

# DREF operation final report



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Ghana: 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 101,264 (USD 87,319 or EUR 71,158) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 11 July, 2009 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 1,000 beneficiaries and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

The heavy rainfall in the coastal belt of Ghana during the second week of June 2009 caused heavy destruction of property and affected about 19,755 people, according to the country's National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO). The Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) with support from the International Federation assisted a total of 1,000 vulnerable families most affected by the disaster in seven communities of the coastal area. The National Society mobilized its volunteers in Accra,



Some of the replenished NFI/GRCS

procured some non-food relief items and distributed them to the 1,000 target families. The Red Cross volunteers also carried out First Aid treatment, psychological support and good hygiene education in the affected communities. The intervention of the Red Cross contributed to alleviating the suffering of the beneficiaries as basic immediate relief assistance helped them in settling down temporarily to find a way out to continue their life. The initial challenge of procuring these items in the local markets was resolved with the procurement made from the regional stock based in Accra. The National Society has however replenished the stock after the operation. The success recorded during the operation was as a result of the good collaboration between NADMO, local authorities, the Red Cross as well as the beneficiary communities. The GRCS was also able to strengthen its capacity in relief distribution through the assistance of a RDRT member deployed in Ghana to support the National Society in the operation.

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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## The situation

Continuous heavy rainfall between 6 and 8 July 2009 caused flooding in many parts of the Ghana, destroying public and private property worth thousands of US dollars. In Accra, many houses were flooded by rain water while personal belongings were washed away. The floods affected 8,000 families in the following 13 communities in Accra: Odorkor, Darkuman, Kaneshie, Mataheko, Mpramprom, Atico, Bubuashie, Abossey Okai, Dansoman-Agege, Sakaman, Sukura, Awoshie and Santa Maria with Mataheko, Awoshie, Sakaman, First Light, Kaneshie, and Abosey Okai the most affected.

GRCS immediately carried out an assessment of the situation, procured and distributed immediate relief items such as tarpaulins, blankets, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, bars of soap and water jerry cans in some of the affected communities. The distribution of non-food items (NFI) procured from the International Federation regional stock in Accra was carried out between 19 July, 2009 and 23 July 2009. However, there was still the need to cover more communities as the rain continued.

This operation required a one month no-cost extension for the replenishment of the regional stock from where the distributed NFI were procured.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross carried out a rapid assessment, which shows that the main needs of the beneficiaries were mosquito nets and sleeping mats instead of shelter kits and water purification tablets.

The distribution of the NFI was delayed by one day because the IFRC items stocked in the UNHRD warehouse needed to be exempted from tax by the Ministries of Interior and Finance before they could be released. It took some time before the tax exemption note was obtained.

## Achievements against objectives

### Activities planned

- Conduct rapid assessment;
- Distribute relief items essentially NFIs to cover the immediate needs of the most vulnerable: 500 shelter kits for families whose houses were severely damaged or destroyed, 500 tarpaulins to those whose houses were damaged but still living inside; 2,000 blankets; 2,000 mosquito nets, 1,000 kitchen sets; 4,000 water purification tablets; 4,000 pieces of soap and 2,000 jerry cans;
- Replenish the regional stock with tarpaulins, blankets, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and jerry cans;
- Coordinate with other partners and Government authorities;
- Advise on RC&RC future response and recovery strategy.

### Impact:

The assessment carried out by the GRCS with support of the deployed RDRT member enabled the National Society to discover the poor living conditions of the populations in the affected communities and the impact of the floods on the communities as well as the immediate needs of the affected people. The assessment also enhanced the knowledge of the GRCS staff and volunteers involved as the RDRT member deployed was able to share her knowledge and experience with them.

Identification and registration of the families and persons most affected by the disaster using the following criteria; families with children, pregnant women, elderly and the physically disabled contributed to orderliness and peace recorded during the distribution phase of the operation. The GRCS procured and distributed relief items to 1,000 most affected families. Items distributed include tarpaulins, kitchen set, blankets, soap, mats water jerry can and mosquito nets. Beneficiaries of the tarpaulins were pregnant women, the elderly and families with children under five years old (see table below for the distribution statistics).

