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Burkina Faso: Floods

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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 126,065 (USD 55,788 or EUR 43,187) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on August 2007 to support the national society in delivering assistance to some 111,356 beneficiaries.

Burkina Faso was one of the most floods-affected countries in West Africa in 2007. Out of a total of 93,000 victims, 28,000 people have been displaced. The rains also caused considerable damage making the life of homeless people more difficult. The affected populations encountered problems such as food shortage, water born diseases and other sanitation issues. The government first provided financial aid from its limited resources for floods management. But as the situation was getting worse, it launched a relief appeal to the international community.



Distribution of relief materials to flood-affected people

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society, with the support of the Federation and other partners (International Committee of the Red Cross and the French Embassy) undertook action several times to reduce the vulnerability of flood-affected people.

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The situation

Heavy rains fall in Burkina Faso in 2007. Torrential rains were recorded in the country causing floods in all the thirteen departments particularly in the provinces of Banwa, Houet, Kourittenga, Nahouri, Léraba, Loroum, Sanguié and Soum. The rains placed Burkina Faso at the top of the most floods-affected countries in West Africa. The disaster caused important material damages and several deaths. According to an official assessment, 14,222 households were left homeless, that is to say 111,356 people; 76 of which were injured and 60 died. Moreover several livestock were carried away; 2,344 granaries destroyed and 17,698 cultivated hectares estimated at 13,268 tons were washed away. Pockets of dryness and the temporary stop of the rain increased the vulnerability of floods-affected people. Many hydraulic infrastructures were damaged leading to the

restoration of some dams. As a result, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society launched operations of emergency relief and recovery.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Objective: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable families through the distribution of food and basic non-food items

Relief distribution (food and basic non-food items)

Achievements

As soon as floods occurred, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS) used its own resources to respond through the provision of food and non-food items from its disaster preparedness stock. Twenty-five (25) tons of food, 350 mats, 350 blankets, 75 bundles of 55 kilogrammes of second hand clothes, 100 buckets of 15 liters, 25 impregnated mosquito nets and 12 tents were distributed. About 485 households (2,305 people) in Kourittenga, Zounwéogo, Houet, Comoé, and Léraba provinces have benefited from this assistance.

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society also reinforced its intervention capacity with the support of the Federation. With that support it was possible to purchase 2,820 mats; 2,820 blankets; 1,860 buckets of 15 liters; and 3,000 hygiene kits and assist 1,004 households in the provinces of Kourittenga, Kadiogo, Zounwéogo, Houet, Comoé and Léraba.

ICRC and BRCS have jointly mobilized 400 kitchen sets, 400 buckets of 15 liters; 17,600 pieces of soap; 4,400 mats; 4,250 blankets; 450 pairs of loincloth and 2,200 waterproof tarpaulins to assist 1,899 flood-affected households in Nahouri province and 400 other victims of violence between farmers and stockbreeders.

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society provided 2,400 blankets; 2,400 mats; 1,200 kitchen sets and 1,200 hygiene kits to vulnerable populations in the provinces of Kourittenga, Sanguié, and Banwa thanks to the support of the Federation. Some 1,304 households (i.e. 16,394 people) were reached. The distribution of these non-food items was jointly carried out with the support of the French Embassy that provided 8,243 insecticide treated nets.

Impact

The interventions contributed to relieve the sufferings of the affected-people. The food and material supplies enabled to meet their needs in particular those whom granaries and cultivated areas were washed away by rains. It is important to repeat this kind of operation to enable affected people to face inconveniences related to floods.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To prevent outbreak of water born diseases and other epidemics in the affected neighbourhoods.

