

SUDAN: FLOODS

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period covered: 20 October to 27 November 1998

REVISED BUDGET DUE TO CHANGE IN NEEDS

The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) and the International Federation continued providing relief assistance to flood victims in the River Nile, White Nile, Gedaref, Sinnar, Kassala and Northern States during the reporting period. While the outbreak of water-borne diseases continues, the situation has stabilised and is under control. Due to revised needs, the budget for this Appeal has decreased to CHF 2,855,000. The number of beneficiaries, however, remains the same.

The context

Between 29 August and 2 September, severe flooding took place in Sudan's Blue Nile, White Nile, Kassala, and Northern States. Unusually heavy rains caused high water levels of the Atbara, Nile, Blue Nile and White Nile rivers, resulting in many deaths and injuries, and the destruction of homes, schools, health facilities, roads, and bridges. An estimated 338,000 people were affected, many of them among Sudan's poorest and most vulnerable. The Government declared a state of emergency, requesting emergency food, shelter and medical services.

The SRCS immediately carried out 4 assessment missions to the affected areas. After the severity of the situation was confirmed, and in order to facilitate an effective emergency intervention, the International Federation released CHF 70,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). This, coupled with USD 510,000 worth of shelter and medical goods from the United Arab Emirate Red Crescent Society (donated directly to the SRCS prior to the launch of the International Federation's Appeal), made it possible for an immediate Red Cross/Red Crescent response in the initial high risk emergency phase of the operation.

The magnitude of the disaster, however, called for additional immediate external support. On 6 September, the International Federation launched an Appeal on behalf of the National Society for CHF 2.9 million. Following reports on the seriousness of the health risks, additional beneficiaries and needs were identified, bringing the total request to CHF 3,855,000. The response from Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has been generous, enabling the National Society to meet the most urgent

needs of the affected population. ECHO has agreed to fund a large part of the outstanding needs of the Health intervention, with the Spanish Red Cross providing the remainder. The only item which has not been funded are cooking sets (20,000 requested). Since the floods occurred three months ago and victims have shown excellent coping mechanisms, there is no longer a need for this item. With cooking sets taken out, the budget has been reduced to CHF 2,885,000. This appeal is therefore fully covered and there are now no outstanding needs.

Latest events

The general situation stabilised during the reporting period, although waterborne diseases (malaria, typhoid fever, diarrhoea diseases and ARI) had increased in all affected areas. Due to the prompt intervention of the SRCS in Khartoum, the high number of diarrhoea and dysentery cases, which had claimed a number of lives, is now under control. The following activities were carried out:

{ Training of Trainers (TOT)

A four-day TOT for 3 trainers from 6 Branches affected by the floods was organised by the Health Co-ordinator of the SRCS, assisted by the Health Delegate. The objective of the workshop included:

- a) Malaria - prevention and treatment.
- b) Diarrhoea disease - prevention and treatment.
- c) Hygiene - personal and community level.
- d) Water management and water purification (use of chlorine tabs).
- e) Spraying techniques against mosquitoes and flies.
- f) Techniques of health education.

Each of the volunteer trainees are expected to return to their branches and train other SRCS volunteers who will be involved in the Society's clinics where the operation is implemented.

{ 160,000 health posters were printed to facilitate the health education activities in all branches affected by the floods. 8 different designs were created, and most have already been distributed.

{ A health reporting format was developed, which has been sent to all branches affected by the floods, these reports will be used to monitor the progress of the operation and for reporting to donors.

{ 18 New Emergency Health Kits (NEHK) were received from the Spanish Red Cross and distributed to the White Nile, River Nile, Khartoum, Gedaref, and Sinnar areas. At the same time, 4 kits were procured locally (with funding from the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent) to cover the health needs of the floods victims in Kassala for 3 months.

{ An additional 200 sprayers and 2,000 litres of Abate and Malathion chemicals were received from the Spanish Red Cross, and have been distributed to the branches for spraying work against mosquitoes and flies.

{ A plane arrived from Nairobi transporting tarpaulins and blankets from the German Red Cross. A plane also arrived loaded with an assortment of non-food relief items donated from the Iranian Red Crescent (blankets, IV fluids, washing and powder soap, tents, etc).

{ The Health Delegate and her SRCS counterpart visited all branches affected by the floods to monitor management, implementation, and progress, and to provide technical advice and support if needed.

{ The British, German, and Swedish Red Cross conducted visits to discuss the floods and 1999 programmes. The Swedish Red Cross followed-up on the Khartoum Water Project in particular (which they fund), and the distribution network. The German Red Cross also conducted discussions with SRCS on other bilateral projects.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Based on the objectives presented in Emergency Appeal No. 26/98, and the new Health Plan of Action (available upon request) the Sudanese Red Crescent Society has achieved or provided the following health or relief-related inputs:

Operational Area:	<i>White Nile</i>	<i>River Nile</i>	<i>Kassala</i>	<i>Northern State</i>	<i>Sinnar</i>	<i>Gedaref</i>	<i>Khartoum</i>
Health Action:	2 NEHK; 200 litres of Abate; 200 litres of Malath.; 20 sprayers	5 NEHK; 800 litres of Abate; 800 litres of Malath.; 70 sprayers	3 NEHK; 200 litres of Abate; 1600 litres of Malath.; 21 sprayers	3 NEHK; 800 litres of Abate; 800 litres of Malath.; 70 sprayers	1 NEHK; 150 litres of Abate; 150 litres of Malath.; 20 sprayers	3 NEHK; 200 litres of Abate; 200 litres of Malath.; 20 sprayers	3 NEHK; 1 Cholera; 250 litres of Abate; 250 litres of Malath.; 20 Sprayers
Beneficiaries:	158,000 individuals in all States						
Notes:	Note that the above kits will be distributed through SRCS clinics and Government referral hospitals (<i>attached please note how this medicine has been utilised</i>).						