Localities	Number of households	Tarpaulins	Kitchen sets	Blankets	Bars of Soap	Sleeping mats	Water Jerry cans	Mosquito nets
<b>Sakaman</b>	120	78	120	207	643	207	120	207
<b>Mataheko</b>	80	21	80	178	400	178	80	178
<b>1<sup>st</sup> light 1</b>	156	85	156	191	780	191	156	191
<b>Kaneshie</b>	240	101	240	550	1,600	550	240	550
<b>Kaneshie 2</b>	87	24	87	185	435	185	87	185
<b>Abosey Okei</b>	50	18	50	88	250	88	50	88
<b>Awoshie</b>	250	136	250	560	1,790	560	250	560
<b>Total</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>5,898</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1,959</b>

The Red Cross volunteers provided First Aid services, psychological counselling and health education to the community people some of whom have moved to safer places for shelter. The GRCS attended the coordination meetings where stakeholders including the UN system received update on the situation from NADMO.

With the distribution of NFI to beneficiaries completed and extension of one month granted, the National Society in collaboration with the regional logistics unit of the International Federation in Dubai replenished the stock in the regional warehouse. The items include kitchen sets (1,000), water jerry cans (1,250), mosquito nets (2,000), sleeping mats (2,000), soap (128 cartons of 48x250g), tarpaulins (500 pieces) and blankets (2,000 pieces). The sleeping mats and soap were locally procured for the replenishment.

#### **Challenges:**

The Red Cross limited assistance could not reach all the affected persons in the communities. There was the need for other stakeholders to intervene in relief assistance. Many of the affected households looked up to the Red Cross as the only humanitarian organization that could come to their assistance. There was the need to provide food items to some of the affected persons who continued to ask for such assistance from the Red Cross volunteers during the distribution phase. Most of them had lost their means of livelihood to the floods.

The delay in the commencement of the distribution of the Red Cross relief items was due to the fact that the items needed to be exempted from tax by the government before they could be released from the UNHRD warehouse. It was recommended that the Ghana Red Cross Society would need to enter into agreement with the government for the tax exemption on relief items in the future.

Some of the lids of the water jerry cans were damaged while some bales of the blankets were short of 10 pieces. This contributed to shortage during the distribution phase. Meanwhile, an appropriate logistics procedure is being put in place for the GRCS to track relief items from warehouse to the distribution points.

## 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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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MDRGRH001 - Ghana - Floods

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/7-2010/5
Budget Timeframe	2009/7-2009/11
Appeal	MDRGRH001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	101,264					101,264
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	74,860					74,860
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	74,860					74,860
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	74,860					74,860
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	74,860					74,860
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	74%					74%

## II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	74,860					74,860
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-74,860					-74,860
<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
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>101,264</b>					<b>101,264</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief		6,766					6,766	-6,766
Clothing & textiles	80,000	29,754					29,754	50,246
Utensils & Tools		6,573					6,573	-6,573
Other Supplies & Services		2,511					2,511	-2,511
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>45,605</b>					<b>45,605</b>	<b>34,395</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		317					317	-317
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000							2,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,400	2,792					2,792	-392
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3,109</b>					<b>3,109</b>	<b>1,291</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Staff		1,013					1,013	-1,013
National Society Staff	3,012	4,767					4,767	-1,755
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>5,780</b>					<b>5,780</b>	<b>-2,768</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	6,770	12,438					12,438	-5,668
Information & Public Relation		441					441	-441
Office Costs	500	449					449	51
Communications		268					268	-268
Financial Charges		625					625	-625
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>14,221</b>					<b>14,221</b>	<b>-6,951</b>
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	6,582	4,708					4,708	1,874
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>6,582</b>	<b>4,708</b>					<b>4,708</b>	<b>1,874</b>
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries		1,438					1,438	-1,438
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>1,438</b>					<b>1,438</b>	<b>-1,438</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>101,264</b>	<b>74,860</b>					<b>74,860</b>	<b>26,404</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>26,404</b>					<b>26,404</b>	