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DREF final report Guinea: Floods

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Summary: CHF 261,008 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on September 2011 to support the Red Cross Society of Guinea in delivering assistance to some 1,500 households.

The Republic of Guinea was struck by a series of floods following heavy rainfalls in August 2011 particularly affecting the Prefectures of Labé (city centre), Siguiiri, the sub-prefectures of Niandankoro, Kéniébakoura, the urban districts of Mandiana (Kiniéran), Gaoual, Matam (Heremakonon) and Matoto (Yimbaya market). An assessment revealed that a total of 1,920 houses were damaged or destroyed, and 542 latrines and 212 wells flooded and rendered unusable in places. This situation increased the vulnerability of the disaster-stricken communities



The Red Cross Society of Guinea volunteers distributing needed NFI in Siguiiri/Konomakoura. Photo: RCSG

This operation was expected to be implemented over three months, and completed by the end of November 2011. However, due political violence which led to deaths, implementation was delayed as the National Society prioritized delivering first-aid services and ensuring the evacuation of injured people to hospitals. The DREF was therefore extended for one month.

By the end of the operation, the National Society achieved its target of delivering assistance to 1,500 families through relief distributions, health and care sensitization as well as support in water, sanitation and hygiene activities.

Total funds spent in this operation is CHF 249,831. A balance of CHF 11,177 was returned to DREF.

Partners who supported the replenishment of this DREF allocation include the Canadian Red Cross/ Canadian government, Netherlands Red Cross/ Netherlands government as well as the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection office (ECHO).

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IFRC, on behalf of the Red Cross Society of Guinea, would like to thank all partners for their generous contributions.

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The situation

The torrential rains in Guinea led to floods and caused significant material damage. They also affected approximately 2,645 families, representing 16,143 persons, and left more than 4,000 persons homeless. Displaced persons were accommodated in temporary sites such as schools, stores and public buildings,. Funds from IFRC's DREF was released to address urgent needs identified by an assessment led by the Red Cross Society of Guinea in areas of:

- Shelter (distribution of blankets and mats to 1,500 households and 35 tents);
- Water and sanitation (reinforcement and rehabilitation of 75 latrines and 100 wells, distribution of water purification products and sensitization on hygiene);
- Health (distribution of insecticides treated nets - ITNs; and sensitization on water-borne diseases) as well as supporting logistics and coordination activities.

The assessment results were shared with Red Cross Red Crescent partners (IFRC, ICRC, Danish Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross) and other humanitarian partners (UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, MSF, etc.) as well as the Service National de l'Action Humanitaire (SENAH) representing the Government.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Outcome: To contribute to the reduction of the vulnerability to floods of 1,500 families with the provision of relief materials.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned:
Relief items are procured and distributed to 1,500 families affected by the floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of 35 tents; 3,000 blankets; 3,000 mats; 15,750 bars of soap; 1,500 jerry cans; 1,500 buckets; and 1,500 kitchen sets; • Equipping the 150 volunteers with: 150 pairs of boots, 150 gloves, and 60 raincoats; • Acquisition and use of 10 megaphones and batteries; • Transportation of non-food items to distribution points; • Briefing of 150 volunteers for the distribution.

Impact: The operation successfully reached 1,500 most vulnerable families identified through needs assessments. The most affected populations located in Labé and Siguiri (Konomakoura, Karakoro, Niandankoro, Djeya, and Konomakoura) and the hosting families received essential non-food items to meet their immediate needs. Before providing the assistance, the National Society completed a series of meetings with municipal authorities and community leaders to explain the type of assistance to provide and discuss the methodology to be used. The same municipal authorities and community leaders were also involved in the distribution activities and took part to the launching ceremony. To assist families that had lost their homes due to the floods, 19 tents were set up in Konomakoura village and 15 tents in Siguiri.

