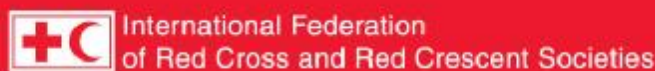


DREF operation



NIGER: Floods

DREF operation n° MDRNE006
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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 242,119 (USD 232,115 or EUR 175,119) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary:

The torrential rains in Niger, since 22 July, have caused heavy flooding in Tillaberi, Tahoua, Maradi, Agadez and Zinder. This situation was worsened by the heavy rains during the night of 5-6 August, 2010 in Niamey, the capital city. The number of families affected in Tillaberi, Tahoua, Maradi, Agadez, Zinder and Niamey regions is estimated at 6,046

families (56,859 people). Counted among the victims are three dead, the destruction of houses, infrastructure, crops, and particularly livestock. It will be recalled that the regions affected by the flooding are the same struck by the severe food insecurity this year which continues to perturb the lives of over seven million people in Niger. There is an ongoing cholera epidemic in the same region which makes the populations extremely vulnerable.

This operation to support the most vulnerable 1,500 families in Niamey and Zinder is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by November 2010. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by February 2011).

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Flood victims evacuating from flooded areas/Photo International Federation

The situation

Since the second half of July, Niger has been experiencing heavy rains causing flooding in Tillaberi, Tahoua, Maradi, Agadez, Zinder and Niamey. The floods have so far claimed three lives. In addition, over 2,800 houses have been destroyed and some 19,600 people have so far been left homeless. People are generally living in schools, in their neighbours or relatives' houses or use other means for shelter. The floods which have also destroyed crops and granaries have exacerbated the already dire food insecurity situation that struck the same regions this year.

In Zinder, 53 ha of crops have been destroyed or washed away, and granaries have been destroyed. In Zinder and Agadez, flood victims have lost livestock and small ruminants (63,485 animals). In Niamey, due to the overflow of the Niger River during the night of 5-6 August 2010, 2,000 families are reported affected by floods. Access to potable water has not only been difficult; the use of stagnant and other polluted water sources in the flooded areas poses threats of epidemics and other water borne diseases.

REGION	Villages/ Cantons	Families affected	People affected	Death	Houses damaged	Latrines damaged	Crop (ha)	Livestock
Tillaberi	4	361	2,166		279			
Tahoua	1	50	880		97			
Maradi	5	264	1,584		160			
Agadez	2	1,379	9,817		334			26,245
Zinder	9	1,939	28,020	3	1,930	23	53	37,240
Niamey	9	2,056	14,392		294	13	500	
Total	21	6,046	56,859	3	3,094	36	553	63,485

Coordination and partnerships

In Niamey, a Crisis Management Committee chaired by the governor of Niamey has been established and the Niger Red Cross has been requested to serve in this and all the six sectoral committees (health/Sanitation/Hygiene promotion, logistics, relief distribution, communication, advocacy and registration/re-housing) put in place to better manage the situation. Regular coordination meetings are being held to evaluate the on-going operations. Under the coordination of UN-OCHA, the UN System Agencies (WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, FAO) are also working closely with the government and other agencies such as the Red Cross Society of Niger, MSF (Switzerland, France), CARE, Qatar Charity, Save the Children, Concern and HELP. In Tillaberi and Tahoua regions, local authorities and WFP have distributed 69.2 tons of cereal to the affected people. The Government is distributing 327 tons of cereals to the 2,056 affected families. UNICEF will be providing 1,546 mosquito nets, 1,546 blankets and 1,163 mats for 773 displaced families.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the disaster, the Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) activated its Floods National Contingency Plan. The Federation's representative and his team are coordinating the floods response with ICRC, French Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent Society, Irish Red Cross, and Spanish Red Cross to strengthen the operational capacity of the NS as well.

At regional levels, local branches have joined the crisis committees chaired by the regional Governors. Each local committee has deployed volunteers to rescue and register victims. A total number of 110 volunteers are organizing IEC sessions on hygiene promotion and the use of latrines for people who are accommodated in four schools.

