

Emergency appeal



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

BURKINA FASO: FLOODS

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This preliminary Emergency Appeal seeks CHF 2,765,053 (USD2.6m or EUR 1.7m) in cash, kind, or services to support the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS) to assist some 40,000 beneficiaries who are considered to be the most vulnerable out of the nearly 150,000 people affected by the floods. The operation will be implemented for six months, and will be completed by the end of February, 2010. A Final Report will be made available by may 2010 (three months after the end of the operation).



Remainder of collapsed houses in flooded areas.

Summary: Heavy and persistent seasonal rainfall in late August and early September 2009 throughout the country has affected an estimated 150,000 people. Initial reports indicate that nine people have died, 48,000 are without shelter and living in temporary facilities, and over 1,000 persons are injured. These numbers are expected to climb. In addition to the immediate human toll, there are considerable losses or damage to household materials, crops, livestock, and basic infrastructure (roads, bridges, factories, hospitals and dams). Fire brigade teams have been working around the clock to preserve and prevent any further damage. The government has made available 93 temporary sites to host those who were unable to find accommodation and are actually sheltered in schools and public buildings. The situation is dire as most of these facilities do not have either the capacity to accommodate or the appropriate facilities and are generally located in flood-prone areas. Some improvised sites are also being created by the affected population while others are still camping at their former homes to protect the remainder of their houses.

The BRCS has mobilized its teams of volunteers to assist the affected communities to reduce the impact of the disaster and prevent the outbreak of water related diseases. Based on the current situation, this preliminary Emergency Appeal responds to a request from the BRCS to assist some 8,000 flood-affected families with an appropriate and timely response in delivering assistance and relief in the following sectors: non-food relief item distribution, emergency shelter, emergency health (basic care), water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion. The Federation has deployed a Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) to support the assessment and coordination efforts, and to work with the regional disaster response team members already in place. Two Emergency Response Units (ERUs) for relief and logistics are being deployed.

In addition to the significant support of CHF 200,000 already allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Societies in providing preparatory-type on a regional basis, the Federation has also been implementing a relatively new initiative in the form of an Early Warning/Early Action (EW/EA) Emergency Appeal (no. MDR61005 launched on a preliminary basis on 10 August 2009) for CHF 918,000. The EW/EA Appeal is primarily focused on disaster preparedness, including the readiness of trained staff and volunteers, and delivering vital relief items from pre-positioned emergency stocks in the region. The EW/EA Appeal also reflects the Federation's commitment to putting plans into action, and the effectiveness of collaborative efforts and partnerships with, among other

organizations, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) that provided credible early warning from weather data that forecast a risk of serious flooding in West and Central Africa. The information received from ACMAD allowed the National Societies to prepare accordingly. It is anticipated that action undertaken in the EW/EA Appeal will strengthen the planned activities envisioned in this flood response appeal.

The situation in the region is evolving quickly, and the Federation is in the process of developing other country-based Appeals to respond to the worsening conditions and the resulting needs. Donors are encouraged to continue their support to both types of Appeals (the early warning / early action initiative and the standard emergency response).

The situation

Heavy and persistent rainfall in late August and early September 2009 has affected an estimated 150,000 people. Initial reports indicate that nine people have died, thousands are homeless, and over 1,000 persons are injured. These numbers are expected to climb. In addition to the immediate human toll, there are considerable losses or damage to household materials, crops, livestock, and basic infrastructure (roads, bridges, factories, hospitals and dams). Fire brigade teams have been working around the clock to preserve and prevent any further damage. The government has made available 93 temporary sites to host those who were unable to find accommodation and are actually sheltered in schools and public buildings. The situation is dire as most of these facilities do not have either the accommodation capacity or the appropriate facilities and are generally located in flood-prone areas. Some improvised sites are also being created by the affected population while others are still camping at their former homes to protect the remainder of their houses. Based on the initial rapid assessments carried out by the Burkinabe Red Cross Society, the National Society plans to assist 8,000 of the most vulnerable families.

