exercise for damage claims of civilian properties by the NRCS's property sub committee commenced on Friday, 8 March, 2002 and is still in progress. The exercise is part of the NRCS rehabilitation assistance to bomb victims and also provides the basis for Government assistance. The State Government has provided four architectural engineers to work alongside the NRCS in verifying and assessing damage. Small scale repairs such as to ceilings and roofs have already been undertaken by the NRCS using locally employed builders with materials supplied by the national society. So far, some 65 homes have received Red Cross assistance. This intervention was undertaken by the NRCS to give added credence towards its advocacy for compensation on behalf of those whose property was damaged and had no insurance coverage. The NRCS has continued to receive donations of cash and goods in kind for the operation.

Relief distribution w

Distributions were carried out from 11 different distribution points using hired commercial vehicles. A commercial warehouse is still being used, however it is being donated on a rent free basis since 27 February. Another warehouse donated by the State Ministry of Works is in need of some renovation which are to be carried out under this operation funding within the week.

Objective 1: Food Distribution Between 22 February to 5 March, a second distribution of 5,620 dry food family rations were distributed at a total of 11 different centres. These rations were calculated for a one week family supply consisting of: 14 kg of rice, 2 kg of beans, 2 l of oil, 0.5 kg of sugar, 0.2 kg of salt, 14 tins of sardines, and 3 tins corned beef. In-kind donations of bread, packaged water, yams and other food continues to be received and distributed as supplements to the above rations.

The total quantities of the major food items used/distributed during this reporting period is as follows: 1,574 bags x 50 kg of rice, 141 bags x 80 kg of beans, 5,620 x 2 l of oil, 2,814 kg of sugar, 39,340 tins of sardines, 8,430 tins of corned beef, and 1,125 kg of salt.

Objective 2: Family Pack Distribution It became necessary to adjust from a fixed family pack to a more ad hoc distribution of non-food items. This was because of the need to distribute the substantial quantities of in-kind donations were required and well received by the beneficiaries. Based on the registered beneficiary list totaling 5,620, non-food relief items were distributed in the following quantities: 5,400 mattresses, 9,220 blankets, 5,600 cooking pots, 3,900 paraffin stoves, 5,620 plastic plates and spoons, 9,020 sleeping mats, 5,620 assorted pairs of footwear, 17,500 tablets soap, and 3,600 towels.

Objective 3: Shelter Distribution It was not found necessary for the NRCS to become involved in shelter provision apart from the installation of donated water tanks at 12 locations where the displaced were experiencing water shortages.

Objective 4: Tracing The tracing operation ceased on 8 March.

Objective 5: Beneficiary Registration Over 250 properties damaged by the explosion have so far been registered and verified in an exercise coordinated with Lagos State Government. This is now the main activity of the relief operation and a cost plan is being developed while, concomitantly, low cost repairs are being carried out.

Objective 6: Unexploded Ordinance Warning campaign This campaign to sensitize the communities in the affected area is ongoing with posters being strategically hung around the affected area, regular radio jingle broadcasts and volunteer dissemination work.

National Society Capacity Building w

The NRCS continues to benefit enormously from the high level of publicity attached to daily corporate and general public donations, and interviews with national and foreign media. Acclaim and recognition from the public and private sectors for the good work of the Red Cross has grown substantially over the period resulting in the NRCS becoming a household name. The status and reliability of the NRCS has been further enhanced as evidenced by; the nomination of the NRCS by the Lagos State Government as the agency exclusively relied upon to carry out the property damage verification exercise, the positive press coverage of the NRCS operation during a period of critical press analysis, the recruitment of 110 new volunteers from the business and public sectors in Lagos State alone, and the inclusion of NRCS in all post-disaster planning meetings at both Federal and State levels.

The President and SG of the NRCS and the Federation head of delegation participated in a 12 hour telethon broadcast on National TV focusing on the response to the explosion.

Coordination

The NRCS has attended all coordination meetings organized by the Government. The NRCS has assisted and encouraged the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to take up its responsibilities for overall coordination recognizing that a lack of coordination between the Federal and State systems which has proved a limiting factor. As the operation scales down, the number of participating government agencies and organisations continues to decrease, simplifying the task of coordination.

The Federation continues to coordinate international relief assistance to the NRCS as well as providing technical and management support. Briefing meetings were held with the European Union (ECHO), SCF, World Vision International and others.

Outstanding needs

The appeal has been fully funded and the operation involving food and non-food distributions have been completed apart from a residue of relief items donated locally and which are to be distributed in the week commencing 18 March. The rehabilitation work to be undertaken by the NRCS over the coming weeks will be planned and budgeted as the verification exercise nears completion. Purchase of pre-positioned relief items to replace those lost in the NRCS warehouse fire will be made in the week commencing 25 March, upon completion of the aforementioned renovations.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

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Nigeria: Munitions depot explosions in Lagos						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 03/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			21.03.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'523'000		TOTAL COVERAGE 112.2%
AMERICAN - GOVT/USAID		25'000	USD	41'470	04.02.2002	RECEIVED BY THE DELEGATION
AMERICAN - RC		20'000	USD	34'060	15.02.2002	
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		50'000	GBP	120'000	04.02.2002	RECEIVED BY THE DELEGATION
CANADIAN - GOVT/CIDA		49'500	CAD	52'985	22.02.2002	
CITY BANK OF NIGERIA				15'000	05.02.2002	DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
ITALIAN - GOVT		200'000	EUR	296'440	25.02.2002	
JAPANESE - RC				24'000	05.02.2002	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		539'374	NOK	100'357	06.02.2002	
PRIVATE DONOR		50	USD	83	21.02.2002	
SHELL OIL CO.				372'000	05.02.2002	DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SPANISH GOVT				103'000	05.02.2002	DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SPANISH RC				26'494	05.02.2002	DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SWEDISH - GOVT		500'000	SEK	80'150	07.02.2002	
ACCENTURE				1'620		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
AES NIGERIA BARGE LTD				3'000		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION, FALOMO				11'325		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
DIAMOND BANK LIMITED				30'000		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
FOUNTAIN TRUST BANK LTD				7'500		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES				5'740		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
INMB BANK LTD				7'500		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
METROPOLITAN BANK LTD				7'500		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
NIGERIA LNG LIMITED				75'000		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
PANALPINA WORLD TRANSPORT LTD				4'380		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
PLATINUM BANK LTD				4'380		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SHELL NIGERIA EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO				75'000		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK LTD				2'980		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SYSTEMSPECS LIMITED				1'500		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
OTHER DONORS				25'500		DIRECT TF TO NIGERIA RC
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'528'964	CHF	100.4%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
LOCAL DONORS	RELIEF ITEMS			180'000		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				180'000	CHF	11.8%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	