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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Rwanda: Population movement

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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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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 201,307 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support Rwanda Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to a total of 11,893 people (2,379 households). Within the overall beneficiary population, 7,500 people (1,500 households) will receive non food relief items over a three month period. The operation is to be completed by the end of September 2012 and the final report will be issued by end December 2012. Un-earmarked funds to replenish DREF are encouraged.



Summary: The situation in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) along the North Kivu borders has steadily deteriorated and has become more complex with fighting adding to internal conflict within the local population. This has resulted in an increased influx of ethnically mixed and multifaceted populations, seeking refugee in Rwanda and Uganda, countries that share borders with the DRC.

The Rwandan Immigration and Emigration services, UNHCR and Rwanda National police are supporting the registration of the refugees, who afterwards are being transported by UNHCR trucks to Nkamira transit camp accompanied by Rwanda Red Cross Society volunteers. Many of the refugees are coming empty handed due to the situation in their area of origin and due to travelling the long distance – more than 100 kilometres – from their home to the Rwandan border.

Currently, the local government authorities and UNHCR are still supporting coordination and camp management and other relevant activities in the transit camp supported by Rwanda Red Cross Society (RRCS) and other NGOs. This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, to be completed by 30 August 2012. A final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation by 30 November 2012.

The situation

Thousands of DR Congolese Nationals have continued to seek refuge in Rwanda since the end of April 2012. The situation in their home areas is still hostile, and the number of refugees crossing into Rwanda through several border points is increasing, (including at the Kabuhanga border point across from Kibumba).

The refugees are escaping violence, following the resumption of clashes between DRC government army and DRC militias. The refugees are now hosted in UNHCR Nkamira transit camp located in Rubavu district in Rwanda's Western Province.

Currently the situation in the camp is changing due to over population. Reports indicate that the number of refugees is increasing day by day. Currently the camp hosts 11,893 refugees and the number of refugees coming from North Kivu is still increasing. The transit site of Nkamira has a capacity of 2,600 people, but is now hosting more than four times that number, which is beyond the site's capacity and control. Staff managing the site has managed to increase the capacity of the site, but it is not sustainable to have such a large number of people on such a small piece of land. The government of Rwanda together with UNCHR has decided to move the refugees to another camp called Kigeme in Nyamagabe district, which is located in Rwanda's Southern province.

The DRC Congolese refugees are still arriving in Rwanda and the situation is still unstable due to continued fighting in their home areas. The Government of Rwanda and UNHCR have started moving the refugees to Kigembe refugee camp, since the Nkamira refugee transit camp is now overcrowded, therefore prone to poor hygiene, limited facilities and lack of privacy. Furthermore, it is too close to the Congolese border.

Coordination and partnerships

Rwanda's Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs and UNHCR are coordinating all the transit camp activities supported by Rwanda Red Cross Society. UN agencies and NGOs are conducting a joint assessment of the situation, in part using the RRCS's assessment tools.

UNHCR is supporting coordination meetings with other local stakeholders and the RRCS is coordinating the Branch Disaster Response Team (BDRT) activities in the Nkamira transit camp and border post where the refugees are coming from.

Efforts in the division of responsibilities have been made by all agencies through the coordination system, in order to avoid duplication of efforts. It was agreed, for example, following a request from the government of Rwanda to Rwanda RCS, that UNHCR will cover NFI needs for general distributions inside the transit camp, while Rwanda RCS will cover special needs at the entry point, including NFI needs of households and individuals who come to the border with no personal belongings because the security situation in D.R. Congo did not allow them to flee with their household belongings.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Currently RRCS, supported by Rubavu branch, has mobilised a team of 100 BDRT multi disciplinary volunteers team to support the operation. The volunteers are involved in accompanying the refugees from the border to transit centre, providing First Aid services, psychosocial support, tracing services, assessment of beneficiaries with special cases such as rape cases and trauma. In addition RRCS is implementing violence prevention in the transit camp. RRCS staff and volunteers are also supporting the installation of refugees in the transit centre, as well as conducting detailed needs assessment within the transit camp in coordination with other actors. The aim is to identify the most vulnerable beneficiaries like the disabled, the elderly, pregnant mothers, children with malnutrition, children/mothers who need vaccination, health and hygiene sensitization, etc.).

