

DREF operation final report



International Federation
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THE GAMBIA: FLOODS & LANDSLIDE

DREF operation no. MDRGM003

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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 26,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 27 July, 2007 to support the national society in delivering assistance to some 300 flood affected persons in Sinchu Balia locality.

The Gambia Red Cross Society ensured provision of one-month food assistance to some 24 displaced households from the flooded area of Sinchu Balia community. Watsan was a crucial issue in the area but the collaboration of the community leaders allowed a smooth implementation of the operation and provided an opportunity in training 15 Red Cross volunteers in hygiene promotion.

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The situation

On 18 July, 2007 heavy rains have poured down in the locality of Sinchu Balia, situated around 200 kilometres East Banjul, the Capital City, causing floods. Over 298 people of 32 families have been affected. Four families have been displaced and are relocated in the village community health centre; 16 families stayed in the flooded houses as they had no other means to cope with the situation. Five houses collapsed during the early hours of the rains.

The situation worsened when heavy rains poured down (127.6 mm) affecting the already flooded region. Despite efforts of relocating affected populations in temporary shelters in public buildings such as schools and mosques, the downpour continued to make it difficult to settle. Besides, most of sanitation facilities were all flooded and a high population concentration increases the risk of waterborne diseases epidemic.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The national society organized itself in mobilizing its volunteers living to the closest community of the affected areas. An assessment team was deployed lead by the NDRT members from the head quarters and was able to carry out the rescue of some families and their belongings. Community based volunteers of Sinchu Balia, Nema-kunku and Wellingara which are the three cluster communities trained on hygiene promotion were mobilized to support the operation.

Progress towards objectives

Objective: The Gambia Red Cross Society will contribute to the wellbeing of the floods victims in Sinchu Balia locality for one (1) month.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Specific objective: Sustain the affected populations during the peak of the rainy season with provision of food and non-food items.

Achievements:

The national society with its limited resources and the support from the Federation was able to provide 24 households with a one-month food ration. A number of NFI were also distributed to these unfortunate households made up of blankets, bed sheets, mattresses, mosquito nets as most of these families had children under five. Buckets were provided to compliment the work being done in the promotion of hygiene.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Specific objective: Contribute to the promotion of hygiene, safer environment and prevent water related diseases within the affected areas and surroundings.

Achievements:

The national society has sensitized the community leaders of Sinchu Balia for a smooth implementation of the planned activities, and its staff and volunteers worked very closely with Department of State Health staff on public health issues. Up to 250 households were reached on how to prevent water borne diseases through a simple hygiene activity, and 15 community volunteers of Sinchu Balia were also trained on basic hygiene promotion and message dissemination to serve their own community and surroundings.

As a result, the Gambia Red Cross volunteers and Brikama area council made a cleaning exercise in Sinchu Balia. About 32 households benefited of new latrines. Hygiene kits were distributed to the 24 displaced households for their survival in the resettlement area.

Monitoring and evaluation activities:

Activities were mainly lead by the Gambia Red Cross Society volunteers with the support of the community leaders. Despite the collaboration with the local authorities and the MoH in the disease surveillance, lack of qualified staff within the area compelled the national society to deploy more efforts for the success of the operation in this region. The overall coordination was carried out by the Office of the National Disaster Management Committee from the office of the President.

Conclusion

The Gambia Red Cross volunteers and staff members were commended by the local authorities for their timely response and support while clear indications were highlighted on the preventive measures such as creating water ways, the absence of which contributed a lot to the seriousness of the disaster.

However, the Local Council has committed itself together with physical planning to partner with Red Cross to embark on the replanning of the area. An advocacy work is therefore done before the various compound owners particularly those whose compounds were the most affected to create water ways to reduce risks.

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.

