

# Operations update



## Chad: Food Insecurity

Emergency appeal n° MDRDF004  
GLIDE n° 0T-2010-000056-TCD  
Operations update n° 2  
26 August, 2010

**Period covered by this Ops Update:**  
30 June to 31 August, 2010;

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 1,252,369 (USD 1,201,890 or EUR 933,902);

[<click here to view the attached Revised Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

**Appeal coverage:** 90% including DREF

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### Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 26 April, 2010 for CHF 1,252,369 for 08 months to assist 400,425 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 251,862 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the National Society to respond.
- **Operations update no. 1** was issued on 30 July, 2010.



RRC Volunteers from the regional committee assisting women to carry their ration of food.

**Summary:** The scarcity of rains in 2009 led to a food crisis that affected the sahelian belt in general and Chad in particular. Partners and government authorities have carried out an assessment mission in the outset of 2010 that has revealed that population in the north and the centre of the country were badly suffering from food insecurity. Commodities prices in the local market were skyrocketing leaving no choice for extreme vulnerable to have access to a daily normal ration of food. The strategy of the Red Cross of Chad and the Federation Representation in Chad is to provide immediate assistance to targeted victims through distribution of food made available by the WFP, and food for work activities. Questionnaires on post distribution monitoring (PDM) and food security surveillance are also planned to be carried out within the timeframe of this appeal. The first study is meant to assess the performance of food distribution among targeted vulnerable and the second is to evaluate the agricultural output of 2010 and be better prepared for a worst situation if the current rainy season is getting further disastrous. To reduce the malnutrition among children aged 6 to 23 months and pregnant and lactating women, the Federation is currently carrying out blanket feeding distribution, screening sessions for the detection and referral of malnutrition cases, and the promotion of health education. Rehabilitation of health centres and capacity building for the regional structures of the Red Cross of Chad are also being carried out.

To better implement planned activities the RCC with the support of the Federation Representation has deployed a Food Security delegate and recruited local staff thus ensuring quality response interventions. The Federation has also received two vehicles from Dakar and two from the Federation Representation in Abuja to support the logistic part of the operation.

The Field Level Agreement (FLA) that was discussed and signed between the Federation and the World Food Programme enabled to receive half of the funds needed for this appeal. The FLA led to an increase of the number of beneficiaries to be reached from 45,000 to 400,425. Four activities were discussed and included in the appeal. The activities discussed are general food distribution, food for work, PDM and food security surveillance. The general food distribution is followed by targeted food distribution to children aged 6 to 23 months, pregnant and

lactating women. The current coverage rate of the appeal is 90%. Food distribution programmes carried out in the first two regions enabled to reduce malnutrition of targeted vulnerable.

## The situation

Due to poor, irregular, and dispersed rains and an early end to the wet season very poor agricultural outputs have been recorded for the 2009-2010 season. The result is a reduction of crop yields compared to the already below normal production of 2008-2009: cereals have reduced between 46 and 60% of the norm, oil crops 49 to 53%, and legumes 63 to 73. After an evaluation mission carried out by the Federation and the RCC joint team, the Federation has launched an appeal to assist the vulnerable. Activities implemented enabled to provide immediate assistance to people with specific needs. Relief assistance continued to reach food security victims in the three targeted regions (Lac, Kanem and Bahr El Gazal). During the reporting period, 62,710 beneficiaries were reached by the first round of distribution of food items made available by the WFP in the region of Bahr El Gazal and Kanem. Distribution activities are currently being expanded to the third region of Lac. Post distribution monitoring (PDM) activities will be carried right after the distribution in the region of Lac. The aim of the PDM is to determine the impact of food distribution among targeted vulnerable after the distribution of one ration of food. Food security surveillance activities will also take place three months after the two rounds of food distribution are completed.

## Coordination and partnerships

The RCC and the International Federation Representation regularly organize meetings in the field and in the national office. An agreement letter was signed with the National Society for the implementation of planned activities. To promote a coherent and unified response, the International Federation regularly attends coordination meetings with Movement partners operating in Chad. Meetings with non-Movement partners operating within the framework of the food crisis were also attended to prevent overlap.

The RCC and the International Federation joint mission in the field has been regularly briefing local authorities on activities planned and outcomes achieved. The CASAGC (Cellule d'action pour la sécurité alimentaire et la gestion des crises), a government unit, was set up to tackle food insecurity and manage crisis is coordinating all the activities of Movement and non-Movement partners operating in the disaster zone.

Coordination meetings with the World Food Programme were also attended on a regular basis by Federation delegates working in the field as well by the Federation programme coordination in the national office.