In addition RRCS headquarters has deployed on ground 1 Regional Disaster Response Team volunteer and 30 BDRT volunteers to support the UNHCR in organising distributions. RRCS has so far supported NFI distributions to 600 families - the NFIs include blankets, kitchen set, plastic mats, jerry cans, soap, porti (baby nappies) for children, kitenge (clothing item). At the same time, RRCS volunteers have so far provided supplementary food (mixed flour maize) for 500 children under 5 years. In addition, RRCS is supporting tracing services in coordination with ICRC. RRCS is also supporting hygiene promotion and UNHCR sanitation activities within the transit camp.

List of NFI distributed immediately after the arrival of the Congolese refugee

Items	Unity	Quantity	Total
Blanket	Pcs	1,600	1,600
Plastic mat	Pcs	1,200	1,200
Kitchen set	Set	600	600

Jerry can	Pcs	1,200	1,200
Soap	Pcs	2,400	2,400
Kitenge (clothing items)	Pcs	500	500
Second hand Clothes	Bundle	7	7
Flannel	pcs	400	400
Porti (baby nappies)	Pcs	200	200
Sosoma	Kg	2,500	2,500



The needs

Rwanda Red Cross Society assistance will be oriented towards primarily, the 11,893 individuals (2,379 households) DR Congolese refugee in Nkamira transit camp in Rubavu district and, following agreements with the government of Rwanda and with UNHCR, in Kigeme permanent camp in Nyamagabe district.

Specific needs include:

- **Emergency shelter:** 3,000 pieces of plastic sheeting
- **NFIs:** 3,000 blankets, 1,500 kitchen sets, 3,000 plastic mats, 1,500 kitenge (clothing items), 12 bundles of second hand clothes
- **Water and Sanitation:** 3,000 jerry cans, 1,500 buckets, 6,000 pieces of soap, 12 water tanks for supporting refugees who stay far from water collection point, 15 sprayer pumps, 500 litres of disinfectant products, 1000 gloves & 500 leaflets
- **Logistics:** Transport of NFIs, warehouse forms, loading and offloading fees
- **First Aid and psychosocial support to the refugees.**
- **Volunteer support:** Equipment, per diem, trainings, psychosocial support and 10 dispensary/family tents for volunteer posts in the camp
- **Communication:** External and internal communication, visibility, media and documentary film.
- **Monitoring and evaluation:** Assessment, coordination meetings and monitoring fees.

Note that non-standard items such as the Kitenge and porti (baby nappies) are being provided to respond to specific cultural needs of the refugees. The Kitenge are targeted at individual women coming into the camp with only the clothes they have on their backs, while the bundles of second-hand clothes cover the clothing needs of men, women and children. The distribution respects SPHERE standards.

The proposed operation

Overall objective: The relief humanitarian operation will deliver assistance to DR Congolese refugees in Rwanda in the sectors of shelter, basic non-food items, water and sanitation, emergency First Aid, logistics and personnel/volunteers and Restoring of family links (RFL).

UNHCR, working with the government and other partners, is covering the needs related to permanent shelter and sanitation. Health services, including immunization, are being provided in the camp by a government clinic, with the support of UNHCR.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Strengthen the living conditions for an estimated 7,500 beneficiaries (1,500 households) in Nkamira and Kigeme camps supported by UNHCR and other humanitarian partners. Items will be distributed based on Sphere minimum standards as well as through the provision of First Aid and psychosocial assistance. Some of the above distributions have started, using pre-positioned stocks, which will be replenished by the DREF.

