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In Brief

Period covered by this update: 1 April – 29 June 2006

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 80,000 DREF funding allocated on 11 March 2006 to respond to the needs of this operation
- A DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) will be made available three months after the end of the operation

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Background

Since the beginning of February, heavy rains caused mudslides and floods all along the coastal region of Ecuador. The provinces of Esmeraldas, El Oro, Guayas, Los Ríos, Manabí and Pichincha were amongst the most affected. Data from the Ecuadorian Red Cross indicates that 5,734 families (approximately 26,000 people) have been affected.

On 7 May, heavy rains caused a landslide which resulted in the collapse of a mountain in two directions, towards the Shogol Llinllin community, which was not affected, and towards, Calerita - Santa Rosa. In this community 25 houses were destroyed, two people died, one person disappeared and 120 people were evacuated. These 120 people were sheltered in the community house and in the community school with the few belongings they were able to rescue and limited food for a few days. The affected population had a range of needs which were attended to by the government and other humanitarian organizations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Federation released CHF 80,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to provide food relief to 1,600 families in the areas affected. The goal was to provide 1,200 calories and 35 grams of protein per person per day as a supplement to a daily diet of 2,100 calories and 50 grams of protein per person, per SPHERE Project standards. Food parcels contained the following:

Product	Amount
Rice	4 kilograms
Beans	2 kilograms
Lentils	2 kilograms
Granulated panela	2 kilograms
Oil	2 litres
Sugar	2 kilograms
Salt	500 grams
Noodle Soup	1 kilogram
Flour	2 kilograms
Oatmeal	2 kilograms
Quinoa (cereal)	1 kilogram
Tuna	6 cans
Total weight	22 kilograms

These parcels were distributed between 15 March and 2 April as follows:

Date	Province	Canton	Parrish	Families reached
15-Mar-06	Manabí	Chone	San Pablo	141
15-Mar-06	Manabí	Chone	La Culebra	40
15-Mar-06	Manabí	Tosagua	La Estancia	113
16-Mar-06	Manabí	Rocafuerte	San Eloy	36
16-Mar-06	Manabí	Rocafuerte	Los Ríos	41

17-Mar-06	Guayas	Samborondón	Paquita Tutiven	19
17-Mar-06	Guayas	Samborondón	La Isabela	35
18-Mar-06	Guayas	Guayaquil	Flor de Bastión	82
18-Mar-06	Guayas	Guayaquil	Candilejo	135
18-Mar-06	Guayas	Guayaquil	Bapao	40
18-Mar-06	Guayas	Salitre	Pozo Cacao	50
19-Mar-06	Los Ríos	Babahoyo	Baba	330
19-Mar-06	Los Ríos	Babahoyo	Quevedo	40
20-Mar-06	El Oro	Machala	Zaruma	29
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Jardín Elena Criollo	15
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Coliseo Miraflores	3
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	1ero. de Octubre	5
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	18 de noviembre	16
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Milton Reyes	62
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Chiriboga	14
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Matilde Hidalgo	14
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Barrio Miraflores	10
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	Escuela Ecuador	16
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Huaquillas	1ero de Mayo	9
21-Mar-06	El Oro	Pasaje	El Guabo	17
22-Mar-06	Esmeraldas	Río Verde	Vainilla	66
22-Mar-06	Cañar	La Troncal	La Envidia	27
24-Mar-06	Pichincha	Santo Domingo		25
24-Mar-06	Pichincha	Quito	Eloy Alfaro	3
24-Mar-06	Imbabura	Ibarra		25
27-Mar-06	Imbabura	Ambuquí		25
27-Mar-06	El Oro	Machala	El Guabo	80
2-Apr-06	Pichincha	Santo Domingo		37
Total parcels distributed				1600

A Regional Intervention Team (RITs) member and Federation technical staff were deployed to the field to support Ecuadorian Red Cross actions and to help facilitate cooperation with other humanitarian organizations.

Simultaneously, the branches in the affected region responded to the disaster with evacuation and search and rescue operations, needs assessment, water and sanitation activities, food relief and the provision of primary health care, as well as the activation of 17 National Intervention Team (NIT) members, who supported the branches in the six provinces affected. Thanks to its emergency funds, the Ecuadorian Red Cross provided of 788 containers of water of five litres each to the communities of Culebras and San Pablo, in the Manabí province.

In May, remaining DREF funds were used to provide the Calerita Santa Rosa community with additional support. The 25 evacuated families received hygiene kits with plastic glasses (five), plastic jars (two), toothbrushes (five), toothpaste (three tubes), soap (four bars), hand towels (two), toilet paper (12 rolls) and sanitary towels (two packs).

DREF funds also allowed the strengthening of five Ecuadorian Red Cross Provincial Branches, each of which have been provided with basic resources such as tents (one), beds (four), stretchers (two), helmets (15), blankets (eight) and aprons (15). This will boost the branches' capacity to give timely assistance in the event of disasters.

Moreover, each provincial branch will have a Basic Relief Operational Centre built under the appropriate technical specifications. The Branches have also received stationary material.

The Ecuadorian Red Cross has already started rehabilitation activities in some of the affected areas with ECHO, USAID and Spanish international cooperation (AECI) support. The main activities are focusing on water and sanitation, hygiene promotion, rehabilitation of schools and community disaster preparedness in order to minimize the impact of future disasters in the same communities.

Coordination

All actions to assist those affected fall within a framework designed to ensure cooperative work with other agencies such as the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) which provided food to the affected people in Calerita - Santa Rosa. The Ecuadorian Red Cross was invited to join the United Nations Technical Emergency Mechanism (UNETE) team, facilitating close coordination for response and rehabilitation activities.

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