**National Society Capacity Building:** Red Cross of Chad volunteers in the disaster zone were trained on distribution techniques thereby enabling to provide quality humanitarian assistance to food insecurity victims. A national food security coordinator along with three regional coordinators are being currently recruited and appointed to the intervention zone. The recruited personnel will be trained by Federation delegates. This move will help reduce the presence of Federation staff in the field and enable to focus on other emergencies affecting population in other areas. Local committees of the RCC in the three regions will be equipped with HF and VHF radios.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

The early response of the Federation and the RCC enabled reduce the level of malnutrition among targeted vulnerable in the first two regions. Despite the delay in pre positioning food items by the WFP, food insecurity victims were provided with one month ration of food thereby improving their conditions. Planned activities are currently being carried out smoothly and deadline will be met if external events do not disrupt.

The evaluation and monitoring activities will be implemented to assess the impact of the intervention in the three targeted regions and prepare for a worse situation if the 2010 rainy season does not provide better harvest.

### Progress towards outcomes

Food distribution activities were carried out in two regions. As discussed and agreed in the FLA, the WFP did not make an early pre position of food items in the distribution sites. The PDM activities are currently being

undertaken in the first two regions. Distribution of blanket feeding and screening and referral of malnourished are ongoing.

### Distribution of emergency food, nutrition and livelihoods

**Outcome: To reduce the effects of famine in the targeted zones through the distribution of food items made available by the World Food Programme.**

Expected results	Activities planned
1. Reduced immediate food deficit among 264,281 vulnerable households in the most- affected villages in the area of Lac, Kanem and Bahr El Gazal regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out mission to target villages and update the list of beneficiaries (people with special needs) in the area of Lac and Kanem and Bahr El Gazal;</li> <li>Sign a partnership agreement with the WFP;</li> <li>Train distributors;</li> <li>Rent 56 storage warehouses in the 56 sites of distribution in the region of Lac, Kanem and Bahr El Gazal;</li> <li>Receive from WFP and store food in the warehouses in the three targeted regions;</li> <li>Register beneficiaries;</li> <li>Conduct general distribution of cereals, vegetable oil, and salt.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Prior to the distribution, the International Federation and the RCC joint team trained 150 volunteers in the three targeted regions (50 volunteers per region). Volunteers were trained on distribution techniques and given some modules about the RC/CR Movement. Only two food items (cereals and beans) were distributed during this first round. The WFP logistic department enabled to pre position all items for the distribution. A total of 62,710 beneficiaries were reached with one month ration of food. The distribution targeted people with specific needs. This one month ration of food will help to reduce targeted communities vulnerability.

Below are the statistic figures from the first region:

Sites	Items	Beneficiaries	Items received	Items distributed	Remaining
Moussoro	Sorghum	22,630	246,000	226,250	19,750
Moussoro	Bean	22,630	54,250	52,550	1,700
Salal	Sorghum	2,715	27,000	24,650	2,350
Salal	Bean	2,715	6,100	3,600	2,500
Mandjoura	Sorghum	925	13,000	9,250	3,750
Mandjoura	Bean	925	2,950	2,100	850
Dougoulanga	Sorghum	1,070	11,000	10,000	1,000
Dougoulanga	Bean	1,070	2,400	1,400	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,340</b>	<b>362,700</b>		

The operation was supported by two delegates deployed in the field along with local staff members from the RCC and the Federation.

**Challenges:** The delay in the pre positioning of food items and the bad registration of beneficiaries were the main difficulties encountered during the distribution phase. Lack of some food items did not also permit to provide beneficiaries with the complete ration planned.

Expected results	Activities planned
2. The vulnerabilities of children aged 6 to 23 months and all pregnant and lactating women are reduced through distribution of blanket feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of blanket feeding by WFP</li> <li>Distribution of blanket feeding to the targeted beneficiaries according to WFP standards</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Distribution of blanket feeding to malnourished children, pregnant and lactating women will be launched in the coming weeks.

**Challenges:** The lack of blanket feeding did not enable to launch the nutrition process. The nutrition phase was supposed to start before the general food distribution.

Expected results	Activities planned
3. Data regarding the impact of the distribution on beneficiaries and the food security surveillance are available and enable the planning of new interventions in the regions of Lac, Kanem and Bahr El Gazal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize a post distribution poll on the activities and the impact of the distribution after each round.</li> <li>• Set up a database on the impact of distribution on beneficiaries in areas reached by the programme</li> <li>• Carry out two food security surveillance studies during the hard time of August and after the harvest in the three targeted regions.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** The PDM activities are currently being carried out in the first two regions where distribution activities are conducted. Sampling of distribution sites and training of trainers have already been achieved. The aim of the PDM is to determine the impact of the food distribution among the food insecurity victims. The PDM is planned to take place one or two weeks after every general food distribution.

**Challenges:** The delay of food distribution process did not enable to start PDM activities as planned.

Expected results	Activities planned
4. Vulnerability of the targeted beneficiaries is durably reduced through the implementation of the food for work programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify sites in the targeted zones to improve agricultural conditions through stone lines, micro-catchments, water harvesting and soil erosion control measures;</li> <li>• Train supervisors for environmental measures;</li> <li>• Implement food for work for environmental measures that improve agricultural production;</li> <li>• Equip villagers with soil working tools for these works.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Food for work activities will be implemented after the two distribution rounds of food items in the three targeted regions.

