

Final report



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Nigeria: Population Movement

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Emergency appeal
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Period covered by this Final Report: 10 November 2008 to 7 February 2009;

Appeal target (current): CHF 790,350 (USD 727,829 or EUR 519,967);

Final Appeal coverage: 1%;

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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 24 September, 2008 for CHF 75,939 (USD 69,931 or EUR 49,959) to support the assessment mission.
- CHF 200,000 (USD 184,179 or EUR 131,578) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund on 6 November, 2008 to start supporting the National Society in delivering assistance to some 2,500 beneficiaries in Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.
- An operation update was published on 17 March 2009 to highlight the achievements and changes since the start of the operation.



The returnees and the entire community of Esit Eket now have access to potable water courtesy of the Red Cross/NRCS

Summary: The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) supported by the International Federation assisted a total of 1,400 Nigerian returnees from the Bakassi Peninsula. The movement which caused a serious humanitarian crisis occurred after the formal hand-over of the Peninsula by the Nigerian Government to the Cameroonian authorities. The returnees sheltered in various camps in the south of Nigeria were received by the Nigerian Red Cross volunteers and provided with limited humanitarian assistance at the initial stage. After an assessment of the situation by the Federation's Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) and the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT), the NRCS through the Federation DREF allocation provided assistance to 1,400 returnees in four camps instead of the 2,500 due to the low appeal coverage. The beneficiaries were provided with non-food items, health education, hygiene and sanitation facilities such as boreholes water and latrines. The efforts of Red Cross contributed to the prevention of epidemics in the camps as well as the host communities and improved the living condition of the returnees. However, the National Society could not implement some of the activities planned because of the low response to the appeal.

Lessons learned: The intervention has strengthened the capacity of the state branch which took advantage of the operation's success to build local partnerships with the local community and government authorities. The early intervention, in addition, has enhanced Red Cross' image and visibility as the only humanitarian organization that really intervened though few other humanitarian agencies were involved in the assistance to the returnees. However there is a need to improve the coordination between the branch and the national headquarters.

The situation

Thousands of Nigerians residing on Bakassi Peninsula fearing for their security fled to the Nigerian southern states of Cross River and Akwa Ibom abandoning their belongings due to violent attacks. This was the aftermath of the handing over of the disputed area to the Cameroonian Government by the Nigerian Government in August 2008.

With most of the returnees in Akwa Ibom, local government authorities provided makeshift camps for them while the state branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) provided limited humanitarian assistance to them from its limited stock. However, the support did not meet the immediate humanitarian needs of the returnees hence the need for the International Federation to intervene.

In support of the NRCS, the Federation's West and Central Africa Zone (WCAZ) office deployed a joint Field Coordination and Assessment Team (FACT) and Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT), together with the representatives of the National Society in the affected states to carry out an assessment from 27 September to 7 October 2008. The outcome of the assessment showed a clear and urgent need for humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable returnees. Most of the families observed during the assessment were lacking basic cooking utensils and other non-food items. With support from the Federation DREF allocation, the NRCS through the Akwa Ibom State branch provided humanitarian assistance to the returnees sheltered in four camps (Esit Eket, Ibiono Ibom, Ikot Abasi, and Okobo) in the state. The National Society procured and distributed non-food items to 1,400 persons in the four camps. The Red Cross also constructed a borehole and latrines in Esit Eket camp while a borehole was constructed in Ibiono Ibom camp. The beneficiaries of the projects are the returnees as well as the host communities. The trained Red Cross volunteers carried out sensitization activities in the four camps. This along with the efforts of the government contributed to the prevention of outbreak of epidemics in the camps.

The initial appeal targeted 2,500 beneficiaries in the two affected states of Cross River and Akwa Ibom. However, due to the low coverage of the appeal, the relief operation reached a total of 1,400 returnees in the four camps located in Akwa Ibom State where most of the returnees were sheltered. Some activities planned could not be carried out either. A delay in the commencement of the operation after the assessment was noted. It was linked to administrative constraints on the part of the NRCS

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against objectives

Overview

The NRCS procured and distributed non-food items to 1,400 target beneficiaries in the camps (See table below). Relief items procured and distributed include kitchens sets, hygiene kits, blankets, sleeping mats, lanterns, plastic buckets, jerry cans, water purification materials, soap, Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN), wheelbarrows and shovel (for cleaning exercise in the camps). The items were procured locally with the technical support from the Federation's West Coast regional office. The Nigerian Red Cross Society, besides, trained 40 volunteers in distribution best practice, safer access, Red Cross code of conduct, crowd control as well as identification and registration of beneficiaries. To ensure a safe drinking water in the camps, the Red Cross procured and distributed water treatment guards to target beneficiaries in the camps. The Red Cross volunteers also sensitized the beneficiaries on the use of the water treatment guards. Two boreholes in two of the camps were constructed for the use of the returnees and the host communities. The National Society replenished the stock of the state branch which had initially used its limited stock to provide relief to the returnees. To improve the health and hygiene condition of the returnees, latrines were constructed in the Esit Eket camp. During the operation, the Red Cross worked in close collaboration with the local and national media to ensure the visibility for Red Cross. This manifested greatly with the media coverage given to the distribution phase. The operation had to be extended for a few weeks because of the delay in the commencement due to some administrative reasons.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: Improve the living conditions of people living in four camps (some 2,500 returnees) in Akwa Ibom State for a period of three months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Four camp populations (2,500) are provided with household items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement and distribution of NFI for 2,500 returnees in four camps. Training of volunteers in the distribution of items for the returnees.

