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ANGOLA: FLOODS

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 185 countries.

In Brief

THIS EMERGENCY APPEAL SEEKS CHF 1,416,264 (USD 1,133,011 OR EUR 874,237) IN CASH, KIND, OR SERVICES TO ASSIST 30,000 BENEFICIARIES (5,000 HOUSEHOLDS) FOR THREE MONTHS.

CHF 90,764 (USD 74,397 or EUR 56,463) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to initiate the Angola Red Cross response to the floods situation.

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This operation is aligned with the International Federation's 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.

The situation

Since January 2007, Luanda and Moxico provinces of Angola have experienced heavy rains that resulted in flooding, causing damage to infrastructure and displacing thousands of people. According to assessments conducted by the Angolan Civil Protection Service, approximately 28,531 families have been affected, with 114 deaths recorded – out of which 25 are from Cacuaco Municipality in Luanda Province. Five municipalities of Luanda Province have been severely affected, leaving thousands of families without shelter and increasing the occurrence of cholera, malaria, typhoid and stomach infections.

The government's assessment team reported that approximately 16,635 people (5,365 families) in Moxico Province have been affected by widespread flooding since 10 January 2007. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) update of 11 February 2007, the most affected villages include Lunanci, Ceramica, Koto, Chikalweji, Mupachi, Kazeke, Kavili, Caungo, Lovua, Lumbala, Caquengue and Caianda of Cazomgo Municipality in Moxico Province. A total of 429 houses were destroyed in Lunachi, 19 in Mupachi and 1,160 in Koto Village.

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Approximately 9,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Cazombo Municipality are in need of immediate emergency relief in the form of food, medicines, emergency shelter and other non-food items. The number of IDPs is expected to increase as more rains are expected.

Cholera is endemic in Angola, and Luanda was severely affected in 2006. The total cumulative cholera cases as at 21 December 2006 was 65,666, with 2,676 deaths (a case fatality rate of 4%). Between 1 and 15 January 2007, a total of 6,527 cases and 224 deaths were reported in 16 of the 18 provinces in the country. The three most affected provinces are Luanda (1,919), Benguela (1,378) and Cabinda (1,212). The Angola Red Cross has, since May 2006, been implementing an operation in response to the cholera crisis. The cholera emergency operation was recently extended until the end of June 2007 due to an upsurge in cholera cases. For more details, please refer to the appeal extension available on: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRAO001r04.pdf>.

At the moment, cholera has not affected Cazombo Municipality; however malaria cases have been recorded, with 307 treatments and three deaths reported at the hospital in Cazombo. According to the hospital authority, there is a lack of malaria treatment medicines at the hospital. In addition to health risks, IDPs are not safe from wild animals such as lions, elephants, crocodiles which are reported to be in the affected area. In terms of accessibility, the main road to Cazombo Municipality and Luena (the provincial capital of Moxico) is passable though heavy rainfall might trigger new landslides.

Red Cross Red Crescent Action so far

In response to flooding in Luanda (Cacuaco, Kilamba Kiayi and Samba), which started in January 2007 and affected 3,000 families in nine municipalities, the International Federation released CHF 90,764 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to Angola Red Cross. The funding, which was allocated on 30 January 2007, was used to initially support 1,000 families with basic non-food items such as kitchen sets, water purification chemicals, soap, jerry cans and water dispensers. The jerry cans were donated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Angola Red Cross has been participating in tracing and family reunification activities and has supported the National Civil Protection Service in the provision of temporal shelter. In Luanda, more than 70 Red Cross volunteers and five staff members are working together with Luanda Provincial Health Authority in disseminating information, education and communication (IEC) materials on cholera prevention.

In Moxico, the local Red Cross branch is working with the Provincial Emergency Commission, with more than 100 of its volunteers conducting the following activities:

- Community mobilization, health education and hygiene promotion (to prevent outbreaks of cholera and other diseases);
- Door-to-door hygiene campaigns in the affected municipalities;
- Training members of the community in water chlorination;
- Administering oral rehydration solutions (ORS) as a first aid measure, at the community level;
- Distributing IEC materials, chlorination solutions, soap, jerry cans, water dispensers and kitchen sets.

The needs

ARC plans to scale-up its disaster response efforts in Moxico, since Luanda has been partly covered through DREF-supported response. According to the director of Civil Protection Services, the main humanitarian needs include tents (to provide shelter to the affected families), safe and clean water supply, soap, jerry cans, water dispensers, kitchen sets, blankets, mosquito nets, seeds and agriculture equipment. The Federation is seeking donor support to assist the Angola Red Cross in providing humanitarian assistance to approximately 5,000 families (30,000 beneficiaries) in Moxico Province with material assistance and health and care support over a three-month period. The situation is still evolving and the actual needs may increase.

Coordination

The Angola National Civil Protection Service is responsible for coordinating national disaster responses, in accordance with the Angola Civil Protection Services Law. Angola Red Cross (ARC) is a member of the National Emergency Commission and attends all coordination meetings. The national society is also a member of the

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Technical Unit for Humanitarian Coordination, through which it establishes partnerships with other humanitarian agencies. At the provincial level, ARC branches are part of the government's provincial response mechanisms.