The distribution activities increased the visibility and image of Red Cross and strengthened the collaboration between local authorities and the National Society. Additional support provided by IFRC's Sahel regional

office who deployed a logistician to Guinea to provide additional capacity in setting up an efficient logistic system and identifying the best supply chain to support the operation.

The following table gives more details about the distribution activities

Regions, areas and no. of beneficiaries														
Prefectures	Areas	Families	Blankets	Mosquito nets	Sleeping mats	Soap (kg)	Tarpaulins	Aqua tabs	Detergent (bottles)	Latrines	Kitchen sets	wells	Buckets	Hygiene kits
Siguiri	Niandankoro	87	174	174	174	696		3,480	783	20	87	25	87	87
	Konomakoura	519	1,038	1,038	1,038	4,152	19	20,760	4,671	30	519	45	519	519
	Karakoro	230	460	460	460	1,840	15	9,200	2,070	25	230	35	230	230
	Dyeya	68	136	136	136	544		2,720	612		68		68	68
	Hermakonon	82	164	164	164	656		3,280	738		82		82	82
	Host families	482	936	964	830	3,805		19,280	4,338		473		465	482
Labé	Urban comm.	32	64	64	64	256		1,280	288		32		32	32
Total		1,500	2,972	3,000	2,866	11,949	34	60,000	13,500	75	1,491	105	1,483	1,500

Challenges:

Meeting the demand related to tents were challenging, as the total number of tents available could not cover all the needs. It was therefore necessary to inform and sensitize communities that only the most affected families could benefit from tents.

Emergency health

Outcome: Reduce the health risks due to flooding through the provision of malaria prevention activities and conduct health sensitization sessions for 1,500 affected families.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Mortality and morbidity are reduced through the provision of insecticide treated mosquito nets, and preventive health care sensitization sessions to the affected families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitize 1,500 households on malaria prevention; Distribute of 3,000 treated bed nets; Ensure the training of 150 volunteers on malaria prevention.

Impact:

The Red Cross Society of Guinea health department took the responsibility to conduct preventive activities against malaria and water-borne diseases in Siguiri, precisely in the villages of Karakoro, Konomakoura, Dyéya, Niandankoro and Hèrèmakonon. With the aim of providing a better knowledge of hygiene and sanitation to floods affected communities, particular attention was given to sensitization activities. The trained volunteers were then disseminated in the flooded villages and urban areas and reached 1,300 households. They also paired sensitization activities with the distribution of 13,500 detergent bottles and 3,000 mosquito nets to flood-affected communities.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risks of diseases are reduced through the improvement of access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities for 1,500 affected families.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned:
Improved access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene for families affected by floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute 60,000 aqua tabs to 1,500 households; Rebuild 75 latrines for houses that lost their latrines during the floods; Distribute 1,500 hygiene kits to 1,500 affected households; Distribute 150 PHAST kits to volunteers in the flooded areas; Ensure the training of 75 volunteers in techniques of water

	purification and hygiene promotion; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute 15,750 bars of soap; 1,500 jerry cans; 1,500 buckets; 13,500 detergent bottles; • Organize hygiene and sanitation promotional activities; • Distribute hygiene and sanitation materials; • Rehabilitate and treat 100 flooded wells.
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Impact: In response to the needs for clean water and access to standard sanitation, the Red Cross Society of Guinea, through the services of a private company and with the support and involvement of the floods affected communities, proceeded to construct 75 family latrines in Konomakoura (30 latrines), Karakoro (25) et Niandankoro (20). The rehabilitation of 105 wells was also effective in the same villages. A total of 45 wells were rehabilitated in Konomakoura, 25 in Niandankoro and 35 in Karakoro. The rehabilitation also included the treatment of wells with sodium hypochlorite and distribution of disinfectants in the targeted households. It was then followed by water tests to ensure that the water of wells was proper for use.

Some 75 volunteers completed training on sensitization through the participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) approach. The training also focused on contamination and preventive methods against diarrhoeal and water-borne diseases. The volunteers successfully distributed over 60,000 aqua tabs and accompanied the distribution with sensitization activities to ensure its proper use.

