

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Central Africa: Chad and Cameroon Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDR62003
GLIDE n° FL-2008-000126-TCD/CMR
Operations update n° 1
31 December 2008

Period covered by this Operations Update: 1st October to 30 October 2008.

Appeal target (current): CHF 438,119 (USD 396,667 or EUR 285,178);

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 29 September 2008 for CHF 438,119 (USD 396,667 or EUR 285,178) for 3 months to assist 21,180 beneficiaries.
- CHF 46,402 was initially allocated from the West and Central Africa preparedness appeal to support the National Society to respond.



Non-food items distribution in Chad

Summary: From 1st to 30 October 2008, Red Cross volunteers distributed non-food items to beneficiaries in N'Djamena (Chad) and Garoua (Cameroon). Red Cross volunteers were trained on water treatment techniques and on sensitization methods to spread information on hygiene and sanitation rules in Garoua. The trained volunteers have already conducted 16 sensitization sessions in Garoua, and have started treating water points and wells and rehabilitating latrines.

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The situation

The rains have stopped in both countries and affected people have begun to return to their homes. Some affected people who lost their homes, are preparing to start rebuilding.

Coordination and partnerships

Government authorities in Cameroon and Chad accompanied Red Cross volunteers and authorities during the first phase of the implementation of the plan of action. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was also involved in Garoua, especially to help reunite family members that had been separated.

Meetings have taken place with local authorities, beneficiaries and the Red Cross of Chad branches to identify the needs for the recovery process. The National Society is also organizing a meeting with government partners

to inform the Red Cross movement activities. The National Society also is collaborating with electronic and print media in promoting the activities of the Red Cross.

National Society Capacity Building

Red Cross volunteers in Garoua have been trained on flood management, including water treatment and environmental hygiene. They were taught to treat water points and obtain potable water during crisis situations. The volunteers were also retrained on the early alert system. In N'Djamena, Red Cross volunteers were trained on distribution techniques. This gives both National Societies an added value in flood preparedness and response.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)

Objective: Some 4,606 families (23,030 beneficiaries) affected by floods (1,660 in Chad and 2,946 in Cameroon) will benefit from the distribution of non-food items.

Activities planned:

- Distribution of non-food items (NFI) to the point of distribution
- Advocacy with partners for increased assistance to vulnerable people targeted by this operation
- Follow-up and evaluation of relief activities and reporting on distribution
- Restock the Yaoundé regional warehouse and Chad National Society emergency supply of non-food items.

Progress:

At the end of September additional rains fell in Chad. A further assessment was carried out before the distribution of NFI. The Red Cross Chad extended the operation to include more regions and revised the NFI to be distributed. In south and east Chad, 1,660 families were identified for NFI distribution in the following locations: in N'djamena (7th subdivision), Moyen Chari (Sarh), Mayo Kebbi, (Bongor), Logone Oriental (Doba, Goré), Tandjilé (Béré), Batha (Athi) and Ouadi Fira (Biltine). A distribution briefing was held with 75 Red Cross Chad volunteers. These volunteers distributed 1,667 blankets, 1,660 buckets and 915 tarpaulins and to 1,660 families. See below charts for distribution details. Distribution was based on the real needs of beneficiaries.

Distribution of NFI in Chad, October 1-9, 2008

Region/City	Non Food Items	
	Tarp 1/ family	Blanket 1/family
N'djamena (7th subdivision)	220	510
Tandjilé (Béré)	120	279
District of Doba	160	211
District of Bongor	163	239
Town of Sarh	100	0
Town of Goré	50	200
Town of Batha (Athi)	52	125
Town of Biltine	50	103
TOTAL	915	1,667

In Cameroon (Garoua), 30 trained Red Cross volunteers divided into 7 teams distributed 3,750 blankets, 3,750 mats, 1,275 jerry cans, 1,600 buckets, 2,500 mosquito nets and 4,740 pieces of soap to 2,198 families (17,502 beneficiaries). These non-food items were all received from the Federation.

The emergency phase is complete, and focus is now on the recovery process. Needs identification is being carried out. The next update will discuss this recovery phase.