NFI distributed by the NRCS

No	NFI	Total quantity	Beneficiaries
1	Wheelbarrow	10 pieces	2/camp
2	Shovel	80 pieces	20/camp
3	Lantern	280 pieces	1/household
4	Kitchen set	280 sets	1/household
5	Blanket	840 pieces	3/household
6	Sleeping mats	840 pieces	3/household
7	Hygiene kit	840 pieces	3/household
8	Bucket	280 pieces	1/household
9	Jerry can	560 pieces	2/household
10	Water guard	3360 bottles	12/household
11	Soap	4200 pieces	15/household
12	ITN	840 pieces	3/household

Impact: The non-food items procured and distributed to the 1,400 target beneficiaries in the four camps contributed greatly to improving the living conditions of the returnees. Cases of outbreak of epidemics related to poor living conditions were not recorded in the camps. The sensitization and demonstration carried out by the trained Red Cross volunteers assisted the beneficiaries in having a better understanding of the importance of the use of bed nets and keeping good hygiene practices. With the volunteers carrying out regular monitoring visits to the camps, beneficiaries now make good use of the nets. The situation in the four camps is tidy as the beneficiaries make use of the sanitation tools (see table below) provided to them by the Red Cross to keep their environment clean. They now engage in regular sanitation exercise in the camps.

The training organized for the Red Cross volunteers has enhanced the capacity of the branch in the techniques of the best practices in distribution of relief items. The selected volunteers appreciated the building of their capacity in that regard. The local branch also enhanced its knowledge in procurement standards and procedures of the International Federation.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: Four camp populations drink clean drinking water, and live in a clean environment.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Safe drinking water is provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of volunteers in use of water purification materials. Distribution of water makers.
A clean living environment is achieved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and/or rehabilitation of latrines.
Target communities are aware of major illnesses and prevention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment and training of 10 Mothers Clubs in health and nutrition promotional messages. Conduct health and nutrition education sessions with beneficiaries. Distribution of health information and education materials.

Impact: The procurement and distribution of water purification guards to the target beneficiaries contributed a lot to the prevention of the outbreak of water related diseases in the camps. The sensitization and

demonstration on water treatment also impacted on the returnees as many of them have enhanced their knowledge in water treatment. With the poor water source in the camps, beneficiaries have made use of the water treatment materials to purify their water for drinking. This greatly contributed to the prevention of outbreak of water borne epidemics in the camps.

The returnees in Esit Eket and the Technical College camps appreciated the efforts of the Red Cross in the construction of two boreholes and latrines (they are almost completed). Indeed the completion and running of the boreholes enabled them to have access to safe drinking water and not to go long distance to source for water. The health and hygiene education carried out by the Red Cross volunteers has increased the knowledge of the returnees and the communities on proper use of latrines when completed. The returnees now engage in regular sanitation exercise in the camps using the tools distributed by the Red Cross.

Health and Care	
Objective: Increase the resilience of returnees in four camps within Akwa Ibom State and surrounding communities that received Bakassi returnees within three months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The population in the four camps know how to use insecticide treated bed nets (ITNs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure and distribute ITNs for 2,500 returnees. Training of volunteers in ITN instruction and distribution. Distribution and sensitization of communities on the usage of ITNs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers are trained in sensitization activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training volunteers in returnee sensitization.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target communities are aware of major illnesses and their prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct health and nutrition education sessions with beneficiaries. Education sessions will be provided by the volunteers three times per week. A variety of topics will be reviewed (hygiene, malaria, drinking water, Immunizations, etc.). Distribution of health Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials. Advocacy for immunizations (measles, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target groups are aware of the component of good nutrition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Mothers Clubs and Emergency First Aid Teams (EFAT) in target communities. Training of mothers clubs and EFATs in health and nutrition. Sensitization of beneficiaries on good nutrition.

Impact: The Red Cross procured and distributed Insecticide Treated bed Nets (ITN) to target beneficiaries. A total of 840 pieces of ITN were distributed at the rate of three per family. The Red Cross volunteers had earlier received training in the distribution and how to sensitize beneficiaries on the use of the nets. They also carried out monitoring visits to ensure that the bed nets are properly put into use. A total of 8 education sessions in each of the target camps with the assistance of health educators and Red Cross volunteers were held as well. The sessions conducted twice weekly for 4 weeks focused on good hygiene, malaria prevention, good health nutritional habit, importance of immunizations, HIV/AIDS as well as purification of water for drinking. Though Information Education and Communication materials were not produced due to funding constraint, the volunteers were able to reach the target population using local language and *Pidgin English* (common English spoken and understood by majority of Nigerians irrespective of level of education).

