

DREF operation



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Guinea Conakry: Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 emergency response. 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 174,302 (USD 171,861 or EUR 133,381) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support Guinea Conakry Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to 1,000 families mostly affected by floods. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The torrential rain in Guinea Conakry that intensified on 14 September 2010 led to flooding mainly in localities of Mamou, Dounet, Labe, Norassoba, Kouremale, Nounkounkan and Lola. The Red Cross of Guinea immediately conducted a joint assessment with other partners to ascertain the number of floods affected communities and families. The regional disaster response team (RDRT) already



Volunteers assessing flooded communities
Photo: Red Cross of Guinea

deployed to support the local Red Cross structures strengthen capacities in preparedness for the upcoming presidential election, managed to help with compiling information on the flood situation. As of 26 September 2010, it has been reported that 4,949 families are affected (40,405 people) by the floods, out of which children under five years and pregnant women constitute 19 per cent. The affected population are very vulnerable whilst the damage caused by floods is devastating particularly to the livelihoods at household level. The most damaged are the water sources and latrines, thus posing a risk of water-borne diseases to women, children and the elderly people. Proliferation of mosquitoes due to stagnation of flooded waters and other vectors is inevitable. In this regards, the Red Cross of Guinea intends to support affected people with the provision of transitional shelter, non-food items (NFI), integrated health education, water and sanitation services, and hygiene sensitization activities.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by December 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of operation (31 March 2011). 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

Between 15 and 18 September 2010, the populations of Mamou, Dounet, Labe, Norassoba, Kouremale, Nounkounkan and Lola were affected by flooded following heavy torrential rains. This is at a time the country is undergoing an unstable political environment, which has diverted attention of many stakeholders including the local authorities from responding to the flood disaster. The floods have led to one death and confirmed 6 injured, 15 cases of diarrhoea detected, and 127 malaria patients identified during the assessment carried out by Red Cross of Chad. A total of 361 water source points and 149 latrines were flooded during the runoff of rain waters. The destruction on residences plus household materials and displacement adds more fragility to the affected populations. The initial assessment indicated the following data.

N°	Localities	Demography						Destructions		People Displaced
		Families Affected	People Affected	Children Under 5yrs	Pregnant Women	The elderly	The Disabled	Houses total Destroyed	Houses Partially Destroyed	
1	Mamou Centre	1,973	14,040	2,916	0	*	*	*	29	10
2	Dounet	1,720	12,142	2,898	259	*	*	*	78	*
3	Lola	156	1,871	607	53	161	3	208	89	1,871
4	Labe	869	5,887	*	*	*	*	4	12	*
5	Nounkounkan	104	1,419	296	47	296	19	191	188	*
6	Norassoba	87	4,409	*	*	*	*	285	470	*
7	Kouremale	40	637	217	365	48	7	67	152	*
Total		4,949	40,405	6,934	724	505	29	755	1,018	1,881

Not all regional committees have submitted total figures for the floods in their respective regions. However, the number of displaced families hosted by either neighbours or relatives exceeds the number indicated in the table.

Coordination and partnerships

The coordination meetings are led by UNOCHA; Red Cross of Guinea attends and provides information collected from the field through its local committees and joint assessment. The coordination meetings are attended by UN Agencies, including FAO, UNPA, WFP, OCHA, and UNICEF. Humanitarian NGOs and representatives of the Guinean government (SENAH) are members of the coordination meetings. Although coordination meetings are attended by the relevant partners, there has been no support mechanism established for the flood disaster due other priorities related to the unstable political situation.

The Red Cross of Guinea in partnership with SENAH (central Government department responsible for disaster management), OCHA, FAO, WFP and UNPA conducted a joint assessment mission from 15 to 18 September 2010 in the affected localities to assess the number and consequences of the floods and identify the immediate humanitarian needs.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Over the past few years, the National Society has been undergoing transition and human resource restructuring. The new team is in place and has been trained by the RDRT to enhance its capacity in disaster response by introducing the IFRC disaster management tools. In cognisance of the difficulties the National Society is currently facing in managing emergencies, an RDRT will be deployed for a period of three months to help support in the implementation and reporting. The National Society also plans to distribute the pre-positioned NFIs whilst mobilising resources for additional needs. This operation is primarily supported by the IFRC DREF, which has been released to the National Society.

The needs

The joint assessment carried out by the National Society and partners revealed the immediate needs as stated below. In this regards, the Red Cross of Guinea intends to support 1,000 most affected and vulnerable families. Among the areas of focus are integrated health, water and sanitation activities, shelter, and sensitization on prevention messages. The outcomes of the assessment highlighted the under mentioned priority needs:

- **Non-food Items:** Many people are displaced and are now sheltered at schools, some living with relatives and with neighbours. The National Society will distribute tarpaulins and shelter tool kits to 750 displaced households whose houses were completely destroyed by floods.
- **Water and Sanitation:** The recorded flooded are 149 latrines and 361 wells. In response to the needs for clean water and access to standard sanitation, the National Society will rehabilitate or construct 50 completely damaged family latrines, provide water purification tablets and carry out disinfection of latrines and hygiene promotion at individual and collective levels.
- **Health and Community Care:** Because of the large number of displaced persons, health needs at present includes distribution of bed nets, sensitizations on preventive measures of waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and building capacities of volunteers for social mobilisation campaigns.
- **Logistics:** NFIs such as blankets, mats, jerry cans, soap are equally among the priority needs of the affected population. In this regards, distribution will cover 1,000 mostly affected families. In order to facilitate the hygiene and safety during the implementation of planned activities, boots, gloves, rain coats, and other materials will be distributed and utilized by volunteers.
- **Coordination:** Coordination meetings will be held regularly within the Red Cross Movement, with regional branches, and as well with external partners and government to ensure complementary efforts in support of flood victims.

