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DREF final report

Central African Republic: Violent Winds in Bangui

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 114,935 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 29 June 2011 to support the Central African Republic Red Cross national society in delivering assistance to some 326 families, i.e. 1,626 beneficiaries.

Summary: Violent winds occurred in Bangui in June 2011 leading to serious damages in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui. The disaster left 326 families homeless as their houses had been destroyed either partially or completely. IFRC allocated DREF funds to help the CAR Red Cross National Society assist these vulnerable people. With the funds made available, the National Society distributed metal sheeting to facilitate the rehabilitation or rebuilding of houses. They also distributed other non-food items such as tarpaulins, impregnated mosquito nets, blankets, and mats, pieces of soap, buckets, and jerry cans, cooking kits and hygiene kits as support for targeted beneficiaries. After the distribution, Red Cross volunteers carried out sanitation activities to help prevent the outbreak of weather-related diseases following violent winds. While the operation contributed to saving lives, it also facilitated the strengthening of storm management and other related disaster management capacities of CAR Red Cross.



In August 2011, CAR Red Cross volunteers distributed non-food items to people affected by violent winds in Bangui. / IFRC

The main lesson learned from this operation is the urgent need to train community disaster response teams in high risk areas, to train community facilitators and produce sufficient sensitization materials.

The Netherlands Red Cross/Government contributed CHF 56, 529 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation.

The major donors and partners of DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the U.S.A., as well as DG-ECHO, the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, thanks all for their generous contributions. Details of 2011 contributions to DREF are found at: www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf.

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The situation

Violent winds occurred in Bangui in June 2011 leading to serious damage in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui, namely Sandoumbé, Bogbaya, Linguissa 1, Linguissa 2, Gbanikola, Pétévo and Kpéténé 4 neighbourhoods. The disaster affected 366 families and left 326 families homeless as their houses had been destroyed either partially or completely. Affected people were thus exposed not only to weather related diseases, but also to waterborne diseases, as existing latrines and water points had been contaminated resulting flooding. It should be noted that as violent winds were causing damages, rain was falling almost everywhere in Bangui. IFRC allocated DREF funds to help the CAR Red Cross National Society assist these vulnerable people.

This operation was delayed by transport problems from Yaoundé to Bangui as a truck hired spent almost three weeks on the road between both cities. However, the materials finally arrived in good condition and the distributions were organized as planned, albeit with delay.

Sanitation activities were also disturbed by bad weather. Existing latrines and water points remained flooded for about a month as the rain continued to fall. Red Cross volunteers, though ready, had to wait until the area was dry enough to carry out sanitation and hygiene promotion activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)	
<p>Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) identified as the most vulnerable following violent winds in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui by distributing basic non-food items for 4 months.</p>	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-food items planned are purchased and put at the disposal of the national society. • The most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) targeted by this operation have received non-food assistance from the CAR Red Cross society. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase 652 tarpaulins, 326 sheet metals, 652 impregnated mosquito nets, 652 blankets, 652 mats, 4,878 pieces of soap of 200 g each, 326 buckets, 326 jerry cans, 242 cooking kits, and 495 hygiene kits and put them at the disposal of the CAR Red Cross society. • Train/retrain 30 volunteers on distribution and sensitization techniques. • Prepare distribution tools. • Distribute the non-food items purchased to the most vulnerable 326 families. • Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on distribution activities.

Impact:

Prior to the distribution of the items, 30 Red Cross volunteers were trained on distribution techniques and disaster risk reduction with focus on the management of violent winds and floods. After the training, the volunteers identified the beneficiaries to avoid any mistake during the distribution.

While some of the items planned were purchased in Bangui, others were taken from the emergency stock in the warehouse in Yaoundé and transported to Bangui. The distribution itself took place at the national headquarters of CAR Red Cross in two sessions. The items were distributed as planned to the most vulnerable 326 families. The items included 652 tarpaulins, 326 sheet metals, 652 impregnated mosquito nets, 652 blankets, 652 mats, 4,878 pieces of soap of 200 g each, 326 buckets, 326 jerry cans, 242 cooking kits, and 495 hygiene kits. Thanks to additional funds mobilized locally, the National Society purchased an additional 1,304 sheet metals. Thus they distributed 1,630 metal sheets to the 326 families targeted, on the basis of 5 sheets per family. Both the beneficiaries and government officials expressed their gratitude for this gift from the Red Cross and promised to lend their support to future Red Cross initiatives in CAR.

After the distribution, Red Cross volunteers went into the various neighbourhoods assisting the beneficiaries with the rehabilitation or rebuilding of their houses.

