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Emergency appeal operation update

Chad: Population Movement

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Operation update n°1

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Period covered by this Ops Update: 26 June to 11 July, 2013;

Appeal target (current): CHF 1,489,072;

Appeal coverage: 30%; [<click here for updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 254,242 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the National Society to respond to the needs of affected population in terms of emergency latrines, water treatment, training of volunteers and sensitization campaigns on hygiene promotion.

- **Emergency Appeal** was launched on 26 June 2013

Summary: The recent ethnic conflict between two Sudanese tribes (Salamat and Misseriyé, living both in Sudan and Chad) occurring in Darfur (Sudan) has resulted into a massive population displacement in the Sila region precisely in the Sub-Prefecture of Tissi since March 2013. This situation has affected a significant number of people (refugees and returnees) who lost everything during the dramatic events. Currently, according to the last registration, there are 28,183 Sudanese refugees and 19,736 Chadians returnees hosted in several sites. The overall humanitarian situation of the affected people is critical. A total of 40 deaths and 48 wounded by gunfire have been registered during this crisis.

The affected persons, mainly women, children and elderly persons, are living in precarious conditions. Amongst them, there are a number of unaccompanied children or those separated from their parents during the migration.

Upon request from Chad Red Cross (CRC), the IFRC office launched a DREF operation for the distribution of non-food items to 1,200 households, installation of emergency latrines for 300 families, water treatment, and training of volunteers to sensitize target groups to reduce the risk of water-related diseases and disseminate messages on emergency health. A Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) of three members was deployed to support the National Society in the camp of Abgadam.

The camp of Abgadam hosts around 16,000 persons registered by the UNHCR as refugees. Since the armed conflict in Sudan is still going on, more persons continue to flee the inter-ethnic violence and find refuge in Chad.



RDRT member from the Mauritanian Red Crescent, training volunteers on Watsan in French and Arabic at the same time. Photo/IFRC

Activities implemented so far with DREF fund are the construction of family latrines, the training of volunteers, and distribution of NFIs provided by the UNHCR and other partners, water treatment at household level and sensitization activities to avoid water borne diseases. In addition, two ERU (logistics and health) will be deployed to support the operation.

Funding has been received from the Japanese Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss government) Canadian Red Cross (from the Canadian government) and the Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Red Cross Silent Emergency Fund). The IFRC on behalf of the national society would like to extend thanks for the contributions.

The situation

Following ethnic violence which erupted in West Darfur, precisely in the district of Um Dukhun between January and April 2013, the Sub-Prefecture of Tissi in the Sila region has experienced an influx of Sudanese refugees (28,183) and Chadian returnees (19,736). The UNHCR, supported by the volunteers from the Regional Committee of CRC conducted several missions from February and established a base in the Sub-Prefecture of Tissi. Refugees were officially in the camp of Abgadam, located 35 kilometres from Tissi and humanitarian workers settled in Bir Nahal, an area located 11 kilometres from the camp.

Response from the National Society (NS) through the IFRC DREF and other partners enabled provision of drinking water, emergency shelter, emergency latrines, distribution of NFIs and hygiene promotion activities to some affected families. Since the interethnic violence has not ceased in Sudan, refugees are still fleeing to Chad.

The security situation has improved in the last one month and humanitarian workers, who suspended activities for a short period are all back in the camp. Despite the continued fighting in Sudan, no armed incursion has been registered inside the Chadian territory.

Most of the refugees are still living in makeshift shelters since the distribution of tarpaulins did not cover all the affected people. More is also needed in terms of water availability, NFIs distribution, latrines construction and hygiene promotion.

Coordination and partnerships

An emergency operation task force was set up by the UNHCR to coordinate all the humanitarian activities in the field. Aid agencies meet every two days to share their achievements, planning and challenges. The UNHCR is the lead agency in responding to the emergency operation. It is supported by several partners in the field like CRC/IFRC, MSF Hollande, AIRD, OXFAM, UNICEF, etc.

At national level, the IFRC office effectively plays its role of coordinating support to the NS through the participation of cluster meetings, discussion with partners and resource mobilization to implement planned activities in the appeal.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The Chad Red Cross deployed its volunteers from the early hours of the crisis to welcome and shelter the refugees and returnees in official sites proposed by the local government authorities in Abgadam. The CRC collaborated with UNHCR and provided trucks to transport the refugees and returnees into more secure locations. Volunteers have also supported UNHCR in the distribution of food and non-food items and pre-registration.

DREF funds scaled up the activities of the National Society and provided 150 families with latrines, training of 31 volunteers on distribution techniques, WatSan, logistics and distribution of NFIs provided by the UNHCR and other non-Movement partners.

