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Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: CHF 50,000

This Information Bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below reflecting the information available at this time. Based on further updates and details from assessment reports, or should the situation deteriorate, the Federation may consider international support through an Appeal. Donors are also encouraged to provide support to cover the DREF allocation (Federation Bank Account: c/o UBS, 240-C0128346. On-line funding: www.ifrc.org.

The Situation

Heavy rains over the last five days have wreaked havoc across Kenya. Initial reports from authorities and the Kenyan Red Cross Society (KRCS) indicate a total of 18 deaths around the country, including thirteen members of a family who were killed in a landslide. Over 200 families have reportedly been left homeless in the Meru District in the Eastern Province, and some 4,000 people have been left homeless in Migori. Flooding has also been reported in Garissa, Wajir, Nairobi and Mua towns. The main Nairobi-Meru road link has been cut off due to a landslide, and two motorists were reportedly killed when they were swept away by floods in Meru. Although the rains started late this year, this is the long rainy season in Kenya which runs from April through to June each year, and more heavy rains are expected which will exacerbate the situation.

The Kenya Red Cross has received a verbal request from the Government of Kenya to respond to the disaster, and have been in touch with the provincial and district Commissioner of the two affected provinces, Nyanza and Eastern.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

Initial assessment reports have been received through the KRCS local branches in Meru, Migori, Garissa and Wajir, and while more in-depth needs assessments are being carried out in the two most affected towns of Migori and Meru, the KRCS has mobilized the following items for immediate distribution to those affected:

- 600 blankets.
- 300 tarpaulins.
- 5 bales of second hand clothes.
- 12 cartons of soap.

The items for Meru district were dispatched on 3 May, 2002, while items for Migori were dispatched on 4 May, 2002. As the situation evolves the KRCS may consider a request to the International Federation to issue an

emergency appeal. Expected needs will be blankets, tarpaulins, jerry cans, water purification tablets, and high protein biscuits.

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