

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Uganda: Floods

Emergency appeal no. MDRUG006
GLIDE no. FL-2007-000138-UGA
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Operations Update No. 5

Period covered: 18 December 2007 to 30 March, 2008

Appeal target: CHF 11,413,603 (USD 9,511,366 or EUR 6,942,581);

Appeal coverage: 65%

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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 20 September, 2007 for CHF 8,928,075 for 6 months to assist 100,000 beneficiaries.
- A total of four operations updates have been issued;
- A Revised Emergency Appeal for CHF 11,413,603 was issued on 18 December 2007 to assist 125,000 beneficiaries for 10 months.
- CHF 174,197 (USD 144,802 or EUR 105,959) was initially allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), on 3 September 2007, to support this operation. Unearmarked funds to replenish DREF are encouraged.
- This operation is expected to be implemented over 10 months, and will therefore be completed by July 2008; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

Summary: Targeting 20,000 households, the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) has intervened to improve the health status, health awareness and reduce the incidence of water-borne and vector transmitted diseases. The National Society also assessed, planned and implemented early recovery activities together with the affected communities as well as key local, national and international actors. The flood-affected communities were assisted in strengthening communal assets and rebuilding their homes using more sustainable techniques. A total of 21,431 households have been assisted from 4 districts of Katakwi, Bukedea, Amuria and Soroti.

The situation

Extensive flooding occurred in various parts of north and eastern Uganda compounded by unusually heavy rainfall between July and mid-September 2007. The affected communities, especially in Amuria and Katakwi districts were already considered to be extremely vulnerable with many people either already displaced due to attacks from cattle raiders or armed insurgents, or under the threat of attack. The flooding therefore heightened their vulnerability and negatively affected household capacity to cope with future disasters. Despite the emergency interventions made in these affected communities during the emergency phase, the destruction caused by the floods was huge leaving these communities with high levels of vulnerabilities in the areas of water and sanitation, shelter, health and care as well as economic and food security. External assistance is still necessary to enable the affected communities to progressively rebuild their livelihoods, become food and economic secure, improve their health and care, water and sanitation and eventual empowerment to cope with future disasters.

Coordination and partnerships

The Red Cross progressively participates in coordination meeting at all levels including with the Office of the Prime Minister, Red Cross Movement partners and UN agencies using the UN cluster approach. This remains the main coordinating body that guides the interventions in all activities including Watsan, food security, health and relief assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) emergency interventions have been focusing on provision of emergency relief essential non-food items, water and sanitation, health and care in affected communities in Teso Sub region (Amuria, Katakwi, Soroti, Bukedea and Sironko districts) and Lango sub-region of Lira District. The overall target for the emergency phase was 25,000 households (125,000 beneficiaries); the proposed target to be reached in the recovery phase will be 10,000 households (50,000 beneficiaries).

The recovery operational strategy

In the mid-term phase, there are two major activities of focus under economic security component. These include food security and community empowerment. The table below includes both components and the proposed activities:

Table 1: Economic Security and Activities Planned for Implementation

Economic Security Component	Proposed Activities
Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute seeds and tools aiming to support the production of food for self consumption in the affected families.
Community Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate formation, train and give support to 60 agricultural groups for diversification of income sources, improving household incomes and general improvement of the livelihoods of the affected families.

Water and sanitation recovery interventions will minimize the risk of water-related disease outbreaks. The initial Watsan activity in the medium-term will be disinfection of wells using local pump technicians. This will allow communities to collect clean water from their wells without the need for household disinfection. Additional wells will need to be rehabilitated in addition to disinfection. It is the policy of the Ugandan Ministry of Water that any rehabilitation of a water source must be preceded by a 30% increase in sanitation coverage. Therefore, construction of eco-san latrines and the promotion of "Arborloo" and traditional pit latrines will be carried out before rehabilitations of hand pumps are initiated. Meetings will be conducted to secure community participation in Watsan activities and select suitable latrine designs. Hygiene promotion will transition from direct message delivery to the participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) process of community hygiene behaviour change. Hygiene messages will also be disseminated through radio spots and talk shows.

The shelter programme focuses on annually flooded villages and camps. The main focus is to strengthen their communal assets and to empower them to rebuild using more flood-resistant and sustainable techniques. On camp level, the communities will be supported and empowered to become more sustainable without external support (self-support, recreating space and technical training).

Progress towards objectives

Emergency relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: Provide emergency shelter and essential household items to at least 25,000 vulnerable households.

Progress

A total of 21,431 households have been assisted so far from 4 districts of Katakwi, Bukedea, Amuria and Soroti. These beneficiaries have been assisted with relief items including kitchen sets, jerry cans, buckets, insecticide-treated nets (ITNs), PUR sachets, Aqua tabs, blankets and soap. This is shown in the table below.