During the first 24 hours of the emergency, The RCSN used its prepositioned stock provided by the Federation to respond to the immediate needs of affected people. So far, in Agadez and Tillabery, with the support of ICRC, 1,000 Mosquito nets, 500 blankets and four tons of millet were distributed to 250 affected families. In Zinder, the French Red Cross has been providing financial support to transport and distribute 500 mosquito nets and 250 blankets. In Niamey, the RCSN provided 30 tents to the affected communities and assisted in the identification of suitable sites for relocation. So far, 10 schools are available to accommodate 28,000 people (4,000 families). As part of its contingency plan, the RCSN plans to make available 13 tanks of 1,000 litres each to respond to the urgent needs of the populations.

With the support of the Federation in Niamey, 20 sanitation kits, each kit comprising broom, raincoats, pairs of boots, pairs of gloves, mufflers, buckets, sprayer and detergent have been made available to support 20 volunteers to clean up toilets and showers in the four schools hosting displaced people.

The needs

Immediate needs

The assessment conducted by 35 Red Cross volunteers of the RCSN shows that the immediate needs include food, temporary shelter, safe drinking water (treatment of water points), adequate sanitation

(construction of latrines and hygiene promotion), 568 tons of cereal and non-food items such as 2,837 mats; 6,454 blankets; 2,454 mosquito nets; 22,500 kg of soap; 3,800 buckets and 3,600 kettles.

Out of the 6,046 families affected in the six regions, the RCSN with support of the Federation plans to support 1,500 families in Niamey and Zinder through this DREF operation. The criteria of selection are: families with children under 5; families with pregnant woman; family households headed by women and families with disabled persons and those requiring special attention. With the resources currently available in-country, the Federation in Dakar and Niamey and other Movement partners and the Federation will continue to support the most vulnerable populations in the four other regions. Where needs continue to be increasing, the RCSN and the Federation delegation will consider launching an emergency appeal.

The proposed operation

The RCSN, supported by its operational partners will target 1,500 families in Niamey and Zinder where it already provides response to the food insecurity crisis. This choice is justified by the fact of reducing the negative impact of floods on ongoing activities related to food insecurity. This DREF operation will therefore concentrate on:

- **Health and Care:** In addition to the provision of Mosquito Nets and ORS, volunteers will conduct sensitization of flooded communities on health preventive measures to avoid water borne diseases, and ensure hygiene promotion. Under the auspices of the current programme appeal to respond to the food crisis, the volunteers who are trained on nutrition will continue to conduct screening session for 1,500 families in Niamey and Zinder for malnourished children and where needed make referrals to the health centres for further treatment.
- **Water and Sanitation:** Affected families need clean water and sanitation. Among the materials to be provided include aqua tabs, jerry cans, hygiene kits, disinfection of schools and construction of two additional latrines in each school.
- **Relief and logistics:** Based on the current situation, non-food items such as blankets, mats, and soaps will be provided to beneficiaries. There will also be the need to replace the NFIs (1,500 mosquito nets, 750 blankets and 30 tents) that have been used by the National Society in the early stages of the response,
- **Capacity Building:** The National Society will refresh volunteers on assessment, distribution, water and sanitation, health and care, and logistics. It will also strengthen the surge capacity of the RC with regionally deployed resource persons both in Niamey and Dakar Sahel office.
- **Communication and Reporting:** IEC materials will be printed, distributed and utilized to reach target beneficiaries and to promote the work of the RC. The NS will ensure quality and timely monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

Emergency health

Outcome: To reduce the suffering from the impact of the floods through the provision of Mosquito nets, aqua tabs per family and conduct health sensitization sessions for 1,500 affected families.

Expected results	Activities planned
Mortality and morbidity are reduced through the provision of mosquito nets, aqua tabs and preventive health care sensitization sessions to the affected families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct sensitization activities focused on health education, good practice and hygiene promotion in flooded communities. • Procure 3,000 Mosquito Nets for 1,500 affected families. • Follow-up of the use of mosquito nets (hang up and how to use the nets) • Procure 7,500 ORS for 1,500 most vulnerable families • Distribute all mosquito nets and ORS to the affected families.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risks of waterborne diseases are reduced through the provision of safe water, construction of public latrines, watsan kits, hygiene kits, disinfection, and watsan materials for 1,500 families in Niamey and Zinder.

