

DREF operation



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Gambia: Local storm

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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 and 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.

CHF 75,305 (USD 69,335 or EUR 49641) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on July 2009 to support the national society in delivering assistance to support 327 displaced families representing 1,635 beneficiaries.

Summary: On 02 July a storm hit the area of River Region in Gambia. As a result, damages occurred to upper, central West and lower part of the region, affecting 2,350 persons. A total of 327 families were displaced to neighbours and relatives; because of the destruction of their houses, they do not have any shelter for themselves and their families.



Houses destroyed by the wind storm

The government through the regional disaster management committees conducted the assessment with the Red Cross offices in the region and launched an appeal for an immediate support to victims. The Gambia Red Cross Society (GRCS) River Region Branch volunteers were at the site helping them to move their belongings from the ruined houses.

Through the proposed operation, the GRCS will distribute roofing kits to assist 1,635 beneficiaries in their houses roofing. This operation is expected to be implemented over one month, and will therefore be completed by 7 August, 2009. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 7 November, 2009).

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The situation

On 2 July, 2009 at 12.00 am a serious wind storm has affected almost the entire country of the Gambia causing a wide spread destruction of houses, rendering household families displaced and some hospitalized due falling debris. An assessment mission was on the field for a rapid assessment of the situation.

Coordination and partnerships

The government through the regional disaster management committees conducted the assessment with the GRCS offices in the region. A national appeal was launched for an immediate support to victims and

included trusses, rafters and nails for the re-roofing process before the rainy season. The regional governors who are the chair persons of the regional disaster management committees are tasked with the responsibility to coordinate all disaster matters in their respective regions. The assessment was done with under the coordination of their offices, which requested the support of other organizations including the Red Cross to intervene quickly for resolving the disaster situation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

An assessment team visited the areas in various regions and conducted a rapid needs assessment of the disaster. The report of the assessment revealed that five villages were affected in the Upper river region, five others were affected in Central river region, in Lower river region four villages were affected and finally in the Western region nine villages were affected. The period of the storm was short but very heavy and caused serious widespread destruction of housing and household belongings. The community volunteers are still with the communities helping those victims whose houses can be repaired to do so as quickly as possible. The other households indicated in the assessments need urgent support for them and their families to have shelter and live with dignity.

The needs

Beneficiary selection:

Upper River region	Central River Region	Lower River Region	Western Region
<u>Fodikey Village</u> 35 buildings were affected 570 people involved 50 families displaced 35 houses destroyed	<u>Basang Village</u> 4 buildings 50 people affected 30 families displaced 4 houses destroyed	<u>Karantaba Village</u> 11 building 198 people affected 11 families displaced 11 houses destroyed	<u>Brikama Darsilameh</u> 20 building 120 people affected 10 families displaced 10 houses destroyed
<u>SareTore Village</u> 4 buildings 72 people affected 8 families displaced 4 houses destroyed	<u>Bantanto Village</u> 2 building 23 people affected 19 families displaced 2 houses destroyed	<u>Barrow Kunda</u> 8 building 144 people affected 16 families displaced 11 houses destroyed	<u>Brikama Town</u> 22 building 132 people affected 14 families displaced 14 houses destroyed
<u>Diabuku Tenda</u> 2 buildings 59 people affected 29 families displaced 2 houses destroyed	<u>Sankulay Kunda Villag</u> 1 building 10 people affected 1 families displaced 1 house destroyed	<u>Dinkirai Village</u> 10 building 180 people 24 families displaced 10 houses destroyed	<u>Jambur Village</u> 15 building 90 people affected 2 families displaced 2 houses destroyed
<u>Sare Kokey Village</u> 1 building 28 people affected 28 families displaced 1 house destroyed		<u>Soma Village</u> 5 buildings 90 people affected 10 families displaced 5 houses destroyed	<u>Faraba Village</u> 3 buildings 54 people affected 3 families displaced 3 houses destroyed
<u>Sifula Taitel Village</u> 3 buildings 32 people affected 10 families displaced 3 houses destroyed			<u>Arrangallen Village</u> 5 buildings 90 people affected 5 families displaced 5 houses destroyed
<u>Sifula Suna Village</u> 4 buildings 120 people affected 30 families displaced 4 houses destroyed			<u>Kerwan Airport</u> 15 buildings 120 people affected 7 families displaced 7 houses destroyed

<u>Sare Jajai Village</u> 4 building 32 people affected 12 families displaced 9 houses destroyed			<u>Pirang Village</u> 3 buildings 54 people affected 3 families displaced 3 houses destroyed
			<u>Janack Village</u> 2 buildings 67 people affected 4 families displaced 3 houses destroyed
			<u>Dobong Village</u> 1 building 15 people affected 1 families displaced 1 house destroyed

- 2,350 people were affected by the storm;
- 327 families were displaced to neighbors and relatives;
- 150 houses were destroyed and needed support for the re-roofing;

The proposed operation

Emergency Shelter

Objective: The Gambia Red Cross Society (GRCS) will address the shelter needs of a target population identified in the assessment of 327 homeless families (representing 1,635 people) in River Region of the Gambia with an appropriate planned support.

