

Operations update



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Chad: Food insecurity

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Period covered by this Ops Update: 15 May to 30 June;

Appeal target (current): CHF 1,251,790 (USD 1.6 M or EUR 873,021);

Appeal coverage: 85%; [click here to go directly to the updated donor response report](#), or [here to link to contact details](#) >

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched (if applicable, specify "on a preliminary basis) on 26 April 2010 for CHF 1,251,790 (USD 1,6 M or EUR 873,021); for 08 months to assist 45,000 beneficiaries.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 251,862 (USD 234,990 or EUR 175,881) was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society to respond.



Volunteers assisting a beneficiary to sign to receive her one-month ration of food

Summary: In early February, humanitarian organizations operating in Chad and the Chadian Agricultural Ministry carried out assessment mission in the northern and the central parts of the Country. Reports from the missions revealed that the rate of malnutrition among children is very high and people in general are in need of immediate food assistance. This situation was caused by the scarcity of rains in 2009 thus, leading to a cereal production deficit. The Red of Chad (RCC) with the support of the International Federation launched a DREF operation and a DREF allocation was granted for the immediate assistance of targeted vulnerable in three regions. A total of 6,260 beneficiaries were reached by food distribution during the first phase of the operation. Volunteers were trained to assist targeted food security victims to carry out recovery activities.

The situation

The irregularity of rains in 2009 in the Sahelian countries in general and Chad in particular have led to the reduction of crops production in the northern and central part of the country. Evaluation mission reports disclosed that the rate of malnutrition among children is well over the acceptable level and is close to 22%. The regions targeted by the DREF activities are Kanem, Lac and Barh El Gazal. The RCC and the International Federation carried out a second mission to register beneficiaries and evaluate the logistic capacities of the targeted zone. Relief and recovery activities were planned in the DREF operation to reach beneficiaries only in 10 villages. Following news that the town of Zigueye is one of the most affected areas, figures were adjusted and 10 more villages were taken into account thus explaining the increase of beneficiaries. The registration targeted people with specific needs such as pregnant and lactating women, malnourished children, the elderly, abandoned children and widows. Food items were ordered locally, pre-positioned in the affected zones and distributed to targeted beneficiaries. The one month ration of food composed of cereals, beans, sugar, cooking oil and salt enabled to reduce in the short term the vulnerability of the beneficiaries. Recovery activities such food for work

and distribution of seeds will reduce in the long run the impact of malnutrition among children and targeted food insecurity victims. The delay in the provision of food items by the local supplier and the difficulties to access villages were the only factors that prevented the good implementation of the planned activities.

Coordination and partnerships

The RCC and the Federation joint team in the field and in the national office regularly attended UN and government led meetings regarding the food security operation. The CASAGC (Cellule d'Action pour la Sécurité Alimentaire et la Gestion des Crises) is coordinating national and international NGO actions. The Chad Ministry of Health and UNICEF are coordinating interventions related to nutrition. Planning and implementation of activities were presented to partners during cluster meetings. The overall aim of those meetings is to adjust activities thereby avoiding overlapping and duplication. In the intervention zone, the International Federation and the RCC worked in close collaboration with local government authorities, traditional authorities and representative of beneficiaries.

To further support the drought affected families and replicate the DREF and the Emergency Appeal activities, the in-country Representation of the Federation requested to carry out relief and recovery activities for the WFP. The request was granted and a field level agreement was signed between the two parties. Four activities will be implemented for six months: general food distribution, distribution of blankets; feeding to children aged 6-23 months, lactating and pregnant women; post distribution monitoring and food security surveillance.

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Overview

Immediate food assistance was planned to be provided according two options: the free distribution of food items or the distribution of food through food for work activities. Concerning the urgent need of food, the Federation proceeded according to the second option.

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: To improve the impact of malnutrition among targeted vulnerable population through the provision of food items in 20 villages.

Activities planned

- Training of volunteers on distribution techniques in the affected areas;
- Pre-position and storage of food in each targeted village;
- Distribution of a month ration of food composed of cereals, beans, sugar, cooking oil and salt.

Progress: Prior to the distribution of food items, the RCC and the International Federation joint team trained 57 volunteers on distribution technique such as the use of measurement tools and the ration per person. Drought affected families were provided with a one month ration of food composed of cereals, beans, cooking oil, sugar and salt. Distribution took place in the two regions 200 kilometres apart. The RCC and the Federation staff along with local volunteers spent several nights in beneficiaries' villages due to bad state of roads.

Below is the statistic table of villages reached and beneficiaries served. These data are collected from the logistics department:

DISTRIBUTION REPORT OF FOOD ITEMS

NGOURI		Quantities are in Kilogrammes					
Villages	Benef	Millet	Bean	Oil	Salt	Sugar	Total
Boutou	310	4,650.00	465.00	232.50	46,50	139.50	5,533.50
Kaya	177	2,655.00	265.50	132.75	26.55	79,65	3,159.45
Yalita	371	5,565.00	556.50	278.25	55.65	166,95	6,622.35
Made 1	346	5,190.00	519.00	259.50	51.90	155,70	6,176.10
Fitira	201	3,015.00	301.50	150.75	30.15	90,45	3,587.85
Binam	262	3,930.00	393.00	196.50	39.30	117,90	4,676.70

