

# EMERGENCY APPEAL



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## ***KENYA: FLOODS***

**Preliminary Appeal**  
**no: 14/02**  
**13 May 2002**

***THIS PRELIMINARY APPEAL SEEKS CHF 1,737,000  
(USD 1.1m / EUR 1.2m) IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES  
TO ASSIST 125,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR 3 MONTHS***

### ***The Situation***

Heavy rains over the last week have wreaked havoc across Kenya. Initial reports from authorities and the Kenyan Red Cross Society (KRCS) indicate a total of 18 deaths around the country, including thirteen members of a family who were killed in a landslide. Over 200 families have reportedly been left homeless in the Meru District in the Eastern Province, and some 4,000 people have been left homeless in Migori. Flooding has also been reported in Garissa, Wajir, Nairobi and Mua towns. The main Nairobi-Meru road link has been cut off due to a landslide, and two motorists were reportedly killed when they were swept away by floods in Meru. Although the rains started late this year, this is the long rainy season in Kenya which runs from April through to June each year, and more heavy rains are expected which will exacerbate the already serious situation.

The Kenya Red Cross has received a verbal request from the Government of Kenya to respond to the disaster, and have been in touch with the provincial and district Commissioner of the two affected provinces, Nyanza and Eastern.

More landslides were reported to have occurred in Meru District while this appeal was being prepared. The Office of the President has voiced special concern about the villages and towns around the Tana River. It is feared that three hydro-electric dams along this river will overflow within the coming few days due to water running down from Mount Kenya. In particular the towns of Garissa and Hola are at a very high risk.

### **Red Cross Action**

CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) to start the relief operation. The KRCS, in collaboration with the Federation's Regional Delegation in Nairobi, has been able to respond in the following areas:

Area	Populations Affected (# of families)	KRCS Response				
		Blankets	Tarpaulins	Clothes	Soap	Body Bags
Migori	500	1'000	400	8 cartons	300	
Meru	130	150	90			6
Garissa	250	200	75		100	
Muranga	60	180	60	2 cartons	60	
<b>Total</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>6</b>

Due to communication and transport problems in the affected areas and the ongoing rains it is presently not possible to obtain a comprehensive picture of the situation in many districts. The KRCS was able to participate in an aerial assessment of Eastern Province. The findings of this assessment and messages obtained through often very informal channels have convinced the KRCS to prepare and launch a preliminary local appeal in Nairobi. It is expected that more information will become available over the coming days which will result in a more elaborate plan of action and more detailed identification of beneficiaries.

## *The Needs*

### **Immediate Needs w**

As indicated above, more rains and flooding are expected over the coming days and weeks. The KRCS has depleted its relief stocks due to a number of interventions undertaken during 2001 and the first quarter of 2002. The table below reflects the estimated number of beneficiaries who will be assisted by the KRCS:

<b>Province/District</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>
<b><i>NYANZA PROVINCE</i></b>	
Nyando	49,000
Migori	35,000
Kisumu	20,700
Rachuonyo	6,300
<b><i>NORTH EASTERN PROVINCE</i></b>	
Garissa	1,200
<b><i>WESTERN PROVINCE</i></b>	
Busia	12,000
<b><i>CENTRAL PROVINCE</i></b>	
Murang'a	300
Kirinyaga	200
<b><i>EASTERN PROVINCE</i></b>	
Meru Central	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125,000</b>

The following relief items are required to respond to the immediate needs of the affected and displaced people (currently in Migori, Nyando, Garissa, Wajir, Rachonyo, Muranga and Meru) and to prepare for other responses in the event of further flooding:

- 50,000 blankets.
- 25,000 tarpaulins.
- 25,000 jerry cans (collapsible).
- 25,000 mosquito nets.
- 1,875,000 water purification tablets.
- 2 WHO cholera kits.
- 3 leased vehicles (4WD).
- 3 HF radio base stations (units).

## *The Proposed Operation*

### **Objectives and Activities planned w**

Based on the available information and its capacity in the branches the KRCS, supported by the Federation, wants to relieve the acute suffering of up to 125,000 flood victims through the provision of non food items. In cooperation with other organizations the KRCS also intends to focus on preventing the outbreak of water borne diseases and to control the spread of malaria.

In addition, a disaster response capacity in the branches in the high risk areas will be undertaken, a component which will form part of a post-flood rehabilitation programme.

### **Health w**

**Objective:** To control the spread of malaria.

Activity 1: to procure and distribute 25,000 mosquito nets to 25,000 households.

