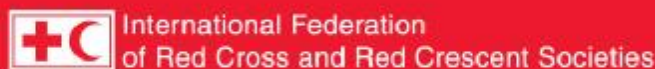


DREF operation



Chad Floods

**DREF operation n° MDRTD003
GLIDE n° FL-2009-000186-TCD
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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 246,522 (USD 231,432 or EUR 162,656) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,136 families (or 5,680 beneficiaries). Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: This DREF is related to the severe situation of floods in western Chad in general and in the area of Mayo Kebbi in eastern Chad in particular. The Red Cross of Chad (RCC) supported by the Federation conducted an assessment of the disaster. The assessment has identified some needs and has revealed an immediate support to the 1,136 most vulnerable families.



The roof of the house becomes a temporary shelter for the floods victims.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by November 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by February 2010).

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The situation

The 2009 rainy season seems to be more serious than in previous years. There is an excessive amount of stagnant rainwater in the cultivable and inhabited areas on the one hand and a threatening rise in the level of water in Logone River area on the other. The area of Bongor has experienced above normal precipitation since July. In August, heavy rains poured down in an area located 240 kilometres from Ndjamen. The floods led to the destruction of houses and had a severe impact on the population, killing a number of people. The rains were particularly violent and heavy, causing a major rise in the level of the Logone River

water and leading to the destruction of a dam. Two districts located in the northern part of the city have been completely flooded. These floods also caused the destruction of crops and left many areas inaccessible and roads damaged. Water supplies and sanitation have also been badly affected. Latrines and wells have been blocked. As a result, the affected people live in an unhealthy environment, with the related range of health risks.

The Bongor region authorities as well as the sub-prefecture of Samga indicate that more than 175,820 people are living in the affected areas and are exposed to the consequences of floods. This number includes 83,720 people living in Bongor region and 92,100 other in the surrounding villages. This appeal targets 1,136 families estimated to be the most vulnerable from amongst this population.

Coordination and partnerships

The Red Cross of Chad (RCC) supported by the International Federation is working in close coordination with the Red Cross Regional Committee of Bongor, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the local authorities, the Ministry of Social Affairs and other humanitarian actors (NGOs and UN agencies). A coordination meeting has been held and the information collected by RCC volunteers has been shared with the other humanitarian actors. During the meeting, Red Cross representatives focused on a rapid response to the disaster.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The volunteers of the RCC Regional Committee assisted the affected population to transport their goods, to move those injured from the flooded area, and to repair the broken dam. They also helped to carry out assessments with the affected communities. RCC volunteers provided assistance with the distribution of non-food items. This assistance has been immediate and timely as the affected population is scattered over an area covering several kilometres. With the support of the International Federation, the RCC distributed blankets and plastic sheeting to 50 families on 18 August.

The needs

The Regional Committee of the RCC has carried out a needs assessment jointly with the administrative authorities and with the support of the National Society and the International Federation. The assessment team comprising community members, the local committees and other partners, visited the affected areas and spoke with the local population. The interaction with the local, political and administrative authorities and the Bongor staff health centres was helpful in gathering information related to the consequences of the disaster. The assessment has revealed that the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should be ready to provide:

- Shelter items for the most affected families;
- food because of the flooded fields and lost harvests, as well as seeds and tools with the support of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO);
- Non-food items (blankets, clothing, mats);
- Water and drainage systems including the rehabilitation of the dam;

For their assistance mission, the volunteers also need some equipment (rain coats, boots, masks, harrows pickaxes, wheelbarrows, shovels etc).

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To provide basic non-food items to respond to the urgent needs of some 1,136 families in the Bongor Region which are seriously affected by the floods.

Activities planned:

- Conduct an assessment of the most vulnerable people.
- Distribution of non-food items such as blankets, plastic sheeting, jerry cans, mats and mosquito nets.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne diseases has been reduced through the provision of drinkable water, and sensitization on good hygiene practices to the 1,136 most vulnerable families in Bongor Region for three months.

Activities planned:

- Strengthen the capacity of the volunteers of the RCC in water treatment and the use of purification materials and good hygiene practices.
- Equip volunteers with protection materials (boots, raincoats etc).
- Distribute water purification tablets and sensitize the population on their use.
- Sensitize the population on good hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Rehabilitate the wells and the latrines damaged by the flood water.