Table 1: Distribution of non-food items by the URCS volunteers

Districts	HH	Jerry cans	Kitchen sets	Tarps	Soap	Blankets	ITN	Buckets	PUR	Aqua tabs
Katakwi	5,909	5,252	493	11,271	20,501	15,150	12,139	5,753	128,340	18,720
Bukedea	1,001	20	0	980	0	0	1,001	-	-	-
Amuria	12,888	13,640	1,958	21,969	44,412	28,862	24,305	9,987	156,900	0
Soroti	1,633	3,234	1,709	2,421	3,133	4,130	3,418	-	-	-
Total	21,431	22,146	4,160	36,641	68,046	48,142	40,863	15,740	-	18,720

Health and care

Objective: To contribute to improved health status, health awareness and reduced incidence of water-borne and vector transmitted diseases among at least 20,000 households

Progress

A total of 20 boreholes have been rehabilitated in Acowa Sub-County, Amuria District. The villages that have benefited from the rehabilitations so far include Aagu East, Abolot, Acinga, Acomait, Acowa Health Center, Adodoi Central, Ajeliek Central, Ajeleik TC, Akamurieri, Amero, Angaro, Angerepo, Apungurei, Atirai, Entebbe Cell, Karuma Cell, Matailong, Oderai, Oitelaikiliok and St. Peters Primary School. Fifteen water sources have been disinfected by dropping 5 per cent of chlorine in Amuria District. Five other water sources have been identified for disinfection in Katakwi District. A total of 9,969 bars of hygiene soap have been distributed to 3,323 households in the parishes of Obur, Amaseniko A and Amaseniko B in Amuria District.

The 45 community-based volunteers trained in PHAST methodology are continuing with hygiene promotion in their respective communities both in Katakwi and Amuria districts.

Recovery and rehabilitation interventions

Objective: To assess, plan and implement early recovery activities together with the affected communities and key local, national and international stakeholders

Progress:

There was no update under this objective at the time of reporting.

Emergency Shelter

Objective: To strengthen communal assets and empower communities to rebuild with more flood-resistant and sustainable techniques through community participation and ownership for approximately 10,000 households (96 villages)

Progress:

Much of this activity was marked for implementation in the emergency phase but it only took place in January 2008. So far, a total of 16 technical volunteers have been trained to supervise construction of the flood-resistant shelters in the 6 sub-counties in Amuria District (Obalanga, Kapelebyong and Acowa) and Katakwi District (Ngariam, Usuk and Ongongoja).

In Amuria and Katakwi districts, 7,023 households have received construction communal kits comprising of hammers, bricks moulding tools, sisal ropes, wheel barrows, jerry cans, pick axes, hoes, trowels, axes, spades, spirit levels, dump level, sickles, flat files, pliers, nails and wood preservatives.

Construction of over 800 huts started from mid-March, 2008. Before the construction began, some 18 models of grass-thatched and flood-resistant huts were set up in 6 sub-counties to guide the technical teams during the construction process. More than 1,000 households have already moulded bricks and might start constructing within a week's time. A total of 224 community-based volunteers in the sub-counties of have been trained to assist the 16 technical volunteers in day to day supervision of the shelter construction in their communities.

Objective 2: Empowering communities in camps to improve life quality and to facilitate the return-process (20 camps).

Progress

An update under the community empowerment objective will be included in the next reporting phase.

Objective 3: (Economic security oriented): To contribute to improve the economic security and resilience to cope with future disasters affecting their main means of subsistence of 10,000 households affected by the floods.

Progress

Seed kits for 10,000 households have been procured and distributed to targeted beneficiaries in Katakwi and Amuria districts. In Katakwi, seed kits were distributed in Kapujan, Omodoi, Ongongoja, Toroma and Usuk sub-counties. Meanwhile the sub-counties of Acowa, Kapelebyong and Morungatuny were served with the seed kits in Amuria District.

Thirty farmers' groups have been formed in Acowa, Kapelebyong (Amuria district) and Ongongoja (Katakwi District). In addition, setting up of seeds committees in each of the 8 sub-counties has been completed. Each committee is composed of 11 members. Youth and women representatives form at least 70 per cent of the committee, chaired by the agriculture extension officer in the sub-county.

Capacity building

Objective: Prepare for effective, timely and appropriate monitoring and response to emergencies and vulnerabilities.

Progress:

Information on capacity building of the URCS will be included in upcoming operations updates.