Contact information

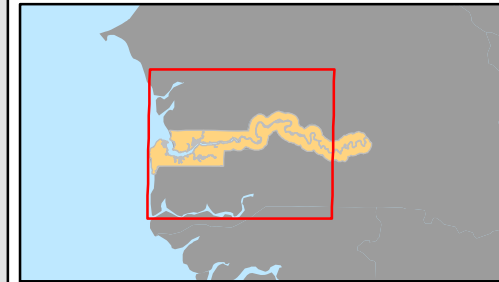
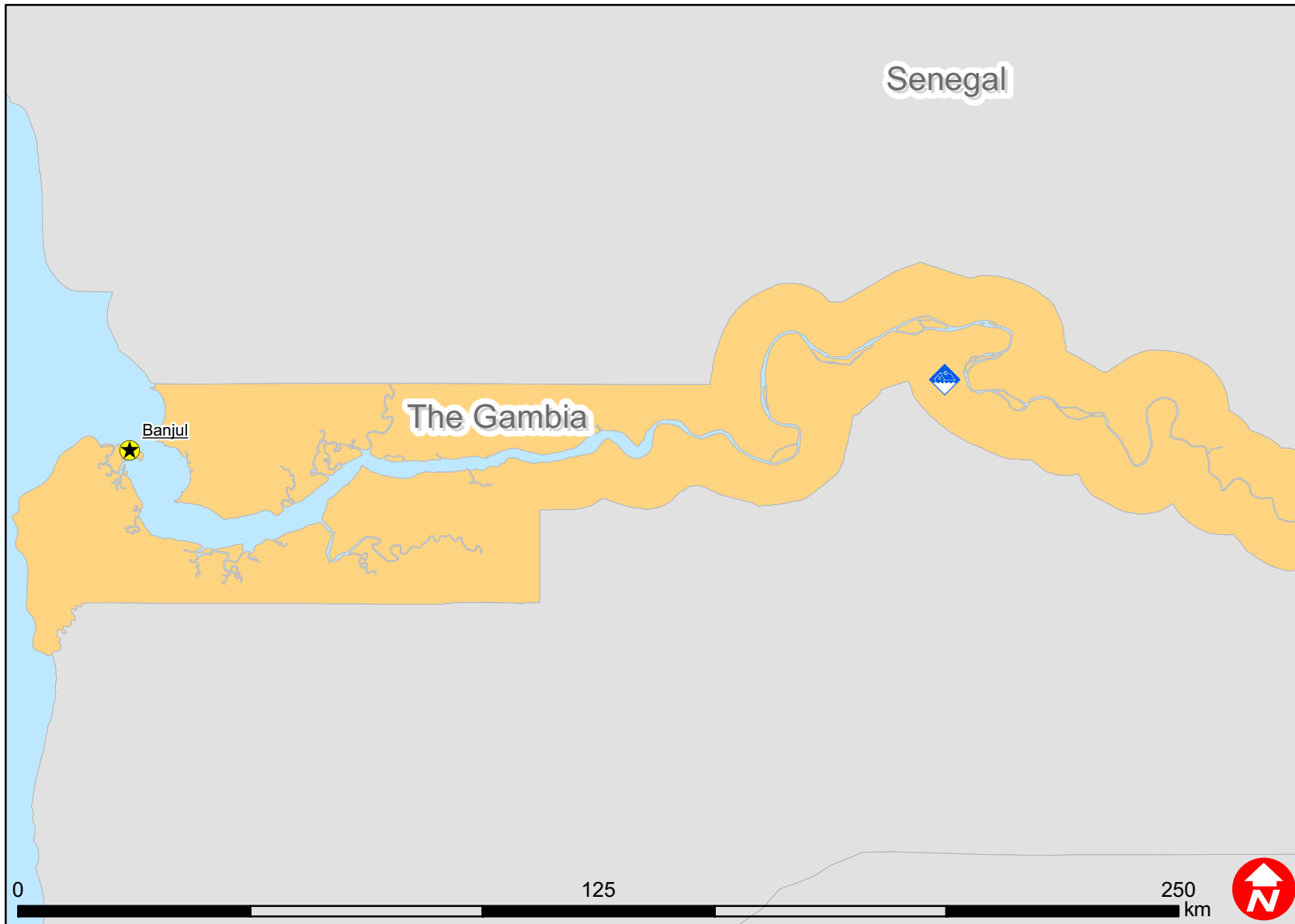
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The Gambia: Floods



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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/5-2008/6
Budget Timeframe	2007/7-2007/8
Appeal	MDRGM003
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
A. Budget		10,533				10,533
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		21,353				21,353
C5. Other Income		21,353				21,353
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		21,353				21,353
D. Total Funding = B + C		21,353				21,353
Appeal Coverage		203%				203%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		21,353				21,353
E. Expenditure		-21,353				-21,353
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		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
BUDGET (C)		10,533					10,533	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	4,620						4,620	
Construction Materials			501			501	-501	
Clothing & textiles			11,336			11,336	-11,336	
Food	1,188		2,710			2,710	-1,522	
Water & Sanitation	2,115						2,115	
Teaching Materials	200						200	
Utensils & Tools			262			262	-262	
Other Supplies & Services			314			314	-314	
Total Supplies	8,123		15,122			15,122	-6,999	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	400		1,014			1,014	-614	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	200		157			157	43	
Total Transport & Storage	600		1,170			1,170	-570	
Personnel								
National Society Staff	820		2,737			2,737	-1,917	
Total Personnel	820		2,737			2,737	-1,917	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	74		941			941	-867	
Total Workshops & Training	74		941			941	-867	
General Expenditure								
Travel	152						152	
Office Costs	40						40	
Communications	40						40	
Financial Charges			-6			-6	6	
Total General Expenditure	232		-6			-6	238	
Programme Support								
Program Support	685		1,388			1,388	-703	
Total Programme Support	685		1,388			1,388	-703	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	10,533		21,353			21,353	-10,819	
VARIANCE (C - D)			-10,819			-10,819		

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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
Disaster Management							
PGM007	Gambia Floods	0	21,353	-21,353	0	10,533	-10,819
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	21,353	-21,353	0	10,533	-10,819
Total	Gambia - Floods	0	21,353	-21,353	0	10,533	-10,819