DREF BUDGET SUMMARY

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	24,000
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	40,500
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	80,900
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	2,000
Utensils & Tools	34,080
Other Supplies & Services	5,680
Total Relief Needs	187,160

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Land & Buildings
Vehicles Purchase
Computers & Telecom Equipment
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.
Medical Equipment
Other Machinery & Equipment

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse
Distribution & Monitoring
Transport & Vehicles Costs 30,000

PERSONNEL

International Staff
Regionally Deployed Staff
National Staff 4,000
National Society Staff 5,000
Consultants

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training 1,000

<i>Monitoring and evaluation</i>	1,000
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	
Travel	
Information & Public Relations	588
Office running costs	500
Communication Costs	750
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	500
Other General Expenses	
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme Support - PSR	16,024
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Total Operational Needs	59,362
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Total DREF Budget (Cash & Kind)	246,522

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

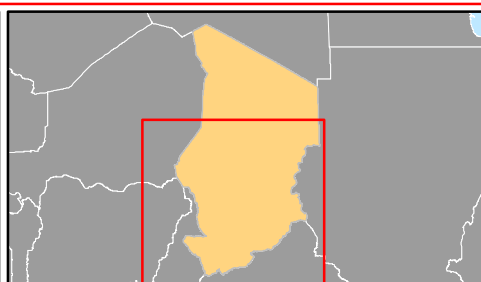
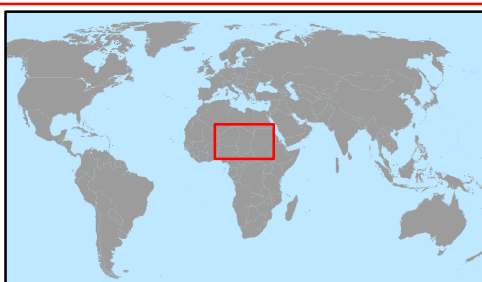
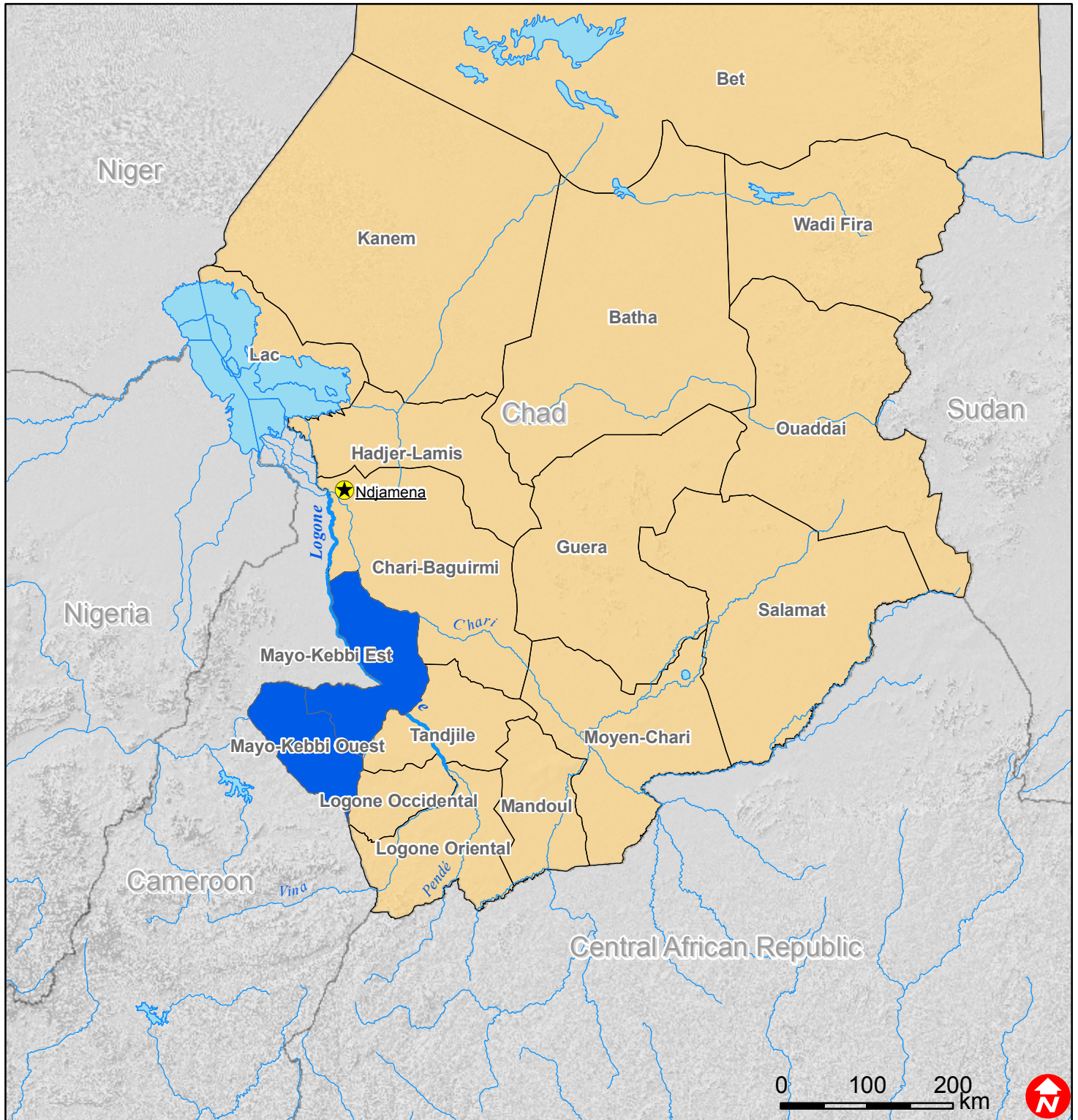
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