Other parts of the country (Kaya, Bagre, and Boulgou) have also been affected (see attached map). The hydro electrical dam in Boulgou has been opened its runoff valves to relieve pressure on the dam, leading to flooding in neighboring Ghana. Many affected areas remain inaccessible, while many structures including schools and mosques have been submerged by the flood water. There is considerable concern in the short-term related to the potential for an outbreak of water-based epidemics such as cholera, dysentery, malaria and other water-related diseases. Among the challenging aspects of the situation is the dispersed nature of the affected population, the management of sites accommodating those displaced, and the humanitarian needs of particularly vulnerable groups (children under 5 represent about 25% of the displaced persons).

Coordination and partnerships

The Government of Burkina Faso is managing the overall response, has initiated flood assistance operations and is providing financial support through the Ministry of Social Affairs and National Solidarity. Authorities have visited affected areas to assess the situation. The BRCS has been involved in these efforts. Those affected and now without shelter are currently being accommodated in temporary sites set up by the government. Social affair teams are prepared to provide psychological support to affected people in their villages and to help in conducting damage and needs assessments. The government has also put in place measures to guarantee security of the affected people.

Three governmental coordinating bodies, including the Conseil de Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, the Crisis Committee, which the Mayor chairs and reports to the Prime Minister's cabinet, and ad hoc committee chaired by CONASUR, are overseeing the allocation of humanitarian assistance. There are also inter-agency coordination meetings, as well as health, watsan, food security, protection, and inter-sectoral coordination meetings. A crisis committee has been set up by administrative authorities and is coordinating all field activities. The committee reports to national officials and shares information with humanitarian partners in Burkina Faso. A UN Disaster Assistance and Coordination (UNDAC) team has been deployed to support the on-site operation coordination centre.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

More than 180 Burkinabe Red Cross Society volunteers have been mobilized for the operation to support the flood response. The National Society has been actively participating in various coordination mechanisms. Partner National Societies such as the Belgium Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross, together with support from the International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), are consolidating their response strategy in the country. The BRCS mobilized its teams of volunteers in the affected areas to assist in evacuating people and their belongings, and to assess the damage. At the National Society headquarters, staff and management is working closely with the volunteers on the ground. The BRCS has distributed NFI from its emergency stock to 100 most vulnerable people and started with health and hygiene promotion activities: The distribution will continue with the Federation's Dakar Zone office support. The National Society is also mobilizing funds locally to scale-up its assistance to the affected communities. The Federation Zone has supported the National Society through its regional warehouse in Accra by providing NFI to 1,250 families, (6,250 beneficiaries). Stock replenishment is required.

The needs

In the preliminary assessment carried out by the BRCS, out of the 150,000 people affected by the floods, some 100,000 are currently without shelter and accommodated in 93 sites. This group is in need of immediate assistance. The National Society plans to assist some 40,000 persons who have been identified as the most vulnerable. The immediate needs are for blankets, mosquito nets, soap, sleeping mats, tarpaulins, jerrycans, water bladders, buckets, detergent, shelter kits, watsan kits, oral rehydration salts (ORS), and kitchen sets.

The proposed operation

The intervention will be focused on the distribution of non-food relief items, water and sanitation, and psycho-social support for the most vulnerable households affected by floods in the affected communities. The Red Cross will carry out sensitization and education activities on good hygiene practices including sessions on water purification (ORS) and sensitization on malaria.

Relief distributions (Basic non-food items)

Objective: 8,000 most vulnerable flood affected households (some 40,000 people) benefit from the distribution of non-food items (blankets, shelter kits, family tents, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, sleeping mats, kitchen sets)

Activities planned:

- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Procure and distribute non-food items, including mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats, tarpaulins, to 8000 targeted families.
- Distribute non-food items at target distribution points.
- Replenish the stock used from the federation stock in the region.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Emergency shelter

Objective: At least 500 affected households have safe and adequate shelter and settlement solutions through the provision of locally appropriate materials, tools, or tents.

Activities planned

- Assess the extent of the shelter needs and preferred shelter solutions.
- Enable the provision of safe and adequate locally appropriate shelter solutions through appropriate programming methodologies.
- Promote safe and durable shelter where possible through the provision of technical assistance and guidance to all involved in the shelter activities.
- Promote increased awareness and understanding of safe and adequate shelter response programming with the National Society and affected communities.