Outputs: Appropriate non-food items are purchased and distributed to targeted beneficiaries efficient and transparent manner following well- establish best practices, SPHERE and other guidelines

Planned activities:

- Mobilize BDRT volunteers for facilitating identification of beneficiaries, assessment of the refugee situation and relief distributions in the transit and permanent camps.
- Procurement and distribution of 1,500 kitchen sets, 3,000 jerry cans, 3,000 sleeping mats, 12 bales of second-hand clothes, 6,000 pieces of soap, 3,000 pieces of plastic sheeting and other additional NFI items in line with emergency basic NFI to ensure better living conditions in the camps, based on IFRC procurement standards and procedures.
- Procurement of 10 dispensary/family tents of various sizes in order to reinforce local RRCS branch capacity to provide facilities for administration, First Aid services, tracing services, education and psychosocial support activities in the camps.
- Identify beneficiaries by age and sex and agree with UNHCR on distribution lists including verification and validation.
- Conduct refresher training of 45 BDRT volunteers on camp management in 2 districts where the camps are based
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Purchase/replenishment of First Aid Kits to be used by volunteers in the camps.
- Deploy BDRT volunteers trained in First Aid and psychosocial support and provision of First Aid Kits with basic materials.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Improved access to safe water as well as promotion of hygiene and adequate sanitation for 11,893 refugees (2,379 households) for a period of 3 months.

Outputs: The health status of the refugee population is improved through improved access to clean services and safe water supply.

Planned activities:

- Training of 30 PHAST volunteers to support refugees for hygiene promotions and sensitization.
- Distribute hygiene materials to 1,500 targeted households which include soap, jerry cans, disinfectant and sprayer pumps based on Sphere minimum standards with support of PHASTER trained volunteers, train 40 representatives of PHASTER refugee/community groups in Kigeme transit camp.
- Conduct sensitisation campaigns on improving hygiene conditions using PHAST methodology targeting refugee population.

Emergency shelter

Outcome: Improved living conditions through provision of adequate emergency shelter for 1,500 refugee households in Kigeme permanent camp.

Outputs:

- Identify and register 1,500 households based on the RRCS predefined criteria.
- Procurement of emergency shelter material, specifically plastic sheeting.
- Support 1,500 refugee households with support of temporary shelter in order to improve living conditions.

Communication

Outcome: Awareness and publicity activities including fields visits to sensitize public and media on the on the situation on the ground are conducted.

Outputs

- Raise refugee awareness in the community on population movement and on RRCS response.

- Write a story on the IFRC website and publish on relief web.
- Support publication of community radio programmes on DREF progress.
- Production of documentary film at the end of the DREF operation 2012.
- Facilitate staff and media groups during field visits to the sites of the operation.
- Proactive engage with different medias to highlight the needs of the DREF and response of RRCS on the refugee population.

Logistics

Outcome: The National Society's logistics capacities are strengthened through effective emergency logistics support to the operation.

Outputs

- Efficient dispatch of non-food items to the final distribution point.
- Efficient and effective logistical support to the operation.
- Staff and volunteers transported during the operation.

