

EMERGENCY APPEAL



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KENYA: FLOODS

Appeal no: 12/03
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THIS APPEAL SEEKS CHF 846,000
(USD 645,256 or EUR 560,898)
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 60,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR 2 MONTHS

The Situation

Torrential rains across Kenya over the past week have resulted in widespread floods that have killed 35 people and displaced dozens of thousands. The media has put the number of displaced at up to one million. A government coordinated interagency assessment team reported from the affected area that a population of 60,000 people affected by the floods in Busia, Rachuonyo, Kisumu, Migori and Nyando are in dire need of food and shelter. The Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) estimates that in the western part of the country alone, the waters and several schools have displaced some 41,000 people have been submerged and roads damaged. The KRCS also reported that most parts of Budalangi constituency are inundated.

The Kenyan army has been providing rescue assistance to people in danger. Assessing the amount of damage to crops, livestock and property is just beginning. The Government has officially called on the KRCS to assume the responsibility of co-ordinating all humanitarian efforts to deliver non-food assistance throughout the country. With the soil in the affected areas already saturated, the Kenya Meteorological Department has indicated that there is a strong danger that further heavy or sustained rainfall could lead to more flooding. In addition, deforestation in the Aberdare region has increased the flow of water into the Sasumua dam, provoking landslides that have damaged the water treatment system in Nairobi. As a consequence, a large part of the population lacks access to safe water, and in several districts of the capital the shortage of water is serious. The Nairobi water authorities have indicated that taps will run dry for up to two weeks before the 50 year-old dam supplying much of the water consumed in Nairobi can be repaired.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The KRCS (through the assistance of the ICRC) has provided the following assistance to an initial 1,913 families camped in Busia:

Area	Populations Affected (No. Of families)	Kenya RC Response			
		BLANKETS	TARPAULINS	LATRINE SLABS	HE BISCUITS
Lunyofu (Busia)	637	400	400	4	30
Bumadeya (Busia)	157	145	98	2	10
Mundera (Busia)	150	100	50	2	10
Budalangi (Busia)	969	220	300	4	40

As the situation continues to deteriorate, an additional consignment from the KRCS and UNICEF has been airlifted alongside food items provided by the Government to the same areas. The consignment consists of:

ITEMS	QUANTITY	REMARKS
Collapsible jerry cans	3,000	Kenya Red Cross Stock
Chlorine tabs	20,000	Kenya Red Cross Stock
Tarpaulin	500	ICRC
Ringer Lactate	15 cartons	UNICEF
Chlorine drugs	12 Cartons	UNICEF
ORS	5 Cartons	UNICEF
Mosquito nets	5,000 pieces	UNICEF
Kitchen Sets	100 pieces	UNICEF

An additional consignment of items from the KRCS and UNICEF have been dispatched to the KRCS Kisumu branch and will be used as the strategic stock to assist those affected in western Kenya.

The Needs

Immediate Needs

As more rains and flooding are expected in the coming days and weeks, there is an urgent need for the following additional emergency relief supplies to respond to the needs of some 60,000 people affected by the floods:

- 20,000 blankets.
- 10,000 tarpaulins.
- 20,000 jerry cans.
- 20,000 mosquito nets.
- 80,000 bars of soap.
- 3,000 packets of chemical pesticide for indoor residual spraying (volunteers will be trained to assist to spray the households for the community in the affected areas).

Any supplies remaining after the operation will be used to reinforce the KRCS emergency buffer stock.

The Proposed Operation

Objectives and Activities planned w

Based on the available information and the capacity of the KRCS branches, the Federation's support will focus on facilitating the effort to deliver relief to alleviate the suffering of up to 60,000 flood victims through the provision of non-food items. The KRCS will also cooperate with other humanitarian actors to prevent the outbreak of water born diseases and to control the spread of malaria.

Health w

Objective: To prevent and control the spread of malaria.

