

DREF operation



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Tanzania: 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 and 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.

CHF 88,353 (USD 81,012 or EUR 55,648) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Tanzania Red Cross National Society (TNRCS) in assisting some 7,500 affected people in Tanzania floods.

Summary: Areas of western, southwest and parts of the coastal province of Tanzania (Rukwa, Kigoma, Ruvuma, Pwani) have been receiving seasonal rains normal to above normal. Heavy downpours have been reported in Sumbawanga municipal in Rukwa region where three suburbs of Izia, Katandala and Sumbawanga are the most affected.

Assessment reports have indicated that a total of 1,117 families are in need of assistance in basic items to sustain their living; blankets, water buckets, insecticide-treated nets (ITNs), laundry soap and construction items to the most vulnerable families including women-headed families and people living with HIV (PLWHIV).

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 month, and will therefore be completed by 18 April, 2008; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

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The situation

Areas of western, coastal and southwest of Tanzania such as Rukwa, Kigoma, Ruvuma, Pwani have recently experienced heavy rains. Torrential downpours started on 10 January, and this rainfall pattern is expected to prevail over Sumbawanga municipality in Rukwa Region (where the three suburbs of Izia, Katandala and Sumbawanga are the most affected). One death of a four year old child has been reported, two people suffered serious injuries, and 133 houses have been severely damaged rendering more than 90 families (442 people) homeless/displaced. The majority are staying with relatives and friends. Between 13 and 14 January, another heavy downpour of more than 74mm (the highest calibration according to meteorological authorities) occurred in Kigoma lasting for two consecutive days. The rains affected mainly three localities of Mwanga, Businde and Ujiji where 45 houses completely collapsed and about 910 others houses had massive cracks in walls. Approximately 4,775 people were affected and the drainage system was damaged. Some 100 displaced families are staying with relatives and friends. During the same period another heavy downpour was reported in Utete (Rufiji) in Pwani Region where one death occurred and 22 houses had their roof sections blown off or caved in. A week before, similar downpours occurred in Ruvuma (south-western Tanzania) during which about 56 house roofs were blown away. As a result, 250 people are taking refuge with relatives. The Ruvuma Region borders Mozambique while Rukwa Region shares borders with Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Kigoma Region borders the DRC and Burundi. The number of the affected is shown the table below:

Affected communities in 4 provinces (Source: Tanzania Red Cross National Society)

Province	Affected Locations	Affected Households	Injured People	Deaths
Rukwa	Izia, Katandala, Sumbawanga	90	2	1
Kigoma	Mwanga, Businde, Ujiji	955	12	0
Ruvuma	Tunduru	50	0	0
Pwani	Utete	22	1	1
Contingency stocks		383		
Total		1,500	15	2

Coordination and partnerships

The local Government in affected areas organized teams including members from the Tanzania Red Cross National Society and other agencies for rapid assessments. The UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Kigoma have agreed to provide tarpaulins, small-size sweaters and blankets to children of below five years. The World Food Programme (WFP) has also agreed to provide food rations for three months. The Government in Kigoma will rehabilitate public facilities and damaged drainage system. The Rukwa local authorities have mobilized 2 million Tanzania Shillings (CHF 1,800) to cover the emergency needs. Contributions have also been received from commercial enterprises like the MS Energy Milling Company that availed 1,370kgs of maize flour in Rukwa.

The needs

Assessment reports indicate that a total of 1,117 households need further assistance of basic items including blankets, water buckets, long insecticide treated nets (ITNs), laundry soap and support of construction items to the most vulnerable families including women headed families and cement, roofing timber and nails for people living with HIV. Community education on malaria prevention/treatment and hygiene promotion is essential to be conducted in the affected communities for reduced incidences of communicable/water borne diseases. This will be done through organized sensitization and awareness meetings/campaigns and distribution of information, education and communication (IEC) materials. Based on the rainfall outlook from the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), the TRCS anticipates the floods to worsen, and hence a need to maintain and replenish relief stocks.

The proposed operation

Objective 1: Provide non-food items to cover basic non-food and shelter needs of 1,500 affected households in Rukwa, Kigoma, Pwani and Ruvuma Provinces.

Expected results: Improved shelter conditions among the affected households.

Activities planned:

- Identify and set up distribution sites;
- Procure relief items including 750 blankets, 600 water buckets, 750 mosquito nets, 1,500 pieces of laundry soap, 500 bags of cement, 2,500 pieces of timber (12ft) and 1,000kgs of nails;
- Distribute relief and shelter items to the targeted communities.

Objective 2: Safeguard health and promote hygiene awareness among the populations affected by floods.

Expected result: Reduced vulnerability towards diseases, including malaria and water borne infections.

Activities planned:

- To develop, produce and distribute 8,000 IEC materials/leaflets;
- Conduct community based First Aid (CBFA) training to 100 volunteers;
- Conduct community education on malaria prevention and hygiene promotion campaign to the affected families.