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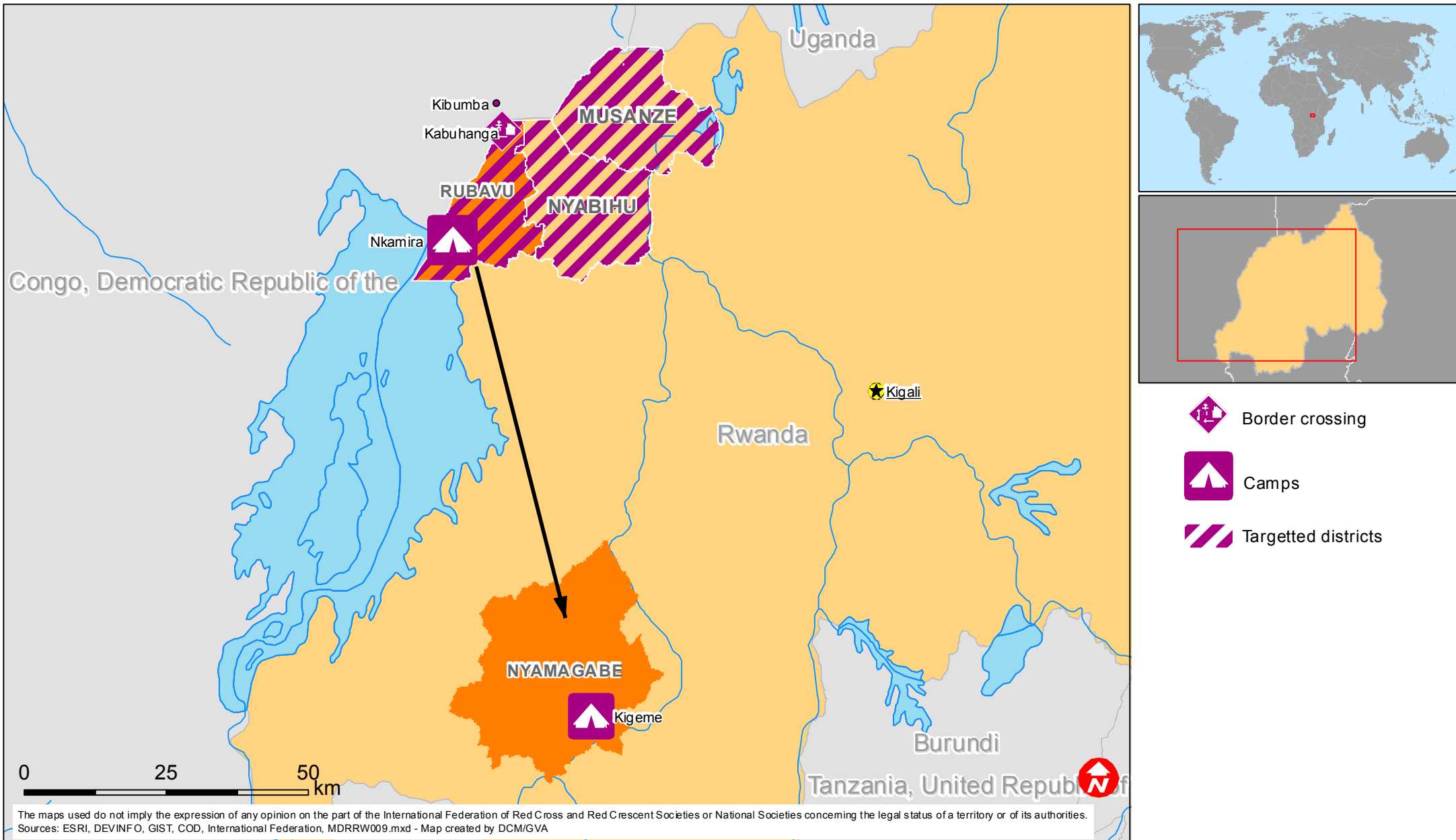
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	-
Shelter - Transitional	3,236
Construction - Housing	-
Construction - Facilities	-
Construction - Materials	-
Clothing & Textiles	71,553
Food	-
Seeds & Plants	-
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	15,663
Medical & First Aid	1,294
Teaching Materials	1,375
Utensils & Tools	27,184
Other Supplies & Services	-
Cash Disbursements	-
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	120,307
Land & Buildings	-
Vehicles	-
Computer & Telecom Equipment	-
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	-
Medical Equipment	-
Other Machinery & Equipment	-
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	-
Storage, Warehousing	3,317
Distribution & Monitoring	-
Transport & Vehicle Costs	22,557
Logistics Services	-
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	25,874
International Staff	-
National Staff	-
National Society Staff	4,854
Volunteers	25,778
Total PERSONNEL	30,633
Consultants	-
Professional Fees	-
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	-
Workshops & Training	1,942
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	1,942
Travel	1,618
Information & Public Relations	3,099
Office Costs	1,942
Communications	3,508
Financial Charges	98
Other General Expenses	-
Shared Office and Services Costs	-
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	10,265
Partner National Societies	-
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	-
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	-
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	12,286
Total INDIRECT COSTS	12,286
TOTAL BUDGET	201,307



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