

DREF operation update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Malawi: Earthquake

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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.

Period covered by this update: 3 to 28 February 2010.

Summary: CHF 306,365 (USD 295,891, or EUR 202,502) was allocated on 14 December 2009, from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)'s Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), to support the Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,930 households (9,650 beneficiaries) affected by the earthquake that hit the country on 6 December, 2009. The DREF allocation was increased to a total of CHF 591,689 (USD 570,033, or EUR 397,721) on 23 December 2009 to enable the MRCS to implement its revised plan of action following the second earthquake on 20 December 2009. While the DREF bulletin dated 14 December 2009 indicated assistance targeted to 3,000 households (about 15,000 beneficiaries), MRCS revised the target to 6,000 households (about 30,000 beneficiaries) based on the Malawi Government's assessment results.



MRCS volunteers distributing shelter materials after the December 2009 earthquakes.

The main objective of the operation is to provide temporary shelter and basic non food items (NFIs) to the targeted affected households. During the reporting period not much was done in terms of distributions since all the available tarpaulins had been distributed. The main activities had been the damage assessment, attending coordination meetings and participating in the shelter national task force.

Although there were no distributions during the reporting period, it is estimated that approximately 6,000 to 7,000 people are still in need of shelter material, and the statistics will be confirmed after assessments being conducted in the affected areas.

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments, and ECHO. The Canadian, Italian and Netherlands Governments have made the following contributions to replenish the DREF: Canadian Government – CHF 49,170; Italian Government – CHF 103,949 and Netherlands Government – CHF 23,759. 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

Karonga district with a population of 270,960 people and situated in the northern region of Malawi experienced a sequence of tremors ranging from 5.4 to 6.0 on the Richter scale between 6 and 20 December 2009. Seismological activity continues and is taking the form of an earthquake swarm although it is not certain when this is expected to halt. The Government of Malawi formally declared a national emergency on 21st December 2009, upon which the humanitarian agencies joined in the response operation.

MRCS immediately mobilised resources to respond to the needs of the families with damaged property. The relief items including shelter material were promptly distributed in order to ensure the affected families had shelter and non food items. However, in the reporting period, MRCS' attention was on conducting a damage assessment in collaboration with the other stakeholders. In addition to assessing and verifying the number of damaged houses, the assessment seeks to establish the capacity of the households with regards to recovery and reconstruction.

As already been reported in the previous operations update, some of the people who re-located to the new land are still voluntarily moving back to their original homes. This is however, not encouraged by neither the Malawi Government nor MRCS since the areas are still considered inhabitable, according to the Geological department. The main driving force has been the desire to continue with their farming activities within their fields.

Coordination and partnerships

MRCS continues working with the government and other stakeholders in response activities and assessments. The National Society is leading a task force in shelter, which has been mandated to spearhead the formulation of standard building guidelines on housing that are resistant to tremors or any other shock. Among the government departments are the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Building department and Physical Planning department as well as the UN Habitat, MRCS is finalizing discussions with DFID on the recovery programme proposal to be submitted for possible funding support.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: 6,000 earthquake families provided with temporary shelter and appropriate non-food relief items.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Temporary shelter and non-food relief items distributed to 6,000 families in Karonga district for a period of three months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct rapid emergency needs and detailed capacity assessments using Regional Disaster Response Teams (RDRT), trained staff, volunteers and government extension staff. • Conduct registration of beneficiaries using government standards and agreed criteria. • Verify beneficiaries using shelter needs criteria. • Purchase shelter relief materials sourced within the country, e.g. poles. • Train communities in constructing temporary shelters and in roofing partly damaged houses, using trained volunteers. • Distribute kitchen utensils where necessary. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Progress:

So far MRCS has distributed the following items to over 3,000 households: 5,935 tarpaulins, 2,386 shelter kits, 215 collapsible jelly cans, 11,870 laundry soap bars, 5,835 mosquito nets, 9 tents and over 8,900 poles for construction of the temporary shelters. The families who received shelter material also managed to withstand the effects of the heavy rains that followed after the tremor.

The Red Cross volunteers continue with awareness campaigns advising people to take caution and be prepared in case of another tremor. This damage assessment is being conducted at the zonal level and MRCS is coordinating activities in the Chiwondo zone. Some of the main activities had been attending daily coordination meetings, and at national level, participating in the shelter task force, which is coordinating the development of building Standards for Malawi.

Challenges:

The main challenge in the operation is the limited availability of fuel (diesel) in the affected Karonga district. The erratic supply to the district's outlets has affected the timely implementation of response activities.

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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MDRMW005 - Malawi - Earthquake

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/11-2010/01
Budget Timeframe	2009/11-2010/01
Appeal	MDRMW005
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
A. Budget	241,283					241,283
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	591,689					591,689
C5. Other Income	591,689					591,689
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	591,689					591,689
D. Total Funding = B + C	591,689					591,689
Appeal Coverage	245%					245%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	591,689					591,689
E. Expenditure	-267,867					-267,867
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	323,822					323,822

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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
BUDGET (C)		241,283					241,283	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	200,000	93,590					93,590	106,410
Clothing & textiles		17,215					17,215	-17,215
Utensils & Tools	25,600	34,781					34,781	-9,181
Total Supplies	225,600	145,586					145,586	80,014
Transport & Storage								
Storage		1,952					1,952	-1,952
Transport & Vehicle Costs		15,377					15,377	-15,377
Total Transport & Storage		17,329					17,329	-17,329
Personnel								
National Staff		35					35	-35
Total Personnel		35					35	-35
General Expenditure								
Travel		1,015					1,015	-1,015
Information & Public Relation		21					21	-21
Communications		17					17	-17
Financial Charges		-1,447					-1,447	1,447
Total General Expenditure		-395					-395	395
Programme Support								
Program Support	15,683	16,527					16,527	-844
Total Programme Support	15,683	16,527					16,527	-844
Services								
Services & Recoveries		6,488					6,488	-6,488
Total Services		6,488					6,488	-6,488
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		82,295					82,295	-82,295
Total Operational Provisions		82,295					82,295	-82,295
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	241,283	267,867					267,867	-26,583
VARIANCE (C - D)		-26,583					-26,583	