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## ZIMBAMBWE: ASSISTANCE TO THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY THE 'CLEAN-UP' EXERCISE

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 05EA016; Operations Update no. 3; Period covered: October to November 2005; Appeal coverage: 35.0%;** [Click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website.](#)

#### Appeal history:

- Launched on 26 July 2005 for CHF 2,481,818 (USD 1,788,110 or EUR 1,487,813) for 5 months to assist some 15,000 persons (3,000 households)- [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?05/05EA016.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA016.pdf)
- Operations Update no. 1- [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?05/05EA01601.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA01601.pdf) was issued on 26 August 2005.
- Operations Update no 2- [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?05/05EA01602.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA01602.pdf) was issued on 18 October 2005.
- This Operations Update provides a revised plan of action for the period October to December 2005, in light of the funding received.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 100,000.

**Outstanding needs: CHF 1,613,096 (USD 1,229,494 or EUR 1,042,388).**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Zimbabwe 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA017-** [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA017.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA017.pdf)

**Operational Summary:** As the current safety nets of affected communities are unable to cope with the magnitude of the effects of Operation *Murambatsvina* that ended in July 2005, the Red Cross humanitarian intervention focused on livelihoods recovery to complement the reduced coping capacities. During the reporting period, the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society<sup>1</sup> distributed 13.2 metric tonnes (MT) of seeds and 19.7 MT of fertilisers to 1,320 vulnerable households who relocated to rural areas in Matebeleland central province. The agricultural inputs distributed will enable the affected households to produce food during the upcoming rainy season. Four houses have been built to benefit child-headed families who, were in need of urgent shelter.

As the humanitarian need became overwhelming against the level of humanitarian interventions, the Federation intensified its resource mobilisation appeal. A positive response, even if late, from Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide corresponded to an increase of the appeal coverage from 15% in September to 35% in November 2005. The operation will continue to support up to 3,000 households or 15,000 vulnerable people focusing on livelihood recovery including the distribution of seeds and fertilisers, small livestock for households in rural areas and income generating activities in urban areas. Additionally

<sup>1</sup> Zimbabwe Red Cross Society- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=13>

**the provision of shelter particularly for orphans, health education on hygiene and malaria, distribution of mosquito nets and water purification tablets will be intensified.**

**Due to limited and delayed reception of funding, the Federation seeks for an extension of the emergency operation to 30 March 2006.**

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## **Operational developments**

The government promoted ‘Clean-up’ operation that ended in July 2005 was followed by a new intervention named ‘Garikai/Hlalani Khulhe’ (Operation Stay Well), mainly focusing on the construction of shelter for the affected families. However, the assistance of any temporary shelter remains a challenge due to government directive that assistance should be given only to those within designated areas and with housing development approved by the city councils.

As the rainy season has started, the lack of sufficient shelter is presenting a grave public health concern particularly in the urban areas, where people are still residing in the open within illegal settlements previously demolished. Households are overcrowded and in a destitute situation, with limited access to water and sanitation services, compounded by lack of food. Some outbreaks of dysentery have been reported in specific urban areas in November 2005.

## **Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress and impact.**

**Emergency relief: Shelter and non food items.**

**Objective: Immediate relief items to 15,000 vulnerable people are provided.**

**Progress/Achievements:**

### **Provision of 5,000 blankets for vulnerable individuals and households affected by the ‘Clean-up’ operation.**

Negotiations are on-going with UNICEF for an in-kind donation of 2,000 blankets to meet the needs of 600 vulnerable households located in 8 provinces in the country.

### **Construction of 20 two-roomed permanent houses for OVC in designated areas by December 2005.**

The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society, with support of the Federation, has contracted a local construction company to construct four two-roomed houses at Hatcliff, a peri-urban suburb in east of Harare. Each house is 35 square metres and consists of a kitchen and a bed room including water and sewerage connection.



*One of the houses under construction in Hatcliff, Harare*

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Upon completion the houses will be handed over to the child-headed families as legal property of the children, with a title deed already obtained from the respective municipalities. A total of ten houses are expected to be completed by December 2005 (five in Mashonaland central, three in Midlands and two in Mashonaland east provinces).

**Support 200 OVC with school fees in the four most affected provinces**

Registration of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) is on-going and payment of school fees for the three terms in 2006 will be finalized in December 2005.

**Health and Hygiene Promotion**

**Objective: Health and hygiene among the affected people are provided.**

**Progress/Achievements:**

**Recruitment and training of 80 volunteers in health education promotion, protection and psychological support in the newly designated settlement areas- prior to providing permanent water sources and sanitary facilities.**

The operation planned to recruit and train 80 volunteers in the newly designated areas to conduct health and hygiene education as well as providing psychological support to the most vulnerable. However, no progress was recorded on this activity during the period under review because the appeal has not attracted enough funding.

**Provision of 5,000 tablets of soap to affected people, particularly OVC and the chronically ill.**

No progress was recorded on this activity during the period under review due to limited funding.

**Water and Sanitation**

**Objective: The risk and out break of water borne diseases among the affected population is minimized.**

**Progress/Achievement:**

Negotiations are on-going with UNICEF for an in-kind donation of 5,500 insecticide-treated mosquito bed nets (ITNs) and 6,000 water purification chlorine sachets to meet the needs of 1,894 vulnerable households located in seven provinces. The ITNs will be distributed in areas where malaria is endemic.