Achievements

Floods have polluted water points. Prior to that, water and sanitation was already an issue because of the lack of latrines or the deterioration of existing ones. The Burkinabe Red Cross Society carried out sensitization activities in the provinces of Houet, Kourittenga, Nahouri, Banwa, Loroum, Comoé, Sanguié and Soum. The sensitization was on:

- Diarrhoea: how to avoid it, the role of the community, the oral rehydration salt and its administering;

- Cholera: understanding how the epidemic can occur, its mode of transmission, how to get protected and what action to be taken vis-à-vis a suspect case;
- Potable water: how to purify water, prevention.
- Cleaning campaign;
- Malaria and the use of impregnated mosquito nets.

Impact

The sensitization campaign had a great impact on the populations' behaviour. The need to get protected from diseases encouraged people to constantly maintain their environment clean. Hygiene was also taken into account in food preparation.

Recovery and Rehabilitation

Objective: To restore dignified living conditions for the most affected people by assisting them to rebuild their houses.

Achievements

Food Security

Food supply has become a serious issue for beneficiaries because of the rise in the cost of living. Other types of farming have been introduced to face this issue. With the support of the Federation, some agricultural inputs and tools were mobilized. Sixty-four (64) tons of fertilizers and 1,780 tons of seeds have been distributed to 1,440 households, i.e. 17,836 people. Some 289 hectares have been worked with a probable output of 651.83 tons as of the first harvest.

Income generating activities

The floods have worsened the vulnerability of the affected people; 360 women were identified and supported to undertake income generating activities.

Impact

The operation has limited the precariousness in which vulnerable people were living.

Challenges

- Limited funds hampered quick and well-balanced assistance;
- Lack of adequate logistic means for a proper follow-up at local and national levels;
- Lack of skilled staff to coordinate preparedness and response activities;
- Delays in funds transfers;
- Limited resources for the achievement of audiovisual documents;
- Lack of fluidity in communication.

Lessons learned

The contribution of Burkinabe Red Cross Society to reduce the vulnerability of flood-affected people was effective thanks to a good organization and a relevant strategy based on:

- The needs' assessment;
- The assessment of floods impact on communities;
- The mobilization of volunteers in the affected provinces;
- The management of warehouses and the supervision of distribution activities.

Conclusion

The collaboration between the Burkinabe Red Cross Society and its internal as well as external partners was determining in the response to floods in 2007. The operation also enabled the training of 320 volunteers in water and sanitation and 90 volunteers in first aid. It constitutes therefore a precious asset for the national society.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response](#) (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2007/12
Budget Timeframe	2007/8-2007/12
Appeal	MDRbf004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	126,065					126,065
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	122,629					122,629
C5. Other Income	122,629					122,629
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	122,629					122,629
D. Total Funding = B + C	122,629					122,629
Appeal Coverage	97%					97%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	122,629					122,629
E. Expenditure	-122,629					-122,629
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		126,065					126,065	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	37,320							37,320
Clothing & textiles	30,080	66,300				66,300		-36,220
Water & Sanitation	27,540							27,540
Medical & First Aid		18,750				18,750		-18,750
Utensils & Tools		6,975				6,975		-6,975
Total Supplies	94,940	92,025				92,025		2,915
Transport & Storage								
Storage		956				956		-956
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000	3,813				3,813		-1,813
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,000	2,619				2,619		-1,619
Total Transport & Storage	3,000	7,388				7,388		-4,388
Personnel								
National Staff		25				25		-25
National Society Staff	7,200	4,174				4,174		3,026
Total Personnel	7,200	4,199				4,199		3,001
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,100	1,034				1,034		1,066
Total Workshops & Training	2,100	1,034				1,034		1,066
General Expenditure								
Travel	750							750
Information & Public Relation		3,425				3,425		-3,425
Office Costs	9,381	3,351				3,351		6,030
Communications	500	2,416				2,416		-1,916
Financial Charges		821				821		-821
Total General Expenditure	10,631	10,013				10,013		618
Programme Support								
Program Support	8,194	7,971				7,971		223
Total Programme Support	8,194	7,971				7,971		223
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	126,065	122,629				122,629		3,436
VARIANCE (C - D)		3,436				3,436		