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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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/8-2008/3
Budget Timeframe	2007/9-2008/6
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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		11,413,603				11,413,603
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>		72,219				72,219
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>		6,932				6,932
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)</i>		420,998				420,998
<i>China - Private Donors</i>		31				31
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>		100,994				100,994
<i>ECHO</i>		1,496,700				1,496,700
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		26,378				26,378
<i>Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)</i>		181,500				181,500
<i>Icelandic Red Cross (from Icelandic Government)</i>		78,401				78,401
<i>Irish Government</i>		498,000				498,000
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>		41,500				41,500
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		323,170				323,170
<i>Korea Republic Red Cross</i>		7,937				7,937
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>		25,095				25,095
<i>New Zealand Red Cross (from New Zealand Government)</i>		440,442				440,442
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		922				922
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>		712,116				712,116
<i>On Line donations</i>		1,323				1,323
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		769,380				769,380
<i>Swiss Government</i>		400,000				400,000
<i>United Arab Emirates - Private Dono</i>		14,444				14,444
<i>United Arab Emirates Red Crescent</i>		5,851				5,851
C1. Cash contributions		5,624,332				5,624,332
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>ECHO</i>		354,150				354,150
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		354,150				354,150
<u>Inkind Goods & Transport</u>						
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>		116,502				116,502
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		452,692				452,692
<i>ICRC</i>		210,183				210,183
<i>Kenyan Red Cross</i>		590,259				590,259
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		14,190				14,190
C3. Inkind Goods & Transport		1,383,826				1,383,826
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		7,362,308				7,362,308
D. Total Funding = B + C		7,362,308				7,362,308
Appeal Coverage		65%				65%

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II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		7,362,308				7,362,308
E. Expenditure		-7,192,783				-7,192,783
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		169,525				169,525

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		11,413,603					11,413,603	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	1,315,670		640,397				640,397	675,273
Construction Materials	900,000							900,000
Clothing & textiles	262,500		645,259				645,259	-382,759
Food	333,897							333,897
Seeds,Plants	300,000		561				561	299,439
Water & Sanitation	2,015,807		2				2	2,015,805
Medical & First Aid	231,916		47,082				47,082	184,834
Teaching Materials	50,000							50,000
Utensils & Tools	1,254,661		370,073				370,073	884,588
Other Supplies & Services	262,300		120,709				120,709	141,591
Total Supplies	6,926,751		1,824,082				1,824,082	5,102,669
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	74,205							74,205
Computers & Telecom	231,610		15,031				15,031	216,579
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	220,000		52,511				52,511	167,489
Medical Equipment	15,000							15,000
Others Machinery & Equipment	60,000							60,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	600,815		67,542				67,542	533,273
Transport & Storage								
Storage	272,141		13,153				13,153	258,988
Distribution & Monitoring	487,000		115,010				115,010	371,990
Transport & Vehicle Costs	259,000		25,960				25,960	233,040
Total Transport & Storage	1,018,141		154,122				154,122	864,019
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	460,400		97,935				97,935	362,465
Regionally Deployed Staff	261,763							261,763
National Staff	50,000		8,913				8,913	41,087
National Society Staff	100,000		470				470	99,530
Consultants	20,000		19,700				19,700	300
Total Personnel	892,163		127,017				127,017	765,146
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	80,000		590				590	79,410
Total Workshops & Training	80,000		590				590	79,410
General Expenditure								
Travel	72,588		57,026				57,026	15,562
Information & Public Relation	50,000		795				795	49,205
Office Costs	598,085		8,187				8,187	589,898
Communications	28,726		37,286				37,286	-8,560
Professional Fees	69,450		411				411	69,039
Financial Charges	20,000		-9,335				-9,335	29,335
Other General Expenses	315,000		192,538				192,538	122,462
Total General Expenditure	1,153,849		286,909				286,909	866,940
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			4,319,598				4,319,598	-4,319,598
Total Contributions & Transfers			4,319,598				4,319,598	-4,319,598
Programme Support								
Program Support	741,884		397,579				397,579	344,305
Total Programme Support	741,884		397,579				397,579	344,305
Services								
Services & Recoveries			15,343				15,343	-15,343

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		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		11,413,603					11,413,603	
Total Services			15,343				15,343	-15,343
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	11,413,603	7,192,783					7,192,783	4,220,821
VARIANCE (C - D)		4,220,821					4,220,821	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Disaster Management							
PUG017	UGANDA FLOODS	0	7,362,308	-7,192,783	169,525	11,413,603	4,220,821
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	7,362,308	-7,192,783	169,525	11,413,603	4,220,821
Total	Uganda - Floods	0	7,362,308	-7,192,783	169,525	11,413,603	4,220,821