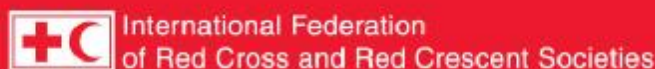


DREF operation



CAR: FLOODS

DREF operation n° MDRCF006
GLIDE n° FL-2009-000129-CAF
10 July, 2009

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 35,302 (USD 32,500 or EUR 23,270) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance the most vulnerable. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The torrential rains in Central Africa Republic, since 3 July have caused heavy flooding in Bangui the capital. According to the Central African Red Cross 11,000 people are made homeless and are living in harsh conditions, few of them find places in schools.

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Red Cross volunteers assisting floods victims

The situation

The torrential rains in Central Africa Republic, since July 3th, have caused heavy flooding in Bangui the capital. According to the CAR Red Cross 11,000 people are made homeless and are living in harsh conditions, few of them find places in schools. This has been confirmed by media and Médecins Sans Frontières. One death has been reported.

Coordination and partnerships

Government members and the President of the CAR Red Cross visited the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and confirmed the severity of the floods consequences.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross of CAR mobilized and deployed 88 volunteers to have more assessment information and exact figures on the numbers of affected people – IDPs - and to provide psychological assistance to the most vulnerable.

The needs

The assessment has not yet been done, so there are difficulties to get a clear picture on what are the current needs in of the affected population. However, there are clear signals from the national society, the authorities and other organisations as to the seriousness of the disaster and the extent of the impact on the affected communities. Based on this and on experience the West & Central Africa Zone is that the first needs will be shelter, food, potable water, sanitation and hygiene promotion. The Zone is also utilising the DREF to mobilise technical support for the national society and to assist with the assessment and initial distributions to the most vulnerable.

The proposed operation

The intervention will be focused on sending the Disaster Management delegate based in Yaoundé to support the national society to conduct assessments, distribute relief items to the most vulnerable, liaise with partners and advise the Red Cross and Red Crescent response strategy. The DREF information will be revised via DREF bulletins as further information comes in from the assessments and there is more information on the specific needs and assistance provided.

Preliminary support	
Objective : Support CAR Red Cross to conduct rapid assessment, distribute relief items to the most vulnerable, liaise with partner and advise Red Cross and Red Crescent response strategy	
Activities planned:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct rapid assessments;• Distribute relief items and provide water and sanitation assistance to cover the needs of the most vulnerable;• Coordinate with other partners, ICRC and Government authorities;• Advice on RC&RC response strategy.	

DREF BUDGET SUMMARY

DREF NAME : DREF CAR FLOODS

ORIGINAL

RELIEF NEEDS

500	Shelter	
505	Construction Materials	
510	Clothing & Textiles	
520	Food	
523	Seeds & Plants	
530	Water & Sanitation	
540	Medical & First Aid	
550	Teaching Materials	29,150
560	Utensils & Tools	
570	Other Supplies & Services	
Total Relief Needs		29,150

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

580	Land & Buildings
581	Vehicles Purchase
582	Computers & Telecom Equipment
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equip.
587	Medical Equipment
589	Other Machinery & Equipment

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

590	Storage - Warehouse	
592	Distribution & Monitoring	
593	Transport & Vehicles Costs	970

PERSONNEL

600	International Staff	
640	Regionally Deployed Staff	
661	National Staff	
662	National Society Staff	188
670	Consultants	

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

680	Workshops & Training	
680	<i>Monitoring and evaluation</i>	

GENERAL EXPENSES

700	Travel	2,230
710	Information & Public Relations	
730	Office running costs	235
740	Communication Costs	235
750	Professional Fees	
760	Financial Charges	
790	Other General Expenses	

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

599	Programme Support - PSR	2,295
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Total Operational Needs	6,152
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Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	35,302
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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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