**Livelihood**

**Objective: Start-up seed packs vouchers (agric-inputs) to 3,000 households who are relocated to new areas are provided.**

**Revised Objective: Support 1,200 households in rural areas and 100 HBC clients and their care providers in urban areas to ensure self-reliance through agricultural interventions.**

**Progress/Achievements:**

**Provision of 1,000 seed packs and fertilisers to 1,000 households who relocated to rural areas in Mashonaland central and Manicaland Provinces.**

The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society distributed maize seed and fertilizers to 1,320 households who relocated to rural areas in preparation for the forthcoming farming season.

Each family received 10 kilograms of maize seed and fertilizer which will cover one acre. In total, 13.2 metric tonnes (MT) of seeds and 19.7 MT of fertilisers were distributed in Mashonaland Central province.

The number of households that benefited is 320 more than the planned 1,000.

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Table 1: Agricultural inputs distribution in Mashonaland Central Province

District	Seeds distributed (MT)	Fertiliser (Compound D) (MT)	Fertiliser (Ammonium Nitrate) (MT)	Total households benefited
Bindura	3	3	1.5	300
Mazowe	4	4	2	400
Mount Darwin	1	1	0.5	100
Muzarabani	3.2	3.2	1.5	320
Guruve	2	2	1	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1320</b>

**Distribution of 800 goats to 200 households in the rural areas of Matabeleland North and South Provinces.**

In Matabeleland North and South rural provinces, 200 households were identified to benefit from 800 goats for subsistence livestock farming. Procurement of the goats by the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society, through assistance from respective branches, is on-going and this initiative should guarantee a sustainable source of livelihood particularly suited for these drought prone provinces.

**Establish income generating activities supporting ten support groups consisting of 100 home-based care clients and care givers in urban areas of Matabeleland North and South, Mashonaland Central provinces.**

A feasibility study is being undertaken, with the help of a consultant, to identify viable income generating activities. For each identified activity, a business plan will have to be prepared in advance, together with training of the group and developing a manual to guide the national society on how to manage and coordinate income generating activities.

**Impact:**

The construction of houses for orphans and vulnerable children contributes to the right of children to shelter and protection. The permanent shelters will reduce vulnerability of orphaned children and ensure their security. Since the houses will become legal property of the children, they are investments to the livelihood of the beneficiaries, particularly given the fact that the property is appreciating in value.



The distribution of seeds and fertilizers to households that just returned to their rural villages will expedite livelihood recovery by ensuring food security of those affected. *“I am used to work for myself and I am happy that I got the most important inputs especially towards the rain season. I feel relieved that at least I can start my life and start from the beginning,”* said Imelda, one of the agricultural inputs beneficiaries in Bindura, a small mining town in Mashonaland Central province, about 100 km north-east of Harare.

**Constraints:**

- The macro economic environment in the country, particularly with relation to high inflation rate (411% in October) and limited foreign exchange availability resulting in scarcity of commodities such as fuel and other materials is negatively affecting the delivery of assistance.
- Identification of the affected population remains a challenge due to high mobility. Furthermore some people have moved in to live with relatives and friends in urban and rural areas.

**Federation coordination**

The Federations regional delegation for Southern Africa based in Harare, Zimbabwe, is supporting the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society to deliver humanitarian assistance through resource mobilization and technical support through the presence of a full-time relief coordinator and periodic support from the regional delegation.

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**Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement- Principles and initiatives**

During the period under review, the humanitarian assistance delivered by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has mainly focused on the distribution of seeds and fertilisers for people who moved to rural areas before the onset of the rain season.

Consultative meetings with public authorities at all levels including ministers, provincial governors, local chiefs and other key stakeholders in all the provinces are ongoing. Identification of priority needs and vulnerable groups is done with particular reference to Red Cross and Red Crescent existing strategies for Southern Africa, namely ARCHI 2010 and the Algiers Plan of Action for African Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies that focus on the plight of HIV/AIDS infected and affected including orphans, ensuring of food security and health while mobilizing and strengthening the capacity of volunteers.

**National Society Capacity Building**

The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society recruited two professional volunteers, one at national level and another at provincial level, to support with the management of the operation. The national society’s communication and transport capacity was improved with e-mail facilities, procurement of heavy duty photocopy machine, two laptop computers and two pick-up vehicles. Basic computer training for key programme and management staff is being organized in conjunction with the University of Zimbabwe.

The national society has taken an integrated approach to the operation by engaging other programmes departments and some bilateral partners to ensure transformation from recovery to a sustainable service delivery, particularly with regard to food security and support to orphans and other vulnerable children. The operation in to assist those affected by the ‘clean up’ exercise is also being integrated into the food insecurity operation to complement it and to enhance coordination.

**Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society is regularly producing updates and reports that are being disseminated through the Federation website and to diplomats, UN agencies and non-governmental organizations in Zimbabwe. Strong collaboration between the national information officer and the Federation regional information officer has increased publicity, through publication of stories regarding the impact of the ongoing operation.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05EA016

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

02/12/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,481,818		TOTAL COVERAGE 35.0%
BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR/RC		25,000	GBP	56,500	01.08.05	
CHINA - HONG KONG RC BRANCH		4,540	HKD	731	07.09.05	
DANISH - RC				66,835	04.11.05	
FINNISH - RC		50,000	EUR	77,400	29.07.05	
FINNISH - RC		30,000	EUR	46,710	25.10.05	ZIMBABWE
ICELANDIC - RC		250,000	ISK	4,900	26.08.05	
JAPANESE - RC		62,900	USD	80,952	05.08.05	
NETHERLANDS - RC		42,781	EUR	66,610	18.10.05	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1,510,248	NOK	299,784	14.10.05	CONSTRUCTION PERMANENT BUILDING
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,000,000	SEK	168,300	28.07.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				868,722	CHF	35.0%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	