The NRCS selected 20 Red Cross community women and trained them on health related issues as well as hygiene promotion. They were deployed in the camps to assist the returnees. They assisted the returnees in the area of psychological counselling, good nutritional practice as well as sensitization on HIV/AIDS. Their activities contributed to the reduction of outbreak of diseases in the camps. The state branch of the NRCS plans to transform this group of women into mothers' club in their communities.

Capacity Building and Disaster Risk Reduction	
Objective 1: Contribute to building the safety and resilience of returnees in Akwa Ibom State.	
Objective 2: Increase the capacity of the Akwa Ibom and Cross River State branches to manage disaster response and longer-term programmes.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 Bakassi returnees are earning an income through skills acquired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with communities regarding areas for skills development. Identification of beneficiaries for skills training. Develop partnership with skills providers. Procurement of tools for income generating activities. Income Generating Activities (IGA) for 200 beneficiaries in specific skill areas. Distribution of IGA tools to beneficiaries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akwa Ibom branch has increased logistic capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replenish Akwa Ibom State branch stock. Procure operational assets for the branch to facilitate their work to implement the project. Post-training follow up of IGA skills.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akwa Ibom and Cross River branches have increased disaster management (including disaster risk reduction) capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of existing volunteers to implement the relief effort. Recruit and train 40 new volunteers in the community. Procurement of two four-wheel drive vehicles, two laptops and printers to increase the logistical, and information processing and communications capacity of the branches.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branches are managing the programme in line with the programme plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Monitoring and Evaluation training for branches and those supporting them. Report writing training for Team Leaders, Coordinators, Branch Secretary and Zonal Coordinators. Regular reporting from the field to the branch and the Federation

Impact: It was observed in all the camps that some of the returnees especially the male went out during the day to do some menial job to sustain themselves and their families. Although NRCS trained some of the existing volunteers, it could however not strengthen the capacity of the branch in recruiting new volunteers at the community. With the replenishment of its stock, the state branch has strengthened its preparedness for any other potential disaster. The trained Red Cross volunteers have enhanced the capacity of the state branch at the community level. The capacity of the Red Cross women in the host communities was enhanced in the area of health and hygiene sensitization. In logistics, the state branch increased its capacity with the training of one of its drivers by the West Coast regional office. However due to the low appeal coverage, the National Society could not carry out its skill development and income generating activities aimed at assisting the 200 returnees. It could not either realize the procurement of two vehicles and other office equipment for the state branch.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The National Society's headquarters with the state branch worked in close collaboration with government authorities at the state and local levels to ensure that assistance reach the target beneficiaries. The state branch also used the impact of the operation to commence the process of partnering with local government authorities in the state. The partnership will focus on collaborative humanitarian intervention during disasters. The Red Cross worked in close collaboration with the local and national media to ensure visibility of the Red Cross. This manifested greatly with the media coverage given to the distribution phase of the operation. The activities of the Red Cross contributed to better understanding of the Red Cross mandate and mission among the community people as well as local government authorities.

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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Reporting Timeframe	2008/9-2009/7
Budget Timeframe	2008/9-2009/2
Appeal	MDRNG007
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	691,687					691,687
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	7,381					7,381
C1. Cash contributions	7,381					7,381
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	244,239					244,239
C5. Other Income	244,239					244,239
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	251,620					251,620
D. Total Funding = B + C	251,620					251,620
Appeal Coverage	36%					36%

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	251,620					251,620
E. Expenditure	-251,620					-251,620
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)		691,687					691,687	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	69,300							69,300
Clothing & textiles		22,768					22,768	-22,768
Food		1,551					1,551	-1,551
Water & Sanitation	149,100	28,378					28,378	120,722
Teaching Materials	105,966							105,966
Utensils & Tools		19,845					19,845	-19,845
Other Supplies & Services		38,628					38,628	-38,628
Total Supplies	324,366	111,170					111,170	213,197
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	7,000							7,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	7,000							7,000
Transport & Storage								
Storage		2,150					2,150	-2,150
Distribution & Monitoring	22,500	8,803					8,803	13,697
Transport & Vehicle Costs	76,500	17,389					17,389	59,111
Total Transport & Storage	99,000	28,342					28,342	70,658
Personnel								
National Staff	4,575	15,975					15,975	-11,400
National Society Staff	18,480	31,121					31,121	-12,641
Consultants	45,939							45,939
Total Personnel	68,994	47,097					47,097	21,897
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	52,495	19,591					19,591	32,904
Total Workshops & Training	52,495	19,591					19,591	32,904
General Expenditure								
Travel	12,250	21,157					21,157	-8,907
Information & Public Relation	12,500	1,045					1,045	11,455
Office Costs	46,622	434					434	46,188
Communications	23,500	4,362					4,362	19,138
Financial Charges		2,068					2,068	-2,068
Total General Expenditure	94,872	29,065					29,065	65,807
Programme Support								
Program Support	44,960	16,355					16,355	28,604
Total Programme Support	44,960	16,355					16,355	28,604
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	691,687	251,620					251,620	440,067
VARIANCE (C - D)		440,067					440,067	