

# DREF operation final report



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## THE GAMBIA: POPULATION MOVEMENT

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The International Federation's 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.

**Summary: CHF 45,001 (USD 38,439 or EUR 30,344** was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 15 September, 2006 to support Gambia Red Cross society in delivering assistance to some 5,600 people displaced and hosted by local populations of Gifanga and Kusumai villages in The Gambia or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population.

The Gambia Red Cross Society (GRCS) assisted 552 displaced households in The Gambia. The operation was well implemented in line with the Federation global agenda, through a good partnership with private and local stakeholders. Health promotion was one component of the implemented activities. The local Red Cross Branch had its capacity strengthened through 120 volunteers involved in the operation.



Distribution of non food items to the displaced population

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## The situation

Fighting in Casamance (southern region of Senegal) in 2006 has caused population movement. Thousands of people fled into The Gambia to find refuge. More than 5,600 people have crossed over The Gambia and have been welcomed and hosted by the local populations of Gifanga and Kusumai villages. While some of the refugees made their way to Banjul, the capital city, the households who have hosted many of the new arrivals could no longer cope with more people. As a result, the local authorities had to open one school and some training centres to house the newcomers. With the ongoing rainy season, there were some sanitation concerns besides that of food, as the local population did not have enough resources to share with their guests. Although some of the refugees arrived with some food, it was not enough to sustain them for long time.

During the general elections of September 2006, the Gambian's borders were closed; hence no movement across was possible for a while, preventing displaced people to return to their plantations. As a result, efforts were made by Gambia Red Cross Society (GRCS) to coordinate the relief assistance to the affected communities.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Emergency Relief and shelter (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective 1: To ensure effective and efficient distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) to the displaced people and their host communities.**

#### Achievement

Some 1,120 blankets and 552 mosquito nets were procured in Dakar and delivered to beneficiaries in The Gambia by volunteers according to the beneficiaries needs. GRCS has also provided the host community with cement for construction of 20 latrines.

**Objective 2: To ensure maintenance of basic health conditions among displaced people and their host Communities.**

#### Achievements

- About 120 volunteers and local community people have been trained on disaster management and hygiene promotion
- Six community disaster training teams are set up
- All teams have been equipped with training materials
- Participation of local Red Cross officials and volunteers and local authorities was noted

**Objective 3: To ensure that the national society is well equipped to conduct efficient distribution and a quick response to alleviate and/or mitigate the suffering of refugees and their host communities.**

#### Achievements

A training session was organised to facilitate the national society's response to the population movement, Distribution and beneficiary selection methods, and information dissemination have covered during the session. To prepare for future disaster response efforts, and deal with recurrent issues, SPHERE standards and professional humanitarian conduct were followed. The training session also aimed to build the capacity of the communities in disaster management and to establish the community base disaster teams to coordinate and sensitize people on how to prevent disasters or reduce their impact.

## Conclusion

### Lessons learned

In terms of impact of the operation, we noted that through training sessions volunteers learnt and revised Red Cross principles and practices. Volunteers are able to identify hazards and the communities' capacities. This operation has contributed to strengthen the relationship with host communities and local authorities. The national society was also able to initiate links with the Nigerian Red Cross for experience sharing in disaster management. One Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) from Nigeria Red Cross Society was deployed for a 12 days mission in The Gambia. In order to facilitate the monitoring and response effort and training, the West and Central Africa Zone Food Security Officer, conducted a mission in The Gambia.

## How we work

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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MDRGM001 - Gambia - Population Movement

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/9-2007/10
Budget Timeframe	2006/9-2007/10
Appeal	MDRGM001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>		45,001				45,001
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Cash contributions (received)</u>						
DREF		-249				-249
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>		<b>-249</b>				<b>-249</b>
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
DREF		45,000				45,000
<b>C3. Reallocations (within appeal or</b>		<b>45,000</b>				<b>45,000</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>		<b>44,751</b>				<b>44,751</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		<b>44,751</b>				<b>44,751</b>

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>C. Income</b>		44,751				44,751
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-44,751				-44,751
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		0				0

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### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>45,001</b>					<b>45,001</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	21,000		14,962				14,962	6,038
Teaching Materials	2,640							2,640
Other Supplies & Services	240							240
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>23,880</b>		<b>14,962</b>				<b>14,962</b>	<b>8,918</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Others Machinery & Equipment			541				541	-541
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>			<b>541</b>				<b>541</b>	<b>-541</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	2,880							2,880
Distribution & Monitoring			26				26	-26
Transport & Vehicle Costs			1,476				1,476	-1,476
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>2,880</b>		<b>1,502</b>				<b>1,502</b>	<b>1,378</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff Payroll Benefits			469				469	-469
Regionally Deployed Staff	4,200							4,200
National Staff			24				24	-24
National Society Staff			165				165	-165
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>4,200</b>		<b>659</b>				<b>659</b>	<b>3,541</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	4,440		15,977				15,977	-11,537
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>4,440</b>		<b>15,977</b>				<b>15,977</b>	<b>-11,537</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	3,276		5,116				5,116	-1,840
Office Costs	1,296							1,296
Communications	600		31				31	569
Financial Charges			-20				-20	20
Other General Expenses	1,504		3,076				3,076	-1,572
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>6,676</b>		<b>8,203</b>				<b>8,203</b>	<b>-1,527</b>
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	2,925		2,909				2,909	16
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>2,925</b>		<b>2,909</b>				<b>2,909</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>45,001</b>		<b>44,751</b>				<b>44,751</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>250</b>				<b>250</b>	

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**IV. Project Details**

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
<b>Disaster Management</b>							
PGM004	Gambia Population Movement	0	44,751	-44,751	0	45,001	250
<b>Sub-Total Disaster Management</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>44,751</b>	<b>-44,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,001</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Gambia - Population Movement</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,751</b>	<b>-44,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,001</b>	<b>250</b>