The National Civil Protection Service formed a taskforce/coordination group, which meets regularly. The task force is comprised of ARC, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), World Health Organisation (WHO) and other government departments. Administrators of municipalities report daily, through the governor's office, and update the task force on the floods situation. The military is responsible for transport, search and rescue activities. The Ministry of Health, supported by MSF and WHO, is responsible for disease surveillance, setting up of treatment centres at collection points and provision of vaccinations. The Ministry of Social Rehabilitation is responsible for shelter and logistics. ARC is supporting the government in health and hygiene promotion, water and sanitation (WatSan), tracing, community-based first aid (CBFA) and provision of non-food items.

In Moxico, the local government has set-up an emergency response team for Cazombo Municipality. The ARC assessment team has been meeting with the local authority in Cazombo to establish the needs of the affected population. To date, most agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have left the Cazombo Municipality save for the Red Cross and IOM who are their maintaining presence. Based on this background, ARC is seeking financial and material resources to assist in meeting the immediate needs of the affected people in Moxico. The ARC floods taskforce is composed of the secretary general, the finance director, the health coordinator and the disaster management coordinator. The task force meets daily to share information and to discuss plans of action.

The proposed operation

Overall Objective: To provide humanitarian assistance to 5,000 families affected by floods in Moxico Province by providing temporary shelter, water and sanitation facilities.

Objective 1 (Relief items): Provision of non-food items to 5,000 families in Cazombo Municipality, Moxico Province.

Activities planned to meet this objective:

Procuring and distributing the following non-food items to 5,000 families:

- 15,000 blankets (three per family);
- 15,000 mosquito nets (three per family);
- 5,000 water buckets (one per family);
- 5,000 kitchen sets (each kitchen set consists of five plates, five spoons, two cooking pots and six cups);
- 10,000 1kg bars of soap (two per family).

Objective 2 (WatSan and hygiene promotion): Ensure access to adequate safe and clean water as well as sanitation facilities (excreta disposal, solid waste disposal, drainage and vector control) and hygiene promotion by 5,000 families in Moxico Province for three months, meeting SPHERE minimum standards.

Activities planned to meet this objective:

- Providing safe and clean water by procuring and distributing two litres of liquid chlorine and 1.2 million water makers to 5,000 families;
- Chlorinating water sources at population centres and temporary camps;
- Monitoring and testing of water quality;
- Providing sanitation facilities by constructing 10 ventilated-improved pit (VIP) latrines, distributing 500 sanitary platforms (SanPlats) and supervising latrine construction;
- Conducting vector control activities, including spraying and clean-up campaigns where required;
- Conducting hygiene promotion and targeted hygiene campaigns to influence good hygiene practices;
- Monitoring incidences of waterborne or water-washed diseases;
- Assessing the needs for expanded WatSan interventions, recovery and rehabilitation.

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Objective 3 (Health): Providing primary health care to 5,000 families in Moxico Province.

Activities planned to meet this objective:

- Conducting health education and promoting activities in the affected communities;
- Training of trainers for 100 community leaders on sanitation using the Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) methodology;
- Facilitating the training of 5,000 families on PHAST;
- Training communities to administer oral rehydration solutions (ORS) to cholera patients;
- Identifying suspected cholera cases and referring them to health centre;
- Promoting early treatment behaviours among the community members;
- Providing community-based first aid to the affected members of the community;
- Procuring and distributing 25,000 IEC materials;
- Providing Red Cross volunteers with 100 t-shirts and 100 caps for use during social mobilization and health education.

Objective 4 (Institutional development): Angola Red Cross has appropriate and affordable organizational structures at provincial and branch levels, with equipment to improve their disaster response capacities.

Activities planned to meet this objective:

- Conducting community-based disaster management (CBDM) training for 50 volunteers;
- Providing 50 first aid kits and protective clothing for 50 volunteers.

Capacity of the National Society

ARC has a volunteer base that can adequately cover the operation. However, the volunteers need appropriate training in distribution and social mobilization; to date, 20 have been trained in HIV and AIDS awareness and 25 in social mobilization. Additional 35 volunteers may have to be mobilized and trained, should the need arise. To strengthen the local branch, a technical health delegate is being deployed for the cholera operation, and will offer assistance to the branch for at least three months.

Capacity of the Federation

In November 2002, the Federation re-established its country delegation in Angola. Since then, the country delegation has a small team whose role is to build the capacity of ARC; the team comprises of the Federation representative, a WatSan delegate, and locally-contracted administrative finance and support staff. The Federation has been working with ARC specifically in the areas of organizational development, with emphasis on finance development and health and care programmes. Capacity building has included improving planning, coordination and networking with government agencies and other humanitarian organizations.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Angola Red Cross Moxico provincial secretary is responsible for the day-to-day management distributions of relief items and social mobilization activities. The national disaster management officer is coordinating the operation at national level, with support from the task force. The provincial secretary will ensure that activities are undertaken, specified and adapted to needs as recommended by assessments conducted by the coordination team.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Clothing & textiles	477,750
Water & sanitation	224,560
Medical & first aid	3,250
Utensils & tools	331,500
Other relief supplies	13,500
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	1,050,560
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<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>	
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6.5% of total)	92,057
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	
Distribution & storage & clearance	17,257
Transport & vehicle costs - Other	8,840
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
Expatriate staff	44,620
National staff	31,265
Workshops and Training	24,050
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Travel & related expenses	5,197
Information expenses	8,125
Communication	23,900
Administrative & general expenses	110,393
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	365,704
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TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	1,416,264
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LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	0
NET REQUEST	1,416,264
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