Water and sanitation

Objective: The risk of waterborne diseases has been reduced through the provision of potable water and sensitization on good hygiene practices to the most vulnerable flood-affected households through the distribution of jerrycans, provision of water bladders in the districts, construction of family pit latrines, and sensitizing the communities on good hygiene practices.

Activities planned:

- Strengthen the capacity of volunteers of BRCS in water treatment and the use of purification materials and good hygiene practices.
- Distribute water purification tablets and sensitize the population on their use.
- Distribute jerrycans, soap, buckets.
- Sensitize the population on good hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Position bladders in the sites.
- Construct family latrines.
- Monitor and evaluate the watsan activities and provide reporting.

Emergency health

Objective: Basic emergency health needs have been responded to by preventing diseases such as malaria, cholera, and diarrhoeal

Activities planned:

- Provide community sensitization on disease identification and referral advice.
- Distribute mosquito nets and oral rehydration salt (ORS) in an appropriate manner.
- Manage and conduct a basic health campaign.
- Monitor and evaluate the health activities and provide reporting.

Capacity building

Since 2007, the BRCS has benefited from the support of the International Federation within the framework of floods preparedness in the form of training, visibility and provision of security materials. Throughout these previous operations, the operational capacities of the BRCS have been enhanced following the “learning by doing” approach. The BFRC has extensive experience in responding to flood-related disasters, relief operations and social mobilization during health epidemics. However it is difficult for the National Society to cope with the situation in the flood-affected areas due to its limited capacity. Thus the BRCS has requested the support of the Federation. Meanwhile, the National Society has a good network of volunteers who help to manage community distributions and sensitization activities. The affected people are dispersed in the country and it is difficult to reach them and undertake a qualitative distribution. The FACT will therefore prove instrumental supporting the National Society to finalize the assessment and the global plan of action. It is anticipated that this appeal will be revised accordingly based on the evolving situation.

Logistics

The Federation’s West and Central Africa Zone logistics unit in Dakar is providing support to the Burkinabe Faso Red Cross. A detailed and up-to-date mobilization table will be available shortly on the Federation’s web site. The Federation will be working on the mobilization of specific relief items to respond to needs in the field; donors are encouraged to coordinate with the Dubai Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) regarding outstanding needs.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

Maintaining a steady flow of timely and accurate information between the field and other major stakeholders is vital for fundraising, advocacy and maintaining the profile of emergency operations. During an operation, communications between affected populations and the Red Cross and Red Crescent, as well as with the media and donors, is an essential mechanism for effective disaster response and the cornerstone to promote greater quality, accountability, and transparency. The communications activities outlined in this appeal aim at supporting the National Society to improve their communications capacities and develop appropriate communications tools and products to support effective operations. This will also enable donors to be informed of the progress and challenges in the implementation of the appeal.

Monitoring and evaluation

The in-country operational team will be responsible for the detailed monitoring of the operation in close cooperation with the BRCS which is implementing the activities. The zone office will provide support and advice to the National Society throughout the operation to ensure appropriate accountability and capacity building. An evaluation will be undertaken at the end of the operations phase to determine the appropriateness and effectiveness of the floods response undertaken by BRCS with the support of the Federation. The planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting capacities of the National Society will be improved with training that will be conducted during the operation. Timely and qualitative reporting is a key component in the implementation of this appeal as the zone office has committed itself.

Budget summary

See attached budget (Annex 1) for details.

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How we work

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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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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Burkina Floods

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ORIGINAL

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	543,000
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	304,000
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	336,675
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	3,700
Utensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	96,000
Total Relief Needs	1,283,375

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computers & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	32,500

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse	
Distribution & Monitoring	75,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	282,000

PERSONNEL

International Staff	646,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	101,250
Consultants	

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training	10,000
<i>Monitoring and evaluation</i>	25,000

GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	
Information & Public Relations	22,200
Office running costs	3,000
Communication Costs	15,000
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	90,000

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR

179,728

Total Operational Needs

1,481,678

Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)

