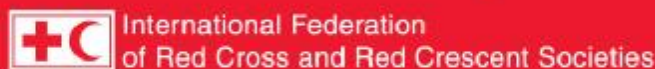


# DREF operation final report



## Gabon: Violent wind in Mouila

DREF operation n° MDRGA003  
GLIDE n° ST-2010-000083-GAB  
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 78,481 was allocated from the IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 4 May, 2010 to support the Gabonese Red Cross National Society in delivering assistance to some 230 families, i.e. 1,150 beneficiaries.

DREF operation Update no. 1 was issued on 30 June, 2010 to highlight the progress made within two months since the start of the operation.

In April 2010, violent wind coupled with tornado occurred in Mouila (700 km from Libreville), causing serious material damages, especially the partial or complete destruction of houses with 230 families left homeless.

This DREF allocation enabled the Gabonese Red Cross Society to distribute non-food items such as 460 tarpaulins, 230 cooking kits, 460 insecticide-treated nets (ITN), 2,070 pieces of soap and 460 mats to 230 families, i.e. precisely 1,442 people identified as the most vulnerable following the disaster. This distribution contributed to preventing the appearance of opportunistic diseases such as respiratory infections and malaria in violent wind victims. Red Cross volunteers also conducted a clean-up campaign in Mouila to help prevent recurrent floods in the town.



Non-food items were distributed to people affected by violent wind in Mouila / Gabonese Red Cross

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

In April 2010, violent wind coupled with tornado occurred in Mouila (700 km from Libreville), causing serious material damages, especially the partial or complete destruction of houses with 230 families left homeless. Since then, the National Society has been able to cover the immediate needs of the affected people (the most vulnerable 230 families) thanks to the DREF allocation. All the relief materials planned have been purchased, transported to the field, and distributed to the 230 most affected families. In addition, the Red Cross volunteers have been conducting sensitization sessions to help reduce the risks of violent wind in Mouila. The authorities of the Gabonese Red Cross Society also carried out advocacy activities that led to the disbursement by Government of CFA francs 1.5 billion (about CHF 3,750,000) to help rebuild some of the houses that were completely destroyed.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Achievements against outcomes

Relief distribution (basic non-food items)	
<b>Outcome: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 230 families (1,150 people) affected by violent wind in Mouila, Gabon.</b>	
<b>Outputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The non-food items needed are made available to the Gabonese Red Cross Society as soon as possible.</li> <li>The 230 families have received Red Cross assistance.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities planned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Federation's logistics department in Yaoundé makes available to the Gabonese Red Cross Society 460 insecticide-treated mosquito nets, 460 tarpaulins, 230 cooking kits, 575 blankets, 575 mats, and 1,150 pieces of soap of 200g each.</li> <li>Distribute the items to the 230 families.</li> <li>Ensure monitoring and evaluation of the distribution activities.</li> <li>Report on the distribution activities.</li> </ul>

#### Impact:

The items were purchased, transported to Gabon and distributed to the beneficiaries as planned. The items included 460 insecticide-treated mosquito nets, 460 tarpaulins, 230 cooking kits, 575 blankets, 575 mats, and 1,442 pieces of soap of 200g each. They were actually distributed to 1,150 people identified as the most affected and vulnerable on the basis of one cooking kit, two mats, two tarpaulins, two blankets and two mosquito nets per family. Each person affected and identified as a beneficiary of the operation received a piece of soap of 200g according to SPHERE standards. As a result of the good use of the items by the beneficiaries, no case of respiratory infection was registered. No case of malaria was equally declared in the beneficiaries throughout the operation timeframe. The families that had lost all of their properties to the disaster really appreciated the distribution, especially the cooking kits that permitted them to survive immediately after the first hours of the disaster.

Emergency shelter	
<b>Outcome: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 230 families (1,150 people) whose houses have been seriously deteriorated by the violent wind in Mouila, Gabon.</b>	
<b>Outputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The beneficiaries and the general population have understood the need to adopt risk-free behaviour and know how to manage violent winds.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities planned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize sensitization sessions on what to do if violent wind occurs again.</li> <li>Assist the local population in removing uprooted trees from the road, and exploring whether some parts of those trees could be useful for the rehabilitation of damaged houses.</li> <li>Report on activities carried out</li> </ul>

## Impact:

Thirty Red Cross volunteers were trained on how to respond to climate change. They were shown how to develop sensitization messages in the event of violent wind. In addition, the volunteers developed a sensitization plan that provides the following:

- Four sensitization sessions per month on what to do in the event of violent wind, on the basis of one session weekly. This activity takes place in market places, busy crossroads, churches and mosques.
- Two general clean-up campaigns and cleaning of gutters per week.

The people attending 17 churches and mosques, as well as three markets of Mouila were reached with the messages on what to do during violent winds. The Mouila Red Cross volunteers have registered these activities as a routine for their committee. This will prevent gutters from being obstructed by the branches of trees that collapsed following the violent wind.

The Mouila local committee received 10 first-aid kits to be used during Red Cross activities.

An interview of the beneficiaries in the streets of Mouila by the Federation's PMER officer from Yaoundé revealed that they have understood most of the messages presented to them by Red Cross volunteers. Towards the end of the operation, most of the beneficiaries had already decided to join the Red Cross in clean-up activities as they have understood it is for their own good.

Nevertheless, the major challenge in Mouila remains the need to set up an early warning system that would enable the NS to immediately respond during disasters.

## How we work

All IFRC 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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/4-2010/10
Budget Timeframe	2010/4-2010/8
Appeal	MDRGA003
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	78,480					78,480
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Other Income</b>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	78,480					78,480
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	78,480					78,480
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	78,480					78,480
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	78,480					78,480
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	100%					100%

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	78,480					78,480
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-77,799					-77,799
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	681					681

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### III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>78,480</b>					<b>78,480</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief			14,376				14,376	-14,376
Clothing & textiles	15,134		1,999				1,999	13,135
Water & Sanitation	250		42				42	208
Medical & First Aid	1,563		1,014				1,014	549
Teaching Materials	165							165
Utensils & Tools	6,470		5,339				5,339	1,131
Other Supplies & Services	3,105		2,041				2,041	1,064
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>26,687</b>		<b>24,812</b>				<b>24,812</b>	<b>1,875</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	500		3,867				3,867	-3,367
Distribution & Monitoring	23,750		3,049				3,049	20,701
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,125		2,214				2,214	-1,089
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>25,375</b>		<b>9,129</b>				<b>9,129</b>	<b>16,246</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
Regionally Deployed Staff	6,650		6,714				6,714	-64
National Staff			74				74	-74
National Society Staff	6,468		10,740				10,740	-4,272
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>13,118</b>		<b>17,529</b>				<b>17,529</b>	<b>-4,410</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	3,290		4,424				4,424	-1,135
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>3,290</b>		<b>4,424</b>				<b>4,424</b>	<b>-1,135</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel			517				517	-517
Information & Public Relation			767				767	-767
Office Costs	595		2,544				2,544	-1,949
Communications	4,000		2,749				2,749	1,251
Financial Charges	625		9,539				9,539	-8,914
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>5,220</b>		<b>16,117</b>				<b>16,117</b>	<b>-10,897</b>
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	4,790		4,748				4,748	42
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>4,790</b>		<b>4,748</b>				<b>4,748</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries			1,041				1,041	-1,041
<b>Total Services</b>			<b>1,041</b>				<b>1,041</b>	<b>-1,041</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>78,480</b>		<b>77,799</b>				<b>77,799</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>681</b>				<b>681</b>	