

DREF operation final report



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NIGER: 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 69,940 (USD 58,090 or EUR 42,389) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 31 August, 2007 to support the national society in delivering assistance to 358 flood-affected households (or some 2,500 beneficiaries).

The DREF Operation enabled the Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) to procure and distribute basic non-food relief to affected households in 4 regions. The target regions were chosen in close coordination with government and other agencies, in order to fill gaps in distribution. Due to various logistical and organizational constraints, additional training and capacity building activities were not carried out.

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Red Cross Society of Niger volunteers distribute mats to flood-affected households in Dungas

The situation

Exceptionally heavy and prolonged rains in Niger throughout July and August 2007 resulted in severe flooding, leading to widespread damage across much of the country and affecting most regions (Niamey, Agadez., Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéri, Zinder and Diffa). According to the country's Early Warning System, at least 14,000 people were affected – of which 7,100 women and 2,600 children under the age of five.

In addition to severely damaging public infrastructure, the flood waters also inundated fields – partially or completely destroying pumps and depriving many families of their means of agricultural production. The situation also increased the risk of water-borne and related diseases, exacerbating an already precarious health environment.

The Government of Niger established an ad hoc committee to coordinate flood response activities – of which RCSN, through its national disaster management department, was an active participant. Other committee members included the National Early Warning System, UN agencies, as well as local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). RCNS also participated regularly in UN Coordination meetings.

This coordination structure enabled the various operational agencies to exchange information about the situation and plan greater for synergy in their relief activities. It was agreed that RCSN would focus its activities on four of the most affected regions, namely: Dosso, Tahoua, Tillabéri and Zinder.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

RCSN responded to the immediate needs of the affected population, by mobilizing its volunteers to assist with evacuations and conduct rapid needs assessments. In collaboration with the Federation Zone Office in Dakar and a Federation WatSan delegate based in Niger, the National Society prepared a plan of action for a one-month intervention focusing on basic non-food relief distribution, health and hygiene sensitization and training activities. Due to various constraints, including difficulties of access and procurement, the planned distributions were eventually carried out in November 2007, to a reported 1,134 households.

Progress towards objectives

Given the national society's limited resources, and for purposes of efficiency, distribution focused on key localities in the regions of Dosso, Zinder, Maradi and Tahoua. Thanks to assistance provided directly by the Qatari Red Crescent to both Dosso and Tillabéri regions, the original RCSN distribution plan was modified to add Maradi in place of Tillabéri, as being in greater need of assistance.

Relief distributions (basic non-food items) and risk reduction

General objective: The Red Cross Society of Niger assists 358 flood-affected households in Madoua (Tahoua), Magaria (Zinder), Kollo and Tera (Tillabéri) for one month.

Specific objective 1: To reduce the risk of diseases through provision of essential non-food items and sensitization campaigns on hygiene and sanitation.

Specific objective 2: To assist communities in Tahoua, Tillabéri and Zinder regions on risk identification and setting up a risk reduction mechanism.

Along with regional relief supervisors, NRCS mobilized local teams of 10 volunteers each to carry out the distributions in the four targeted regions. Essential non-food items (NFI) were procured and distributed to 1,134 households (or an estimated 2,500 beneficiaries). Close coordination and collaboration was established with regional and local authorities, thus contributing to the smooth implementation of operations.

Procurement and distribution of basic non-food relief consisted of the following items:

Regions	NFI Relief			Households reached
	Blankets	Mosquito Nets	Mats	
Dosso /Géchémé	750	350	350	512
Zinder / Dungas Kantché	750	350	350	125
Maradi Commune	500	400	400	289
Tahoua	500	400	400	289
TOTAL	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,135

Activities undertaken to achieve this objective included:

- Identification and registration of beneficiary households.
- Coordination with national, state and local authorities.
- Procurement and transportation of relief items to distribution points.
- Mobilization and deployment of volunteer relief teams for distribution.

Challenges:

- Procurement of impregnated mosquito nets on local markets was difficult and led to certain delays in distribution.
- Distribution sites were far away and at great distances from each other, posing logistical and financial problems for transportation purposes.
- Due to the factors mentioned above, distribution was delayed and, as a result, RCSN was unable to carry out the planned regional training and awareness-raising activities.

Conclusion

Lessons learned:

- § Greater use could have been made of pre-positioned stocks, in particular impregnated mosquito nets.
- § Good collaboration and coordination with other stakeholders ensured effective service delivery to beneficiaries;

How we work	
<i>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.</i>	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Finance Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/8-2008/4
Budget Timeframe	2007/8-2008/4
Appeal	MDRNE002
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		69,941				69,941
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		54,222				54,222
C5. Other Income		54,222				54,222
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		54,222				54,222
D. Total Funding = B + C		54,222				54,222
Appeal Coverage		78%				78%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		54,222				54,222
E. Expenditure		-54,222				-54,222
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)		69,941					69,941	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	32,500						32,500	
Clothing & textiles	10,500		42,906			42,906	-32,406	
Water & Sanitation	1,250						1,250	
Total Supplies	44,250		42,906			42,906	1,344	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.			25			25	-25	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			25			25	-25	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	625		929			929	-304	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,500		2,461			2,461	-961	
Total Transport & Storage	2,125		3,390			3,390	-1,265	
Personnel								
National Staff	385						385	
National Society Staff	6,100		304			304	5,796	
Total Personnel	6,485		304			304	6,181	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,880						2,880	
Total Workshops & Training	2,880						2,880	
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,410						3,410	
Information & Public Relation	400		13			13	388	
Office Costs	5,345		3,142			3,142	2,203	
Communications	500		539			539	-39	
Financial Charges			379			379	-379	
Total General Expenditure	9,655		4,072			4,072	5,583	
Programme Support								
Program Support	4,546		3,524			3,524	1,022	
Total Programme Support	4,546		3,524			3,524	1,022	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	69,941		54,222			54,222	15,719	
VARIANCE (C - D)			15,719			15,719		