2,765,053

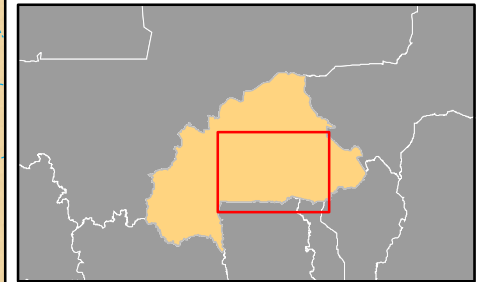
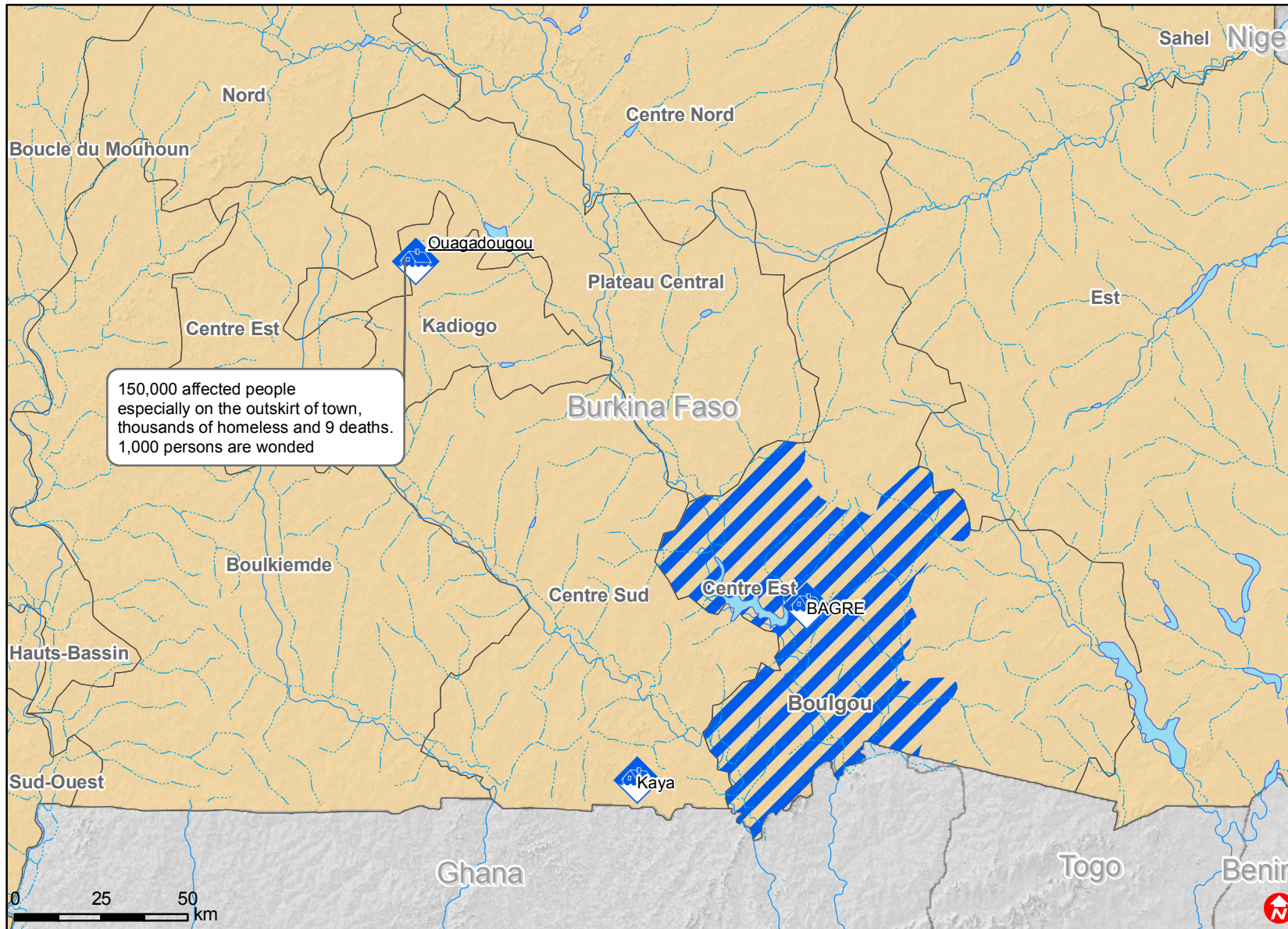
Available Ressources





Net Request

2,765,053



Burkina Faso: Floods



-  Affected Cities
-  Rivers
-  Lakes
-  Affected areas