Activities planned to reach this objective:

- procure and distribute 20,000 mosquito nets to 10,000 households.
- Mobilise and educate communities on awareness, protection, and the environmental/vector control measures.

Water-sanitation w

Objective 1: To minimise the risk and outbreak of water born diseases, and improve access to safe water.

Activities planned to reach this objective:

- distribute 3.6 million water purification tablets to 10,000 households (one tablet per person/day for 60 days). Each tablet disinfects 20 litres of water.
- Distribute 80,000 bars of soap to improve sanitary conditions.

Objective 2: To provide water containers for the affected families.

Activity planned to reach this objective: distribute 20,000 jerry cans for 10,000 families affected by the flood.

Relief distributions w**Objective: To provide blankets for warmth to the victims of the floods.**

Activity planned to reach this objective: distribute 20,000 blankets to 10,000 families.

Shelter w**Objective: To provide shelter material (tarpaulin) for 10,000 families.**

Activity planned to reach this objective: distribute 10,000 tarpaulins (1 per family) to those whose houses have been destroyed.

National Society Capacity Building w

The operation will reinforce the capacities of the staff and volunteers in the affected branches. Skills in relief distribution and the awareness of the need for a co-ordinated disaster response will be reinforced. The KRCS also plans to organise training for National Disaster Response Team in high risk areas. The response to the current floods has raised the profile of the KRCS, and facilitated actions to Government agencies and public support.

Co-ordination w

Responsibility for the overall co-ordination and management of the relief operation falls within the Office of the President. The KRCS is managing the procurement and delivery of non-food items, and co-operating with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF related to the health elements of the operation.

There are daily co-ordination meetings coordinated by the Office of the President which are attended by the KRCS. The national society is working closely with the Federation's Regional Delegation in the planning and response to the disaster. The Federation's Regional Delegation Disaster Preparedness and Response Department will be the focal co-ordination point in Nairobi. Two teams will be deployed in the two seriously affected provinces of Nyanza and Western Kenya. Each team will be given backup support by a group of 10 volunteers from the local branches (members of the Red Cross Action team).

Monitoring and Evaluation w

The KRCS Disaster Preparedness and Response (DP/R) department will work closely with branches in the affected areas to ensure proper delivery of humanitarian assistance to the flood victims. The department, supported by the Federation, will assume the overall monitoring role to ensure accountability, a timely and quality response, and effective monitoring and reporting.

Capacity of the National Society w

- The KRCS DP/R department has four staff, in addition to the national emergency response team consisting of 10 volunteers (all are Red Cross Action Team leaders).
- The KRCS has effective relationship with government authorities (at both the local and national levels) and other humanitarian key players.
- The KRCS has had many members trained for the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT).

Present Capacity of the Federation

- The Federation's DP/R Department and its Regional Delegation in Nairobi are working closely with the KRCS in planning this response.
- The RDRT-trained personnel can be immediately deployed to provide technical support upon the request of the National Society.

- The Regional Logistics Unit is available to provide any needed logistical support (procurement, transport etc).
- The Federation's technical departments are providing advice and additional technical support.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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All International Federation Assistance Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

In line with the Minimum Reporting Standards, the first operations update on this appeal will be issued within 30-days of the launch and the second will be issued over the course of the operation; a final narrative and financial report will be issued no later than 90 days after the end of the operation.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support and these programmes are outlined on the Federation website.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Shelter & constructions (tarpaulins)	183,000
Clothing & textiles (Blankets, mosquito nets)	423,000
Utensils & tools (jerrycans)	55,000
Other relief supplies (chemicals, soap)	25,000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	686,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6.5% of total)	55,000
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	
Transport and storage	1,000
Vehicle costs	37,000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
National staff	22,000
Personnel (support costs)	10,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Travel & related expenses	5,000
Information expenses	5,000
Administrative & general expenses	25,000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	160,000
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	846,000
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	0
NET REQUEST	846,000