

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Swaziland: Hailstorm

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The International Federation's 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 Red Crescent response to emergencies. 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.

Summary: CHF 74,251 (USD 60,219 or EUR 47,203) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 10 August, 2006 to support the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society (BSRCS) in delivering assistance to beneficiaries in four geographical regions of Swaziland.

Swaziland experienced storms that caused excessive damage to property and infrastructure in four geographical regions of the country. The storms which started in August continued through to December 2006, causing more devastation to houses, clinics, schools and other infrastructure. Fortunately the storm was not accompanied by heavy rains, limiting the scope of the devastation.

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The situation

On 1 August and again on 15 August 2006, strong winds hit many parts of Swaziland in the Lubombo and Manzini regions. Both storms left trails of devastation to houses, roads, telephone lines, crop fields, and electricity. Trees blocked houses and damaged parked and moving vehicles. Approximately 100 houses were destroyed; six people were trapped, several injured and one person was reported killed. Also affected were schools and health facilities, including Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society clinic in Sigombeni. A total of 78 schools, 24 houses for civil servants, two hospitals and five clinics were severely damaged by the storms.

Cooperation and partnerships

The Government of Swaziland, through the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Ministry of Education, Deployed a team to conduct damage assessments at schools, clinics, hospitals and households. The assessment included collating requests for building material for all the affected structures.

The BSRCS and the Swiss Red Cross (SRC) signed a cooperation agreement on areas of responsibility. During a coordination meeting, BSRCS was tasked with assisting the most vulnerable with temporary shelter whilst the SRC provided CHF 45,000 for the procurement of 500 tarpaulins. Government purchased all building materials required and ensured the repair of all damaged structures. In addition, the government provided ten 50kg bags of maize, beans and oil to the affected families in the Lubombo region. The WFP provided two bales containing 30 blankets each and two bales of clothing in the Lubombo and Manzini regions. BSRCS also assisted with relief distribution through the work of its volunteers.

BSRCS representative attended coordination meetings at task force established by the government to oversee the relief operation. The task force was composed of representatives from the Ministries of Education, Works and Transport, and Health and Social Welfare, and the National Disaster Management Unit and BSRCS.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In response to the BRCS call for international assistance, the IFRC released some relief funds to support the proposed plan of action. During the initial stage of the storms, 40 emergency response team members were deployed to conduct assessments in affected areas. The assessment was conducted through house-to-house survey, which, although strenuous, allowed the enumerators to practically observe the situation and needs in each of the affected household.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To provide tents and tarpaulins to the most affected households.

Activities planned:

- To conduct damage assessment
- To procure and distribute tents and tarpaulins

Impact:

According to the results of the assessment, 152 structures for the most vulnerable required re-roofing while 15 required a complete reconstruction. In response, BSRCS distributed 100 tents and 900 tarpaulins of which some beneficiaries used to complement building materials during the reconstruction of their damaged houses. Due to the delays in purchasing shelter relief items, the construction exercise by the National Society emergency response team members was extended beyond the operation period. The table below shows the numbers of affected people and the shelter relief items distributed during the relief operation. As a result, the displaced families managed to have decent shelter as well as assistance in reconstructing their damaged homes.

Material distributed during the operation

Division	Households Assessed	Number of Beneficiaries	Children under five years	Tarpaulins Distributed	Tents Distributed
Mbabane	2,110	8,416	1,321	252	35
Manzini	705	3,320	692	245	26
Pigg's Peak	213	982	221	161	15
Lubombo	186	1,489	113	101	11
Nhlangano	196	1,569	252	141	13
Total	3,410	15,776	2,599	900	100

Challenges:

The December storms overtook the long-drawn-out purchasing process, which added to the number of structures that needed attention. The distribution of relief was also slow due to the summer rains, which made the affected areas inaccessible by ordinary pick-up trucks. The BSRCS emergency response team had to carry relief materials (tents and tarpaulins) on foot for distances of up to four kilometres. This slowed coverage to only a few houses per day, as only one four-wheel drive vehicle was available for disaster response.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/06
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/06
Appeal	MDRSZ001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	74,251					74,251
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DREF</i>	74,251					74,251
C1. Cash contributions	74,251					74,251
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	74,251					74,251
D. Total Funding = B + C	74,251					74,251
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	74,251					74,251
E. Expenditure	-74,251					-74,251
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		74,251					74,251	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	49,495	36,609				36,609	12,886	
Total Supplies	49,495	36,609				36,609	12,886	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	900	7,029				7,029	-6,129	
Distribution & Monitoring		291				291	-291	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	8,000	11,758				11,758	-3,758	
Total Transport & Storage	8,900	19,078				19,078	-10,178	
Personnel								
National Staff	360						360	
National Society Staff	5,400	4,261				4,261	1,139	
Total Personnel	5,760	4,261				4,261	1,499	
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,663						3,663	
Office Costs	527	103				103	424	
Communications	1,080	265				265	815	
Financial Charges		6,496				6,496	-6,496	
Other General Expenses		2,613				2,613	-2,613	
Total General Expenditure	5,270	9,477				9,477	-4,207	
Programme Support								
Program Support	4,826	4,826				4,826	0	
Total Programme Support	4,826	4,826				4,826	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	74,251	74,251				74,251	0	
VARIANCE (C - D)		0				0		