The health and water and sanitation activities were closely linked and interconnected. The water and sanitation activities were therefore completed by hygiene promotion activities at individual and collective levels. The trained volunteers drew the communities' attention on personal hygiene including hand washing, a good maintenance of the water points, the cleaning of latrines, the improvement of water drawing, stocking and utilization.

Communications/Reporting, monitoring and coordination

Outcome: The social mobilisation capacity of the Red Cross of Guinea for households affected by the flood is strengthened, as well as its capacity for monitoring-evaluation.	
Outputs (expected results) Communication promotion materials are developed to reach flood victims, women and children, and other population at risk. The population at risk are sensitized on early warning system in risk areas, drainage techniques and the reduction of flood-related risks. The reports are drafted and shared at due date.	Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production and multiplication of posters, bulletins and other sensitization materials; • Strengthening the capacities of the affected persons on the techniques for sensitizing the affected population and their host families; • Build the capacities of the persons affected on social mobilization techniques; • Strengthen the capacities of RCSG on the techniques for sensitizing the affected population; • Information is shared with all partners and reports are drafted on a timely basis; • The activity reports of the National Society are published.

Impact: The National Society's communication and other service departments were fully involved in the implementation of floods response activities. Communications made use of local and national radios. Telegrams were sent to the Guinea Press Agency and images of distribution and sensitization activities were shared with national television broadcasters. Press releases were also disseminated. The media coverage actively boosted the image of the Red Cross Society of Guinea and IFRC.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 07 September 2011 for CHF 261,008 for three months to assist 1,500 households beneficiaries.
 - A DREF operation update was issued through which the operational timeframe was extended to one month.
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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.

MDRGN004 - Guinea Floods

Appeal Launch Date: 24 aug 11

Appeal Timeframe: 24 aug 11 to 31 dec 11

Final Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/8-2012/3
Budget Timeframe	2011/8-2011/12
Appeal	MDRGN004
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	261,008					261,008
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	<i>261,008</i>					<i>261,008</i>
C4. Other Income	261,008					261,008
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	261,008					261,008
D. Total Funding = B + C	261,008					261,008
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	261,008					261,008
E. Expenditure	-249,831					-249,831
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	11,177					11,177

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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)		261,008					261,008	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	12,250	11,543				11,543	707	
Clothing & Textiles	40,500	24,473				24,473	16,027	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	81,835	70,005				70,005	11,830	
Teaching Materials	4,525	3,483				3,483	1,042	
Utensils & Tools	48,330	44,250				44,250	4,080	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	187,440	153,754				153,754	33,686	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom		1,328				1,328	-1,328	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment		1,328				1,328	-1,328	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	3,000	9,055				9,055	-6,055	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	24,070	10,987				10,987	13,083	
Logistics Services		3,664				3,664	-3,664	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	27,070	23,706				23,706	3,364	
Personnel								
International Staff	3,500	1,426				1,426	2,074	
National Staff		26				26	-26	
National Society Staff	13,412	129				129	13,283	
Volunteers		13,999				13,999	-13,999	
Total Personnel	16,912	15,579				15,579	1,333	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	3,750	5,246				5,246	-1,496	
Total Workshops & Training	3,750	5,246				5,246	-1,496	
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,750	3,594				3,594	156	
Information & Public Relations	1,000						1,000	
Office Costs	2,000	10,727				10,727	-8,727	
Communications	1,000	725				725	275	
Financial Charges	2,156	1,577				1,577	579	
Other General Expenses		18,346				18,346	-18,346	
Total General Expenditure	9,906	34,970				34,970	-25,064	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	15,930	15,248				15,248	682	
Total Indirect Costs	15,930	15,248				15,248	682	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	261,008	249,831				249,831	11,177	
VARIANCE (C - D)		11,177				11,177		