Capacity of the National Society

The TRCNS is working in partnership with government and nongovernmental organizations based in Tanzania, and proactively seeks to reach more vulnerable people through its programmes and services. In addition, the TRCNS has a wealth of experience in disaster management during floods and earthquakes

interventions, refugee relief operations, mass accident casualties as well as HIV & AIDS intervention and provision of first aid services in the community. A blood transfusion program is also being undertaken jointly with the Tanzania Ministry of Health and the Lake Victoria management program.

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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BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

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ORIGINAL

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	
Construction Materials	16,000
Clothing & Textiles	8,450
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	
Medical & First Aid	3,700
Teaching Materials	24,000
Utensils & Tools	3,640
Other Supplies & Services	1,300
Total Relief Needs	57,090

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Land & Buildings
Vehicles Purchase
Computers & Telecom Equipment
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.
Medical Equipment
Other Machinery & Equipment

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse	
Distribution & Monitoring	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,000

PERSONNEL

International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	14,000
Consultants	

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training

GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	
Information & Public Relations	
Office running costs	3,704
Communication Costs	
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	4,816

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR	5,743
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Total Operational Needs 31,263

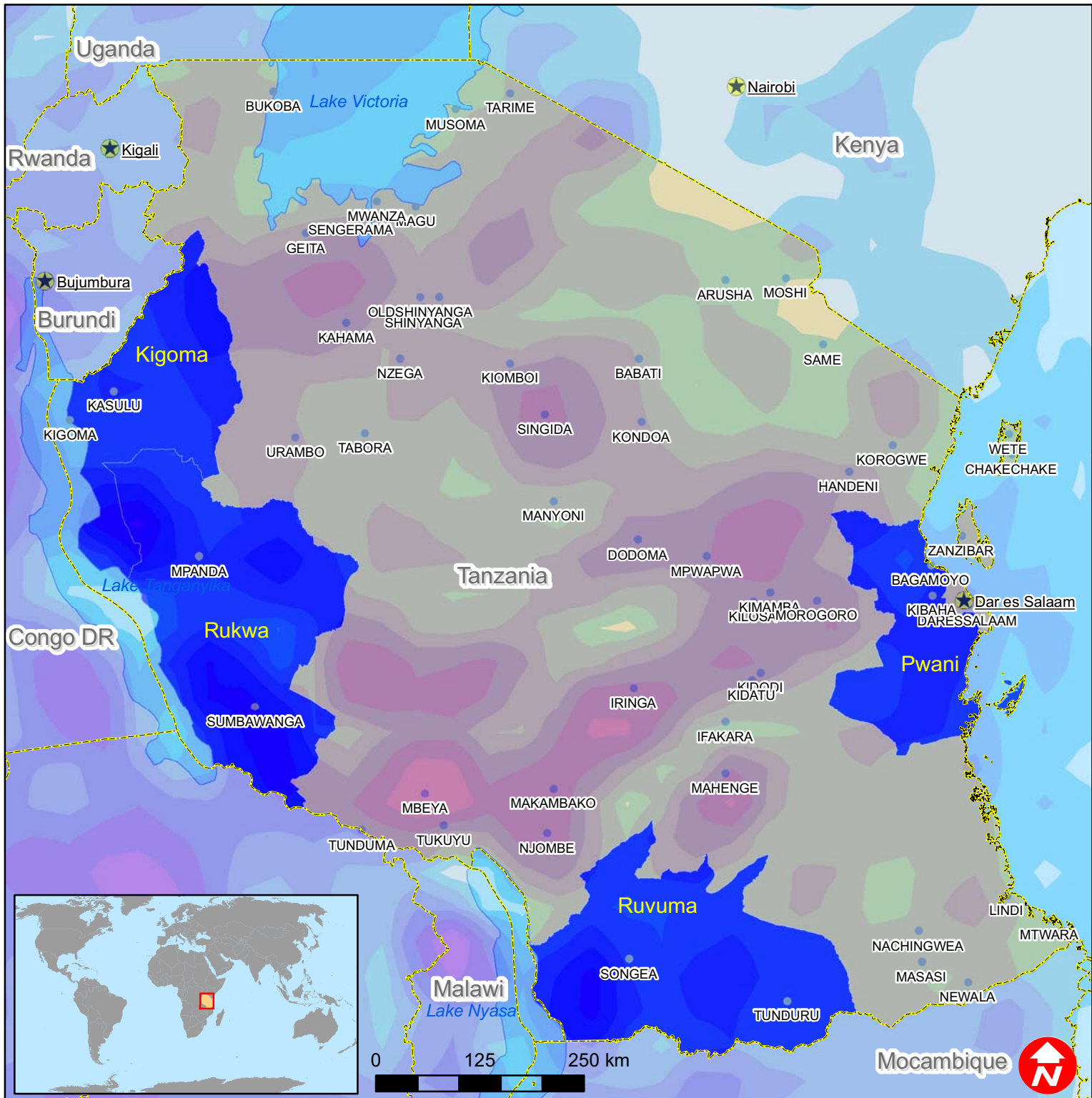
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind) 88,353

Available Ressources

Net Request 88,353



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Forecasted rain's accumulation 20 to 27 January 2008 (in mm)

4 - 15	35 - 61	201 - 280
16 - 34	62 - 95	281 - 382
	96 - 140	383 - 567
	141 - 200	568 - 965

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Affected provinces