Activities planned (immediate needs):

- Procurement of roofing materials with the logistics unit;
- Transportation and distribution of the construction materials to the target beneficiary families identified in the assessment (8 packets of corrugated irons sheet, 4.5 kilos of nails and 20 pieces of palm sticks);
- Refresher training for 40 volunteers to support the communities in the re-roofing process and sensitization on risk reduction initiatives;
- Technical support to the communities in re-roofing their 150 damaged houses by trained volunteers.
- Following-up the progress of the activities in the community and reporting;
- Advocating and monitoring the other needs of the affected communities to be covered by other partners.

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

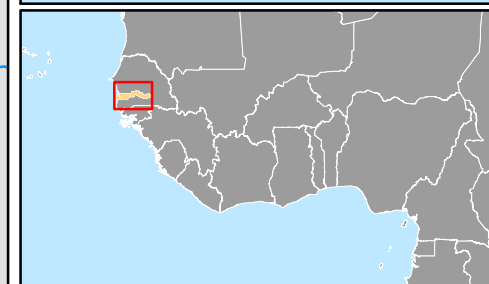
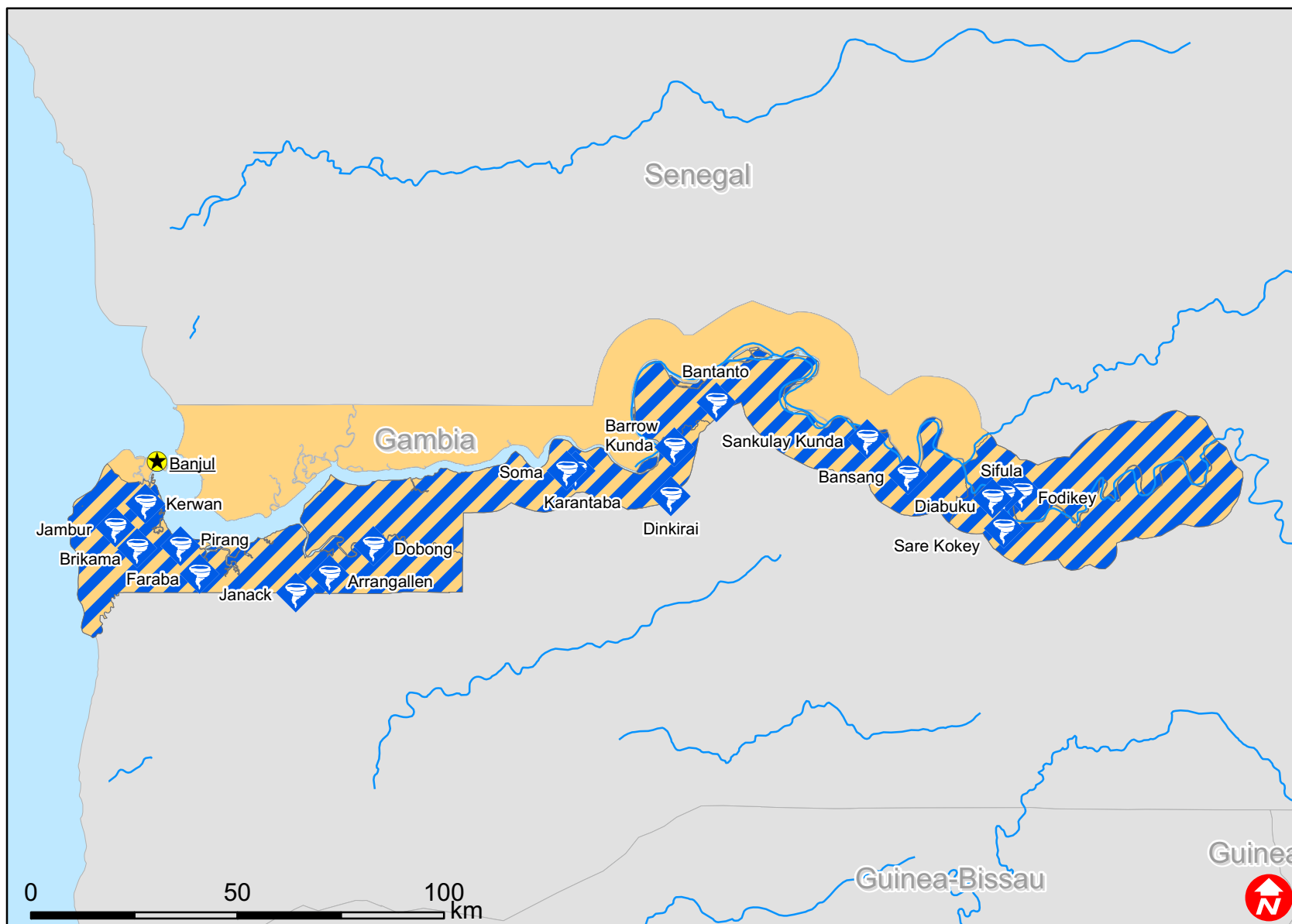
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-  Villages affected
-  Regions affected
-  Capitals

On July 2, a storm hit the area of River Region affecting 2350 persons. A total of 327 families were displaced to neighbours and relatives.