#### **Water-sanitation w**

**Objective:** To minimise the risk of outbreak of waterborne diseases and improve the access to safe drinking water.

Activity 1: 1,875,000 water purification tablets distributed to 25,000 households. Each tablet to disinfect 20 litres.

Activity 2: Distribution of 25,000 jerrycans to 25,000 households.

Activity 3: Procurement and pre-positioning of two cholera kits.

Activity 4: Training of five cholera teams on cholera prevention and control; 50,000 blankets procured and distributed to 25,000 families.

#### **Shelter w**

**Objective:** To provide shelter material for 25,000 families who have lost their houses.

Activity 1: Distribution of 50,000 blankets (2 per family).

Activity 2: Distribution of 25,000 tarpaulins (1 per family).

#### **Logistics w**

Procurement of relief goods will be achieved through Federation's Regional Delegation in Nairobi. The transport of relief items will be organised by the KRCS through the hire of local trucks. Storage will be centralised in Nairobi facilities.

#### **National Society Capacity Building w**

This operation will reinforce the capacities of the staff and volunteers in the affected branches. Skills in relief distributions and the awareness of the need for a co-ordinated disaster preparedness will be improved. In addition to the training mentioned above it is planned to organise five refresher courses for Red Cross Action Teams (RCAT) in the five flood affected high risk areas.

The swift response to the current floods raised the KRCS's profile and facilitated access to governmental and public support. The Office of the President has established a Sudden Onset Disaster Committee. As a recognition for the fast response by the KRCS, the Committee is chaired by the Secretary General of the KRCS and includes members from the government, NGOs and the UN.

#### **Co-ordination w**

The Office of the President is co-ordinating the overall relief operation; the KRCS is managing the distribution of non-food items, and co-operating with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF related to the health side of the operation.

There are daily co-ordination meetings organised by the Office of the President, which are attended by the KRCS who has managed to obtain tax exemption for the relief items. The KRCS is working closely with the Federation's Regional Delegation in the planning and response to the disaster.

In terms of operational structure, the KRCS's Director of the Disaster Preparedness/Response (DP/R) department is the focal co-ordination point in Nairobi. Three teams will be deployed in three seriously affected provinces (North Eastern, Nyanza; and Western). Each team will consist of a leader and three relief monitors. Each team will be joined by about ten volunteers from the local branch, all will be members of local Red Cross Action Teams (RCAT).

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation w**

The KRCS Disaster Preparedness/Response (DP/R) department is working closely with branches in the affected areas to ensure the proper delivery of humanitarian assistance to the flood victims. The department, supported by the Federation, will assume the overall monitoring role to ensure accountability, timely and quality response.

#### **Capacity of the National Society w**

- At the KRCS headquarters, the DP/R department has four staff, in addition to the National Disaster Response Team consisting of ten volunteers (all are Red Cross Action Teams leaders).
- All of the branches in the affected districts have Red Cross Action Teams (however only Kisumu branch has radio contact with Nairobi).
- The KRCS has good relationships with governmental authorities and other key players both at national and district level.
- The KRCS is a member of the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT).

### **Present Capacity of the Federation w**

The Federation's Regional Delegation DP/R department is working closely with the KRCS in planning the response. The members of the RDRT) are ready for deployment, if need be. The Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) is available to provide any needed technical support (procurement and transport). Other technical regional departments (namely health and water and sanitation) will provide support as needed.

## ***Budget summary***

See Annex 1 for details.

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*All International Federation Assistance 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.*

*In line with the Minimum Reporting Standards, the first operations update on this appeal will be issued within 30-days of the launch and the second will be issued over the course of the operation; a final narrative and financial report will be issued no later than 90 days after the end of the operation.*

*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 website.*

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		ANNEX 1
<b><u>PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY</u></b>		APPEAL No. 14/2002
<b>Kenya Red Cross Society</b>		
TYPE		VALUE
<b>RELIEF NEEDS</b>		IN CHF
Shelter & constructions		503'000
Blankets		265'000
Water and sanitation		57'500
Utensils & tools (jerrycans)		167'500
Other relief supplies		272'890
<b>TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS</b>		1'265'890
<b><u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u></b>		
Computers & telecom. equipment		10'500
<b><u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u></b>		
Programme management		117'000
Technical support		35'000
Professional services		39'000
<b><u>TRANSPORT STORAGE &amp; VEHICLE COSTS</u></b>		81'300
<b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b>		
Expatriate staff		60'000
National staff		45'390
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; GENERAL SERVICES</u></b>		
Information expenses		20'000
Administrative & general expenses		62'920
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS</b>		471'110
<b>TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES</b>		1'737'000
<b>LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)</b>		0
<b>NET REQUEST</b>		1'737'000