Expected results	Activities planned
Potable water, sanitation and hygiene are provided to 1,500 affected families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In coordination with the local authorities, identify suitable sites and support affected communities to construct 20 public latrines. • Assist the beneficiaries with mechanisms for the management of the latrines • Conduct disinfection of schools and latrines to ensure a healthy environment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute 90,000 aqua tabs to 1,500 most vulnerable families. • Conduct refresher training and support 120 volunteers on household water treatment products and hygiene promotion. • Procure and distribute 1,500 Hygiene kits to families. • Procure and distribute of 1,500 jerry cans to affected families
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Relief and Logistics

Outcome 1: Procurement and distribution of relief items to meet the immediate needs of 1,500 displaced beneficiaries in flooded communities and to replenish the stock used to provide initial response.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Relief items procured and distributed to assist affected households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print, distribute and use the logistics guidelines, distribution forms/lists. • Refresh 80 volunteers on assessment, distribution, water and sanitation, health and care, and logistics. • Procure and distribute 3,000 blankets, 3,000 mats and 5,250 pieces of soap to 1,500 vulnerable families. • Provision of protective gears for the volunteers (100 rain coats, 100 pairs of boots, 2,000 masks and 250 pairs of gloves). • Deployment of one RDRT member for three months. • Prepare distribution report on the number of families that have received relief support. • Strengthen the surge capacity of the RC with regionally deployed resource persons both in Niamey and Dakar Sahel office.
The RCSN is better prepared to respond to the coming floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement and prepositioning of 1,500 mosquito nets, 750 blankets and 30 tents already distributed. • Support management of relief stocks in warehouses.

Communications/Reporting and monitoring

Outcome: The National Society to engage in social mobilization to reach populations that are affected by the floods.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Populations at risk are sensitized on floods detection, evacuation and risks associated with flooding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the existing communications tools used in the 2009 flood response, update and make available to the volunteers • Refresh and support the skills of 120 volunteers on social mobilization in the affected regions. • Conduct media campaigns with the national and local radio networks to promote the work of the Niger RC and the International Federation • Capture the lessons learned from the floods operations
Regular monitoring, evaluation, reporting of the operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare situation reports for information sharing based on the evolving situation of the floods and when needed prepare an emergency appeal. • Prepare DREF implementation progress reports. • Carry out regular field visits and other monitoring activities and prepare monitoring reports. • Carry out a final evaluation of the activities and prepare the final DREF operations narrative and financial reports by 28 February, 2010.