#### Emergency health and Care – Addressing Malnutrition

<b>Outcome: To improve the management of moderate and severe malnutrition through support of local health structures, active case finding, referral, and promotion of improved infant and young child feeding and care practices in drought affected communities.</b>	
Expected results	Activities planned
Improved access to nutrition recuperation centres (e.g. number of nutritional centres rehabilitated and equipped, number cases treated).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rehabilitation of 4 nutritional centres in communities of N’Gour, Zigueye, Cheddra and Salal;</b></li> <li>• <b>Procurement and provision of equipment to the above named Nutritional centres sufficient to provide adequate means to provide case management of acute, moderate and severe malnutrition;</b></li> <li>• <b>Training/retraining of 8 staff (1 doctor and 1 nurse by training health centre) health centres/hospital of Ngouri, Zigueye, Cheddra and Salal on nutritional care.</b></li> </ul>

Improved access to health centres (e.g. number health centres rehabilitated and equipped; number cases treated/referred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation of two health centres in the two targeted communities to address malnutrition;</li> <li>• Procurement and provision of equipment to the above named nutritional centres sufficient to adequate means to provide case management of acute, moderate and severe malnutrition and/or to refer severe cases and treat moderate cases;</li> <li>• Support the health centres in their rehabilitation process.</li> </ul>
Increased capacity to identify and refer malnourished children to rehabilitation centres (e.g. branch volunteers able to identify and refer cases of acutely malnourished (and/or sick) children to nutrition & health centres, number of children referred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of 150 branch volunteers to direct and refer malnourished children in the affected communities</li> <li>• Development of a framework of partnership with health structures for referral strategy;</li> <li>• Organization of periodic screening in the 40 villages of the project;</li> <li>• Implementation and supervision of activities of volunteers in the identification and referral of malnourished people to health and nutritional centres</li> </ul>
Increased capacity to manage non referred cases of moderate and severe malnutrition (e.g. number of nutrition education sessions held at community level; improved knowledge and practice of key infant and young child feeding practices,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization of community nutrition centres (shelters for training and public kitchen) for rehabilitation in each of the 40 villages (where community meals may be served to young children and treatment and/or awareness sessions conducted);</li> <li>• Training of 150 branch volunteers to detect and refer malnourished children in the affected communities;</li> <li>• Access to basic messaging materials from the Ministry of Health and partners.</li> <li>• Training of 150 Branch Volunteers to deliver basic IYCN messages.</li> <li>• Simple training on better maternal nutrition and infant and young child feeding practices, particularly around dietary diversity and appropriate infant and young child feeding and care practices, and hand washing in 40 villages.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Activities related to emergency health and care are currently being carried in the first region where distribution has been conducted. Despite general food distribution, rate of malnutrition is not decreasing. Trained volunteers are carried out screening activities to detect and refer cases of malnutrition to nutritional centres. The nutritional centres of the targeted regions will be rehabilitated and equipped and personnel trained thereby providing long term support to the target zone.

#### 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.

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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	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coordination	Coordinated Support (ERUs)	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	25,000			25,000
Shelter - Transitional				0
Construction - Housing				0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure				0
Construction - Materials				0
Clothing & Textiles				0
Food	138,000			138,000
Seeds & Plants	90,000			90,000
Water & Sanitation				0
Medical & First Aid	7,200			7,200
Teaching Materials	17,900			17,900
Utensils & Tools	56,672			56,672
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	54,625			54,625
ERU (Emergency Response Units)				0
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>389,397</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>389,397</b>
Land & Buildings				0
Vehicles	19,800			19,800
Computer & Telecom	65,494			65,494
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment				0
Medical Equipment				0
Other Machinery & Equipment				0
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>85,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85,294</b>
Storage	56,974			56,974
Distribution & Monitoring	1,360			1,360
Transport & Vehicle Costs	54,780			54,780
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>113,114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,114</b>
International Staff	54,258			54,258
Regionally Deployed Staff	43,002			43,002
National Staff	33,410			33,410
National Society Staff	307,884			307,884
Other Staff benefits				0
Consultants				0
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>438,554</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>438,554</b>
Workshops & Training	44,541			44,541
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>44,541</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,541</b>
Travel	1,750			1,750
Information & Public Relation	6,359			6,359
Office Costs	45,582			45,582
Communications	17,519			17,519
Professional Fees				0
Financial Charges	33,823			33,823
Other General Expenses				0
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>105,033</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,033</b>
Cash Transfers to National Societies				0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties				0

Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0
Program Support	76,436	0	0	76,436
Total Programme Support	76,436	0	0	76,436
Services & Recoveries				0
Shared Services				0
Total Services	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,252,369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,252,369</b>
<b>Available Resources</b>				
Multilateral Contributions				0
ERUs contributions				0
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS</b>	<b>1,252,369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,252,369</b>