The items taken from the warehouse in Yaoundé were replaced using DREF funds.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion	
Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) identified as the most vulnerable following violent winds in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui by carrying out water, sanitation and hygiene activities in their localities for 4 months.	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The populations in the 7 neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui affected by violent winds live in a healthy environment. • About 90% of the populations affected are sensitized to how to reduce the risks of violent wind and prevent epidemic outbreaks. • The populations affected by violent wind in the 6th subdivision of Bangui know hygiene and sanitation rules and obey them. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrain 30 Red Cross volunteers on how to reduce the risks of violent winds. • Produce leaflets and posters on the reduction of the risks of violent winds, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases. • Sensitize communities on the risks associated with violent winds, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases. • Purchase sanitation kits and put them at the disposal of the NS. • Carry out sanitation activities in the 7 neighbourhoods affected by violent winds in the 6th subdivision of Bangui. • Purchase water point treatment materials. • Treat polluted water points. • Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities.

Impact:

Leaflets and posters on the reduction of the risks of storms, epidemics and other weather-related and hygiene-related diseases were produced to facilitate sensitization work. Equipped with such Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, Red Cross volunteers trained on epidemic risk reduction and conducted more than 10 sensitization sessions, promoting hygiene in the various neighbourhoods of the 6th subdivision of Bangui. They used leaflets for door-to-door sensitization, and posters for mass sensitization in public places such as churches, markets, mosques and schools. The volunteers reached about 13,000 people, on the basis of at least 1,300 people during each sensitization session, with messages on how to treat and keep water at home, and other hygiene promotion messages.

Communication with the beneficiaries was easy because the volunteers were each working in their own communities. Thus, it was also easy to get community members join in sanitation activities such as clean up campaigns, disinfection of latrines and chlorination of water points. Red Cross volunteers and community members chlorinated 410 water points, i.e. almost 100% of existing wells in the 6th subdivision of Bangui. They also disinfected 47 latrines.

Lessons learned:

The main lesson learned from this operation is that for the achievement to be sustainable, there is an urgent need to train community disaster response teams in high risk areas, train community facilitators on the PHAST process, and produce more sensitization materials.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 29 June 2011 for CHF 114,935 for 4 months to assist 1,626 beneficiaries.
- 01 DREF operation update issued.

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 (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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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.

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/1-2011/12
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/12
Appeal	MDRCF008
Budget	APPROVED

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	114,935					114,935
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	114,935					114,935
C4. Other Income	114,935					114,935
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	114,935					114,935
D. Total Funding = B + C	114,935					114,935
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	114,935					114,935
E. Expenditure	-64,388					-64,388
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	50,547					50,547

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Appeal Launch Date: 24 jun 11

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Final Report

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)	114,935						114,935	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	30,031	6,154				6,154	23,877	
Clothing & Textiles	7,889	2,230				2,230	5,659	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	15,210	7,156				7,156	8,054	
Teaching Materials	4,707	4,560				4,560	147	
Utensils & Tools	6,860	3,193				3,193	3,667	
Other Supplies & Services	2,500						2,500	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	67,197	23,293				23,293	43,904	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Office & Household Equipment		4,316				4,316	-4,316	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment		4,316				4,316	-4,316	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	680						680	
Distribution & Monitoring		2,047				2,047	-2,047	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	13,421	4,137				4,137	9,284	
Logistics Services		1,104				1,104	-1,104	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	14,101	7,289				7,289	6,813	
Personnel								
International Staff	5,557	797				797	4,760	
National Staff	7,559	5,255				5,255	2,303	
National Society Staff	5,104	667				667	4,437	
Volunteers		5,131				5,131	-5,131	
Total Personnel	18,219	11,850				11,850	6,369	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants		27				27	-27	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe		27				27	-27	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,312	2,455				2,455	-143	
Total Workshops & Training	2,312	2,455				2,455	-143	
General Expenditure								
Travel		1,038				1,038	-1,038	
Information & Public Relations	1,650	2,345				2,345	-695	
Office Costs	2,834	1,012				1,012	1,823	
Communications	1,134	1,115				1,115	19	
Financial Charges	472	3,691				3,691	-3,219	
Other General Expenses		2,027				2,027	-2,027	
Total General Expenditure	6,090	11,227				11,227	-5,137	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	7,015	3,930				3,930	3,085	
Total Indirect Costs	7,015	3,930				3,930	3,085	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	114,935	64,388				64,388	50,547	
VARIANCE (C - D)		50,547				50,547		