Tchidada Fiteye	295	4, 425.00	442.50	221.25	44.25	132,75	5,265.75
Tcharra 1 ET 2	267	4, 005.00	400.50	200.25	40.05	120,15	4,765.95
Mana	313	4, 695.00	469.50	234.75	46.95	140,85	5,587.05
Keri Marom	185	2, 775.00	277.50	138.75	27.75	83,25	3,302.25
Total	2,727	40,905.00	4 090,50	2, 045.25	409.05	1,227.15	48,676.95

ZIGUEY		Quantities are in Kilogrammes					
Villages	Benef	Millet	Bean	Oil	Salt	Sugar	Total
Telekirdinga	333	4,995	499.50	249.75	49.95	149,85	5,944.05
Kalli fouskey	224	3,360	336.00	168.00	33.60	100,80	3,998.40
Charibiye	160	2,400	240.00	120.00	24.00	72,00	2,856.00
Kalli 2 et 1	964	14,460	1,446.00	723.00	144.60	433,80	17,207.40
Boussah	131	1,965	196.50	98.25	19.65	58,95	2,338.35
Mounoukoura	269	4,035	403.50	201.75	40.35	121,05	4,801.65
Zigueye centre	339	5,085	508.50	254.25	50.85	152,55	6,051.15
Bagaye	240	3,600	360.00	180.00	36.00	108,00	4,284.00
Birdary	216	3,240	324.00	162.00	32.40	97,20	3,855.60
Tchak	258	3,870	387.00	193.50	38.70	116,10	4,605.30
Total	3,134	47,010	4,701.00	2,350.50	470.10	1,410.30	55,941.90

Department	Beneficiaries Served	Beneficiaries Planned	Distribution Rate
Zigueye	3,336	3,34	106%
Ngouri	2,927	2,727	107%
Total	6,263	5,861	107%

Challenges: The main challenges that hampered the implementation of relief activities were the delay in the reception of the food items ordered and the bad conditions of roads. The lack of trained and motivated volunteers in the affected areas did also hinder the implementation of planned activities.

Food for work and support for the agricultural production of the following harvest

Outcome: To improve the food insecurity through provision of food and enhancing the agriculture production of the vulnerable people in 20 villages.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
The soil fertility and water retention capacities are improved by food for work activities in 20 villages in collaboration with the WFP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 20 villages for food for work in collaboration with local authorities and the technical services; Identify sites to improve agricultural production conditions throughout stone lines, micro-catchments, water harvesting and soil erosion control measures; Train supervisors for environmental measures Equip villagers with soil working tools for these works.

Progress: The RCC deployed a food security coordinator in the region. The food security coordinator with the support of the Federation programme coordinator trained 84 rural community organizers for the implementation of food for work activities. The trained volunteers will train villagers in agricultural techniques and supervise the implementation of planned activities in ten villages in the first intervention of N'Gouri. Different modules were presented to the participants during the training including the following:

- Basic knowledge on the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent;
- Food security: basic notions, causes and fighting strategies;
- Food and non-food distribution;
- Rural organization;
- Community based nutritional surveillance; and
- Operational aspect.

A local project team was put in place with the support of the national project coordinator in the targeted villages. Sites to improve agricultural production were identified and the trained volunteers were currently undertaking recovery in the area. The RCC with the support of the International Federation logistics department ordered improved seeds (8.5 tones of millet for N'gouri and 7,5 tonnes of millet for Zigueye) that have been distributed to approximately 722 beneficiaries.

Challenges: The delay in the start of relief activities affected the launching of the second phase of the operation.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Water related diseases, especially diarrhoea, are reduced in the intervention areas through hygiene promotion.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
20 villages have received hygiene promotion for individual and collective health, with special emphasis on the impact of dirty water on the nutritional status children under 5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train 30 volunteers for the communities in hygiene promotion (PHAST); • Organize PHAST session in the 20 villages with special emphasis on hygiene, malnutrition and hand washing with soap; • ORS training and distribution will be part of the hygiene extension

Progress: Activities planned within the timeframe of this programme were cancelled due to lack of funding.

Emergency Health

Outcome: To improve the nutritional status of children under 5, pregnant and breast feeding women in 20 villages.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Severe cases of acute and moderate malnutrition are detected early and the severe cases with complications are immediately referred to the structures set up to receive them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of 100 community volunteers (10 per village) in nutrition and malnutrition detection; • Regular screening sessions in 20 village; • Sensitization at household level about nutrition and malnutrition in 20 villages; • Elaboration of frame agreement with the sanitation service for a r strategy.
The Nutritional Centre of N'Gouri is supported and the severe acute malnutrition cases are taken care of.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation of the nutrition centre of N'Gouri • Training/refreshing of two agents (one medical and one nurse) of the health centre of N'Gouri on supplementary feeding • Support the nutrition centre in tools and supplementary feeding collaboration with UNICEF.

Progress: The 43 community organizers were trained on malnutrition and other aspect of the project. narrative text; explain progress on activities planned. They have organized themselves in their respective villages and have formed local team of ten persons in the ten villages in the first intervention area of N'gouri. A same number of community organizers were trained in Zigueye, the second intervention zone and made up a team of person in ten villages. The trained volunteers organized themselves to launch activities such as detection of malnutrition

cases, referral of malnourished children to nutritional health centre, food distribution to children aged 6 - 23 months, pregnant and lactating women. All those activities will be implemented with the support of the World Food Programme.

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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
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