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)	
Outcome: To contribute to the reduction of the vulnerability of 1,000 families with the provision of relief materials.	
Expected results:	Activities planned:
Relief items are procured and distributed to 1,000 families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure, transport, warehouse and distribute 2,000 blankets, 2,000 sleeping mats, for 1,000 families; • Procure and utilize boots, bibs, rain coats for 50 volunteers covering all flood affected localities; • Conduct integrated refreshment training for 50 volunteers on relief distribution, health and care, water and sanitation.

Shelter	
Outcome: To contribute in the improvement of vulnerabilities of 750 flood displaced families through the provision of shelter materials.	
Expected results:	Activities planned:
Shelter materials are procured and distributed to 750 displaced families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute 750 tarpaulins and 750 shelter tool kits for 750 flood displaced families; • Build capacities of volunteers on improved shelter constructions; • Sensitize beneficiaries with flood resistant buildings as guide for affected families.

Emergency health	
Outcome 1: To contribute to the prevention of diarrheal and others communicable diseases among 1,000 most vulnerable families in the affected localities.	
Expected results	Activities planned:
The risks of diarrheal and others communicable diseases are reduced for the most affected communities and the health status of the community is improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with trained volunteers on health preventive measures on diarrheal and others communicable diseases; • Provide information, education and communication (IEC) materials for the health, water, sanitation and risk reduction sensitization activities.

Outcome 2: To reduce the morbidity and mortality attributable to malaria among 1,000 flood displaced families.	
Expected results	Activities planned:
1,000 displaced families by floods are reached by volunteers disseminating messages regarding malaria and distribution of LLIN, usage, and assist in the correct hanging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute 2,000 mosquito nets for 1,000 flood displaced families; • Disseminate key messages concerning LLIN use and malaria (targeting pregnant women and caretakers for children under five years); • Procure nail and strings for mosquito nets hang-up campaign for 1,000 affected families.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion	
Outcome: To contribute to the improvement of access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities for 1,000 most vulnerable affected families.	
Outputs (expected results):	Activities planned:
1,000 families affected by floods in the localities have access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute 45,000 purification tablets for 1,000 affected families for a period of two months; • Procure and distribute 1,000 buckets and 1,000 jerry cans for 1,000 affected families; • Procure and distribute 9,000 bars of soap for 1,000 flood families; • Procure detergents and disinfect flooded latrines and wells; • Construct 50 severely damaged family latrines for the most vulnerable families affected by the floods and have no access to proper latrines due to damage; • Procure and distribute 1,000 hygiene kits for 1,000 affected families; • Conduct hygiene promotion for families affected by floods.

Communications/IT/Reporting	
Outcome: Contribute to the improvement of the capacity of the National Society to engage in social mobilization to reach families affected by the floods and to ensure timely reporting and the monitoring of activities.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Populations at risk are sensitized on flood detection, evacuation and risks reduction associated with floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce MRCS social mobilization capacities; • Reinforce MRCS in the sensitization of affected populations.
Timely and accurate reports are prepared and shared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information with all partners and prepare timely reports; • The National Society to report on the activities carried out; • Regional monitoring visits are carried out during the DREF implementation.

How we work

All IFRC 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 IFRC'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 IFRC'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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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	41,288	41,288
Shelter - Transitional	0	0
Construction - Housing	0	0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure	0	0
Construction - Materials	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	21,441	21,441
Food	0	0
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water & Sanitation	20,753	20,753
Medical & First Aid	0	0
Teaching Materials	1,773	1,773
Utensils & Tools	16,220	16,220
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	9,000	9,000
Total Supplies	110,474	110,474
Land & Buildings	0	0
Vehicles	0	0
Computer & Telecom	0	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0
Medical Equipment	0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,050	1,050
Distribution & Monitoring	2,600	2,600
Transport & Vehicle Costs	14,415	14,415
Total Transport & Storage	18,065	18,065
International Staff	0	0
Regionally Deployed Staff	21,000	21,000
National Staff	0	0
National Society Staff	5,625	5,625
Other Staff benefits	0	0
Consultants	0	0
Total Personnel	26,625	26,625
Workshops & Training	5,750	5,750
Total Workshops & Training	5,750	5,750
Travel	1,000	1,000
Information & Public Relation	400	400
Office Costs	1,350	1,350
Communications	0	0
Professional Fees	0	0
Financial Charges	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	0
Total General Expenditure	2,750	2,750

Cash Transfers to National Societies	0	0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties	0	0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	10,638	10,638
Total Programme Support	10,638	10,638
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	174,302	174,302