Restock of the Yaoundé regional warehouse and Chad National Society emergency supply of non-food items is pending further funding of this appeal to enable the replenishment of the stock. Stock to replenish these supplies was received from the Danish Red Cross: 7,200 jerry cans, 2,500 tarpaulins, and 8,000 blankets. The Finnish Red Cross also plans to contribute to the replenishment of these stocks.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene promotion for 4,606 families (23,030 beneficiaries) affected by floods (1,660 in Chad and 2,946 families in Cameroon)

Activities planned

- Build sanitation capacities of the Red Cross National Societies through training and/or retraining Red Cross volunteers on water treatment and the use of chemicals to that effect
- Training of volunteers on household water treatment products and hygiene promotion
- Distribution of household water treatment (HHWT) products and sensitisation on the use of HHWT
- Empty flooded wells by pumping, then disinfection of wells and other water sources by trained volunteers
- Disinfect selected latrines
- Clean gutters and carry out other sanitation activities
- Sensitize populations to hygiene and sanitation rules.

Progress:

In Chad, disinfection of selected latrines was carried out in each of localities. Water and sanitation items (buckets) were distributed to households. Prior to distribution, communities were sensitized to hygiene and sanitation rules.

Distribution of Water and sanitation items in Chad, October 1-9, 2008

Region/City	Bucket (1/ family)
N'djamena (7th subdivision)	495
Tandjilé (Béré)	279
District of Doba	211
District of Bongor	247
Town of Goré	200
Town of Batha (Athi)	125
Town of Biltine	103
TOTAL	1,660

In Cameroon (Garoua), Red Cross volunteers have been sensitising populations to hygiene and sanitation rules. Thus far 16 sensitisation sessions have been conducted in 64 neighbourhoods of Garoua I and II, reaching over 20,000 persons. Populations were also sensitized on methods to obtain potable water in a crisis situation like flooding to avoid water borne diseases. Posters and signs to support sensitizations were designed and displayed in public squares. The volunteers have also started treating water points and rehabilitating latrines.

Challenges:

Apart from the closed nature of some neighbourhoods in Garoua, no major constraints have been encountered. This operation has provided an occasion to verify that the Cameroon Red Cross Society is capable of managing several situations at a time. It should be noted that this National Society has been managing Chadian refugees in northern Cameroon since early February 2008, with the support of the Federation.

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	2008/9-2008/10
Budget Timeframe	2008/9-2008/12
Appeal	MDR62003
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	438,119					438,119
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	44,400					44,400
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	44,400					44,400
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	46,402					46,402
C5. Other Income	46,402					46,402
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	90,802					90,802
D. Total Funding = B + C	90,802					90,802
Appeal Coverage	21%					21%

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	90,802					90,802
E. Expenditure	-38,496					-38,496
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	52,306					52,306

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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)		438,119					438,119	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	287,590						287,590	
Water & Sanitation	14,985	105				105	14,880	
Medical & First Aid	7,850						7,850	
Teaching Materials	1,063						1,063	
Other Supplies & Services	36,825						36,825	
Total Supplies	348,313	105				105	348,208	
Transport & Storage								
Storage		936				936	-936	
Distribution & Monitoring	8,000	5,880				5,880	2,120	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	6,375	185				185	6,190	
Total Transport & Storage	14,375	7,001				7,001	7,374	
Personnel								
National Staff	6,450	1,897				1,897	4,553	
National Society Staff	29,475	1,066				1,066	28,409	
Total Personnel	35,925	2,962				2,962	32,963	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,625	9,068				9,068	-6,443	
Total Workshops & Training	2,625	9,068				9,068	-6,443	
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,903						2,903	
Information & Public Relation		188				188	-188	
Office Costs	2,375						2,375	
Communications	3,125	360				360	2,765	
Total General Expenditure	8,403	548				548	7,855	
Programme Support								
Program Support	28,478	2,502				2,502	25,975	
Total Programme Support	28,478	2,502				2,502	25,975	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		16,309				16,309	-16,309	
Total Operational Provisions		16,309				16,309	-16,309	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	438,119	38,496				38,496	399,623	
VARIANCE (C - D)		399,623				399,623		