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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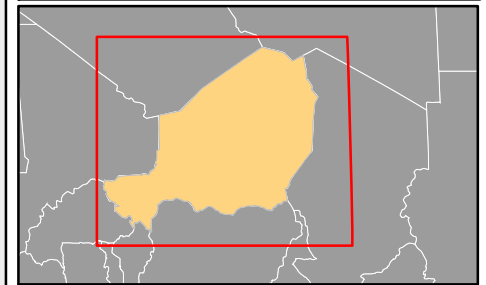
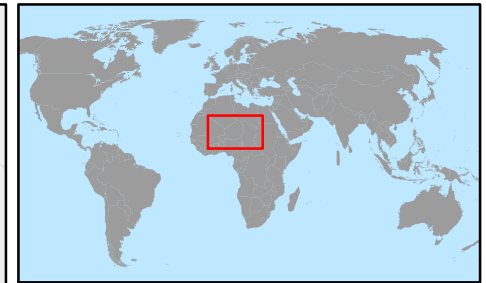
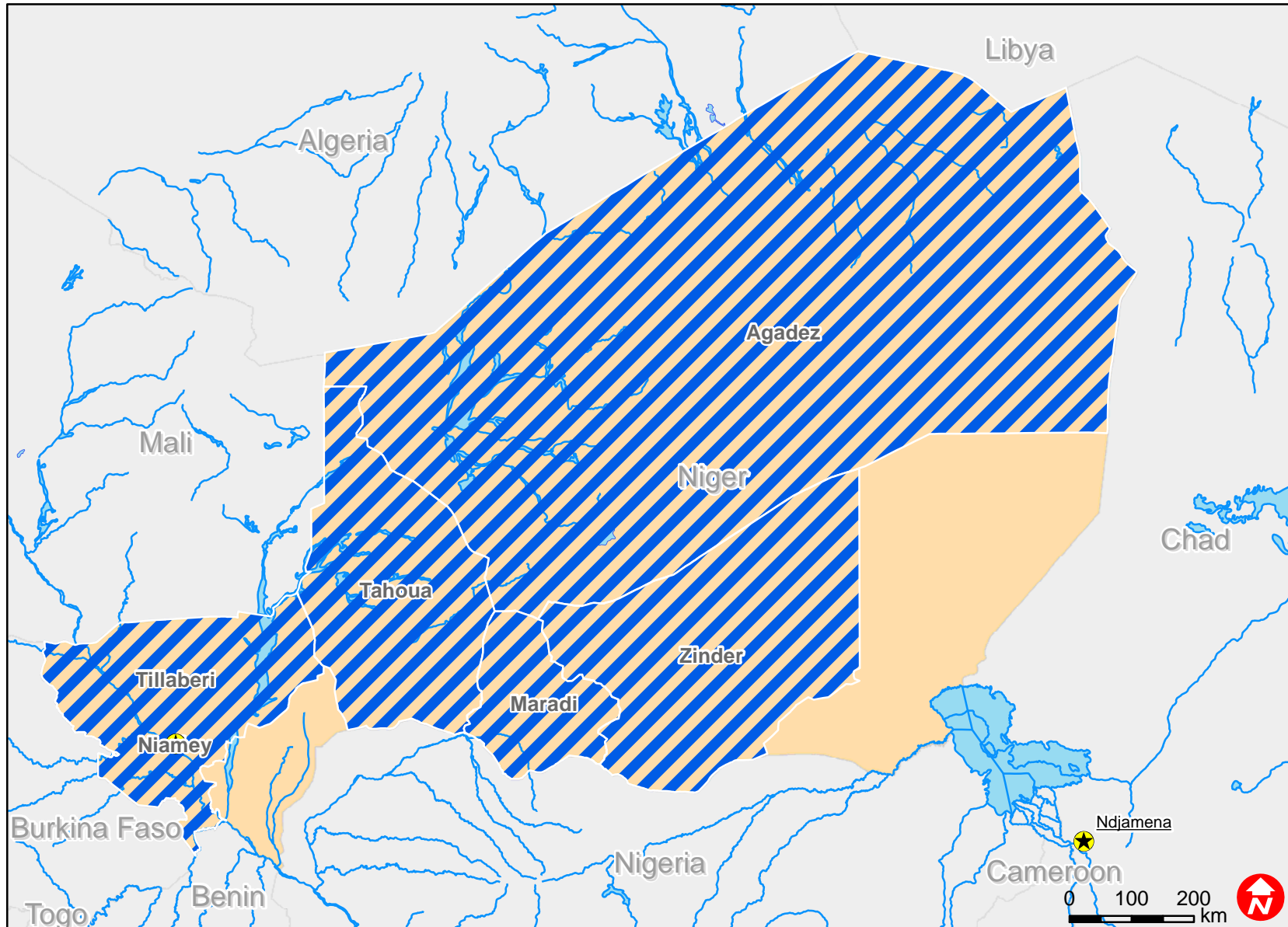
BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	10,500	10,500
Shelter - Transitional		0
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
Clothing & Textiles	57,113	57,113
Food		0
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water & Sanitation	9,385	9,385
Medical & First Aid	8,300	8,300
Teaching Materials	6,342	6,342
Ustensils & Tools	13,365	13,365
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	32,400	32,400
Total Supplies	137,404	137,404
Land & Buildings		0
Vehicles		0
Computer & Telecom		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		0
Medical Equipment		0
Other Machinery & Equipment		0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,200	1,200
Distribution & Monitoring	20,289	20,289
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,854	3,854

Total Transport & Storage	25,343	25,343
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff	14,000	14,000
National Staff		0
National Society Staff	37,473	37,473
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	51,473	51,473
Workshops & Training	2,293	2,293
Total Workshops & Training	2,293	2,293
Travel	2,034	2,034
Information & Public Relation	4,736	4,736
Office Costs	1,500	1,500
Communications	1,163	1,163
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges	1,395	1,395
Other General Expenses		0
Total General Expenditure	10,828	10,828
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	14,777	14,777
Total Programme Support	14,777	14,777
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	242,119	242,119



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 Affected regions