Outstanding needs

Since the launch of the Appeal, the immediate non-food relief needs of blankets, tarpaulins, sprayers, chemicals, malaria kits, tools, medicines, vehicle and personnel costs, have been covered. All food requirements have been covered by either WFP, the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent, or the Government of Sudan. In addition, the entire health intervention needs have now been fully covered.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

The SRCS, with support from the International Federation, continue to be the only national and international humanitarian organisation currently working in the 6 affected states (with the exception of Khartoum where many international NGOs are present). Various parts of the Sudanese Government have acted promptly with requests for flood-related activities, including approvals for relief items originating from outside Sudan (including blankets, tarpaulins, medicines, chemical water pumps, spraying machine, vehicles etc.). Exemptions for landing and parking fees for aircraft bringing relief items to Sudan have been received, and visitors coming from the Regional Delegation in Nairobi and from PNS's have been facilitated. Close collaboration continues to be enjoyed with UN agencies and the Government of Sudan. The World Bank, and the Africa and Arab Development Banks have visited Sudan and met with the SRCS and the Delegation to discuss the flood operations and longer-term (post flood) rehabilitation strategies. While the World Bank closed its offices in Sudan 10 years ago, this mission was organised at the invitation of the Sudanese Government.

Due to the central role which the Federation played in the flood operations, the UN now sends key visitors to the SRCS/Federation Delegation to be briefed about the flood intervention activities.

Financial information

See Annex 1 for the revised budget to this Appeal. The list of contributions is in Annex 2.

Conclusion

Once again, the SRCS proved its response capacities with an effective and timely delivery of aid to the flood victims. The International Federation immediately reinforced its support services to the National Society and to the country delegation. From the onset of the disaster, the water-related health implications were recognised, as well as the need for preventative measures against outbreaks of malaria and other epidemics. Timely support from donors enabled the National Society and the International Federation to provide relief to many vulnerable people. For more information, please contact the Africa Department at the Secretariat, +41 22 730 4400, or by email Bracke@ifrc.org.

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~~BUDGET SUMMARY~~**SUDAN FLOODS**

REVISED BUDGET

26/98
IN CHF

	<u>Initial</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Additional</u> <u>Needs</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>
EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES			
In Kind items			
Tarpaulins (19.100 sets)	325,000		325,000
Blankets (20.000 pieces)	140,000		140,000
Food items			
Cereals (1.145 MT)	300,000		300,000
Vegetable oil (86 MT)	112,000		112,000
Pulses (143 MT)	265,000		265,000
Non Food Items			
Water pumps (35 units)	71,500		71,500
Sprayers (235 units) all donated by SpanishRC	13,000		13,000
Hand tools (2.000 units) bought locally from funds from Swedish RC	15,000		15,000
Chemicals (500 litres) donated by Spanish RC <i>ABATE:</i> 2400 Spanish RC, 1000 ECHO, 800 USAID <i>MALATHION:</i> 2400 Spanish RC, 1000 ECHO, 800 USAID	1,500		1,500
Medical equipment (3 lab. equip./malaria) bought with Swedish RC funds and 3 other bought with funds from GRC	11,000	306,500	317,500
Medical kits (5 kits) (4 purchased locally with Netherland Embassy fund and 1 donated by Spanish RC) <i>NEHK:</i> 18 donated in kind by Spanish RC, 8 bought with funds from ECHO <i>CHOLERA:</i> 2 donated in kind by Spanish RC, 2 bought with funds from ECHO	40,000	218,500	258,500
Complementary drugs & medical material bought with cash from ECHO		61,000	61,000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	1,294,000	586,000	1,880,000
Capital equipment (4 vehicles 4WD)	140,000		140,000
Transport, storage & vehicle costs	240,000	105,000	345,000
Personnel (2 delegates / 2 months)	40,000		40,000
Personnel (local & NS staff / volunteers)	80,000	105,000	185,000

Travel & communications	20,000		20,000
Information (Health educational material)	13,000	30,000	43,000
Assesment/Monitoring/Evaluation	8,000	20,000	28,000
Administrative, office & general expenses	10,000	36,000	46,000
Secretariat operational support	100,000	15,000	115,000
NEEDS IN CASH	651,000	324,000	975,000
TOTAL APPEAL CASH & KIND	1,945,000	910,000	2,855,000
LESS CASH ON HANDS			3,035,800
NET REQUEST CASH & KIND			-180,800