Progress towards outcomes

Emergency shelter and non-food items

Outcome: Reduce the immediate vulnerability of 3,000 households in the camp of Abgadam through the provision of emergency shelter construction materials, basic household items and shelter construction assistance.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities Planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,000 households in the camp of Abgadam receive appropriate assistance in NFIs for their needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train and mobilize 70 volunteers for the distribution of NFIs. Develop a screening strategy and a registration system for the distribution of NFIs. Mobilize and distribute 6,000 blankets, 3,000 kitchen sets and 6,000 loincloths for women in the Abgadam camp. Control the movement of the stock from the dispatch point to beneficiaries Monitor and evaluate distribution and report regularly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,000 households have received tarpaulins, wood, tools, rope and other emergency shelter materials for adequate emergency shelter supported by CRC volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the shelter needs in the camp and adopt suitable shelter strategies. Train 50 Red Cross volunteers and 40 refugees on the installation of emergency shelters. Coordinate with local authorities, volunteers and partners in the field. Distribute 7,800 tarpaulins accompanied with wood, tools and wire to 1,800 households in the camp. (2 tarpaulins already distributed to 1,200 families under DREF, remaining 1,800 families will receive 3 tarpaulins each) Monitor and evaluate the process of distribution and the construction of shelters.

Progress: The trained volunteers have supported families in the camp with the construction of emergency shelters, distribution of non-food items.

As part of the first IFRC emergency distribution, the following items were distributed to the most vulnerable families in the camp:

Item	No of families	Quantity per family	Total distributed
Tarpaulins 4x6m	1,200	2 pcs	2,400
Buckets	1,200	1 pcs	1,200
Sleeping mats	2,400	2 pcs	4,800
Soap	1,280	5 bars	6,400

A resource mobilization strategy was put in place and correspondence for financial and in-kind support was sent to several PNS to support. Some have already pledged fund for urgent needs such as shelter and WatSan. Other PNS have promised to contribute to the appeal through the deployment of ERUs (logistics and Health).

Challenges: During the reporting period, low appeal coverage did not enable to launch any activity outside the DREF scope.

Emergency health and care

Outcome: Reduce the immediate health risks of 50,000 people (3,000 families in the camp of Abgadam and 7,000 families in surrounding villages) through community-based health promotion and first aid.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities Planned

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50,000 people are targeted by the activities of health prevention and hygiene promotion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilize and train 50 volunteers through the EVC training Train 50 community volunteers on CBHFA Deploy an ERU roster health expert. Procure and distribute 6,000 mosquito nets. Work in collaboration with local health services. Organize door to door and mass sensitization campaigns. Provide first aid to the injured and referrals. Participate in immunization campaigns with UNICEF for the prevention of measles and meningitis. Monitor and evaluate the activities in the field.
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Progress: The upcoming deployment of the ERU roster health expert will enable the launch of activities aimed at reducing health related risk among target communities.

Challenges: The current appeal would not make it possible to start implementing planned activities. However, this situation will considerably change in the coming weeks with funds pledged by some PNS.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion

Outcome: Reduce the risk of water-borne diseases and hygiene to 3,000 households through the provision of equipment for water storage, sanitation activities and hygiene promotion messages.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities Planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hygiene promotion activities and prevention of waterborne diseases have been improved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilize and train 70 volunteers through the PHAST methodology. Procure and distribute 6,000 jerry cans and 9,000 hygiene kits in the camp of Abgadam over 3 months. Procure and distribute 450 aqua tabs tablets per month per family (4.05 million tablets in total) over period of 3 months to 3,000 households. Procure and install 15 water tanks of 5,000 litres in the camp of Abgadam. Install handrails and tabs for water supply and arrange the sites of the water tanks. Demonstrate the use of hygiene and water treatment kits to beneficiaries during distribution. Conduct hygiene promotion campaigns in the camp (sensitization on waste management and treatment and storage of water at household level). Construct 60 emergency latrines. Build 20 public latrine blocks (4 latrines per block) in the camp of Abgadam. Monitor and evaluate the planned activities.

Progress: Trained volunteers through the PHAST methodology monitored by the National Society and IFRC staff launched several mass sensitization campaigns in the camp of Abgadam. They supported families with water treatment at household level.

Volunteers have also spread hygiene messages among the target communities to avoid the propagation of water borne diseases (detailed information will be provided in the second update).

Challenges: The lack of emergency water treatment stock at country level has hindered water availability in the camp. Some PNS have pledged funds earmarked for the water and sanitation sector and this will facilitate the procurement of sanitation items, tanks and water treatment products.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Outcome: Increased awareness on disaster risk reduction in the 3 regions of Sila, Ouaddai and Wadi Fira where population movement is prevalent.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities Planned

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRC in collaboration with communities in the region of Sila, Ouaddai and Wadi Fira implement a strategy to reduce impact related to population movement and other natural disasters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train 100 volunteers in DRR, early warning system, population movement and environmental protection. Establish a disaster preparedness team in each of the three regions. Develop an annual contingency plan on cross-border population movement in eastern Chad and test it with simulation exercises. Distribute 6,000 improved stoves to 3,000 households in the camp of Abgadam to reduce the consumption of firewood Organize sensitization activities on environmental protection in the camp of Abgadam.
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Progress: Disaster risk reduction activities will be side-lined and other emergency activities mentioned above will be prioritized with low appeal coverage. However, in-kind donation to provide vulnerable refugees with clothing and textile will avoid delays related to the procurement process and reduce vulnerability of affected persons.

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