

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Burundi: Floods

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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 146,222 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 8 October 2008 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 2,770 beneficiaries (554 households).

The Burundi Red Cross Society (BRCS) successfully provided 554 households with emergency items to lessen the impact of household and crop damage as a result of the severe rains and subsequent flooding.

Distribution of non-food items (NFIs), as well as promotion of agricultural recovery, was targeted to the affected population. While a malaria prevention campaign targeting pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under five years was conducted.

This operation was conducted in collaboration with the Government of Burundi, World Food Programme (WFP) and the Partner National Societies (PNSs). The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

During the second half of September 2008, heavy rains followed by floods in several provinces resulted in destruction of crops and houses in many provinces of Burundi. The most affected provinces were: Bujumbura Rural, Cibitoke and Ngozi. Although the extent of the crisis was very limited, the most affected households lost their entire harvest yield expected for the season, which increased their vulnerability with regard to the issue of food security.

The initial assessments indicated that the most affected households had effectively lost all of their crops from this short rainy season (September to December 2008). At the same time a number of families were displaced from their homes by floods and were temporarily being housed by neighbours and relatives.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The proposed Red Cross operation was to provide relief assistance in the form of NFIs, prevention of cases of malaria, and promote agricultural recovery to the population mostly affected by the floods in the provinces of Ngozi, Bujumbura Rural and Cibitoke. These activities were carried out in close cooperation with government agencies, the World Food Programme and Partner National Societies in Burundi.

Staff and volunteers from the three branches in the affected were mobilized during the operation to support assessments, targeting and distribution, and awareness campaigns. While, the monitoring and evaluation of the operation was carried out by the BRCS within the framework of the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM).

Achievements against objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: Contribute to the provision of the immediate needs of 554 affected households through distribution of NFIs and temporary shelter items.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 554 most affected households in Bujumbura Rural, Cibitoke and Ngozi Provinces are supported with essential non-food items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification and targeting of the most vulnerable households. Purchase and transport of NFIs to the three affected provinces. Mobilization and training of volunteers on relief distribution procedures. Organization of the distribution of relief items to the targeted beneficiaries.

Achievements

Basic shelter needs were met and hygiene promotion was elevated. Affected households received emergency relief items in the form of farming hoes, clothing, blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheets, soap, cooking sets and mosquito nets (**see table 1 below**).

Table 1: Relief items distributed to the affected households

RELIEF ITEMS	NGOZI	BUJUMBURA RURAL	CIBITOKÉ	TOTAL
Blankets	644	802	1,324	2,770
Jerry cans	283	284	541	1,108
Plastic sheeting	283	284	541	1,108
Soaps (100 grams)	3,210	3,240	4,630	11,080
Mosquito nets	176	231	286	693
Cooking sets	126	164	264	554
Farming hoes	449	582	1,185	2,216
Sleeping mats	508	642	1,220	2,370
Women clothing (sets)	411	504	1,163	2,078

Emergency health

Objective: Contribute to the promotion of the use of insecticide treated bed nets (ITNs) for the prevention of malaria amongst vulnerable pregnant women and children under five.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most vulnerable group, consisting of children under five and pregnant or lactating women use ITNs for prevention of malaria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of vulnerable groups and target beneficiaries through the volunteers in the three branches. Organization of awareness raising sessions on the importance of mosquito nets for the prevention of malaria in collaboration with the Provincial Health Authorities. Procure and transport of nets to affected areas. Organization of the distribution of nets to target beneficiaries. Follow up and supervision on use of nets at the household level.

Achievements

Most vulnerable groups made up of pregnant and lactating women as well as children under five benefited from increased protection against malaria. All households with the demographics of the targeted group were issued two mosquito nets. The distribution was followed by an awareness campaign emphasizing the importance of utilizing mosquito nets to reduce the occurrence of malaria within the population. Supervision of the installation of the mosquito nets by members of the local Red Cross village units complemented the campaign.

Challenges

Mosquito nets were used to serve more adults rather than children which were the more vulnerable group. This was attributed to low awareness within the affected population of the groups most vulnerable to malaria. Special attention to this was provided by BRCS's volunteers and addressed through awareness campaigns.

Emergency food security

Objective: Contribute to the re-establishment of livelihoods of the most affected households.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The beneficiaries of the intervention meet their needs to prepare for the next harvest season (January to February 2009) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification and targeting of the most vulnerable households. Purchase and transportation of relevant seeds to affected provinces. Mobilization and training of volunteers on distribution and proper techniques for various seeds and seedlings. Organization of seed and seedling distribution.

Achievements

Households that received support in the form of seeds experienced a normal harvest. In addition to the distribution of seeds, Red Cross volunteer agronomists facilitated training and awareness sessions on agricultural techniques.

Seeds or Vegetables	NGOZI	BUJUMBURA RURAL	CIBITOKÉ	TOTAL
Sweet potatoes (pcs)	141,000	142,000	271,000	554,000
Beans (Kg)	1,410	1,420	2,710	5,540
Maize (Kg)	2,820	2,840	5,420	11,080
Banana youn plants (pcs)	2,820	2,840	5,420	11,080
Cassava mosaic resistant (pcs)	56,400	56,800	108,400	221,600
Vegetable Seeds (grams)	1,410	1,420	2,710	5,540

Challenges

During the duration of the operation only cabbage seeds were available at the Provincial Offices of Agriculture and Livestock. While other seeds were available from other sources, some communities' farming customs were not compatible with the type of crop, such as corn which is not widely consumed in many parts of the province of Bujumbura Rural.

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	2008/10-2009/7
Budget Timeframe	2008/10-2009/1
Appeal	MDRBI003
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	146,222					146,222
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
Voluntary Income	146,238					146,238
C5. Other Income	146,238					146,238
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	146,238					146,238
D. Total Funding = B + C	146,238					146,238
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	146,238					146,238
E. Expenditure	-146,238					-146,238
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)		146,222					146,222	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	39,571	30,443					30,443	9,128
Clothing & textiles	24,118	32,562					32,562	-8,444
Seeds,Plants	26,117	30,406					30,406	-4,289
Water & Sanitation	9,770							9,770
Utensils & Tools	15,804	6,903					6,903	8,901
Other Supplies & Services		36,016					36,016	-36,016
Total Supplies	115,380	136,329					136,329	-20,949
Transport & Storage								
Storage	16,473							16,473
Transport & Vehicle Costs		70					70	-70
Total Transport & Storage	16,473	70					70	16,403
Personnel								
National Staff	536							536
National Society Staff	1,250							1,250
Total Personnel	1,786							1,786
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relation	3,079							3,079
Financial Charges		29					29	-29
Total General Expenditure	3,079	29					29	3,050
Programme Support								
Program Support	9,504	9,505					9,505	-1
Total Programme Support	9,504	9,505					9,505	-1
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		304					304	-304
Total Operational Provisions		304					304	-304
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	146,222	146,238					146,238	-15
VARIANCE (C - D)		-15					-15	