

# DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Equatorial Guinea: Fire in Malabo

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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 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 36,139 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 27 April, 2010 to support the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea in delivering assistance to 50 families, i.e. 250 beneficiaries.

DREF operation Update no. 1 was issued on 1st July, 2010 to highlight the progress made in two months since the start of the operation.

Since the beginning of 2010, several episodes of fire have occurred in Malabo, the capital of Equatorial Guinea. The most serious episode took place in April when about 50 families, i.e. 250 people were left homeless after an unprecedented fire in the town burnt down

their houses and property. To assist the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea help the affected families, IFRC allocated CHF 36,139 from its DREF that enabled the National Society (NS)

to distribute the following relief items affected families; 100 tarpaulins, 50 cooking kits, 100 insecticide-treated mosquito nets, 250 pieces of soap of 200g each, and 125 mats and clothes. However, the number of the affected people kept increasing, and the NS realized that the DREF allocation will not be enough to cover the needs of all the people affected. Thus they organized a local fundraising activity (the sale of meals at high price to the rich and other business people in Malabo). The result of this activity was the collection of CFA francs 5,000,000, i.e. about CHF 12,500. This money was used to assist an additional 42 families, thereby bringing the total number of people assisted to 640 identified as the most vulnerable. Contacts have been established with the national fire brigade to train Red Cross volunteers on fire management. This activity has started and falls in line with a strategy that will be pursued on a long-term basis; i.e. beyond the timeframe of this DREF.

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>



Equatorial Guinea Red Cross volunteers distributing non-food items to people affected by fire in Malabo / Manuel Ndong: Photo: Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea

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## The situation

Between January and May 2010, the overpopulated neighbourhoods of Malabo, the capital city of Equatorial Guinea registered 12 fire disasters. These fire disasters caused several damages and completely ruined already extremely poor populations, leaving them hopeless and with no means of subsistence. In reaction to the series of disasters, the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea sought support from IFRC to assist the most vulnerable people affected by fire. IFRC then allocated some funds from its DREF to enable the NS to implement their plan of action in favour of the 250 identified beneficiaries. Since the start of this operation an additional nine fires have occurred in Malabo (from June to August 2010), bringing the total number of fires to 21 in 2010. These fires have affected more than 60 families in Malabo.

The following table summarizes the number of fire incidents registered in Malabo from June to August 2010:

Date	Number of families affected	Neighbourhoods	
15-06-2010	7	Santa Maria	
17-06-2010	4	Fortuna	
20-06-2010	7	Camaremi	
26-06-2010	10	Sumco	
02-07-2010	12	Mundo	
13-08-2010	20	Cruce Dragas	
14-08-2010	2	Campo Yaoundé	
17-08-2010	2	Semu ( <i>behind the Malabo Central market</i> )	
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>		<b>8</b>

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
<b>Outcome: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 50 families (250 people affected by fire in Malabo.</b>	
Outputs	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The non-food items needed are made available to the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea as soon as possible</li> <li>The 50 families actually receive Red Cross assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In collaboration with the Federation's logistics department in Yaoundé, purchase 125 blankets, 125 mats, 100 tarpaulins, 100 mosquito nets, 50 cooking kits and 250 pieces of soap of 200g each or 125 pieces of soap of 400g each;</li> <li>Transport these items to Malabo;</li> <li>Distribute the items to the 50 families;</li> <li>Ensure monitoring and evaluation of the distribution activities;</li> <li>Report on distribution activities.</li> </ul>

### Impact:

The logistics department of the IFRC Regional Representation in Central Africa facilitated the purchase and transport of the relief items from Yaoundé to Malabo. The items included 125 blankets, 125 mats, 100 tarpaulins, 100 mosquito nets, 50 cooking kits and 250 pieces of soap of 200g each. With the additional funds raised locally, the NS purchased and distributed clothes reaching 92 families (640 people). The distribution ceremony took place at the headquarters of the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea in Malabo on 19 May, 2010 in the presence of the newly appointed IFRC's Central Africa Regional Representative, and the President of the NS. The ceremony was also attended by the authorities of the Malabo City Council, and was properly covered by the national media to whom the beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for what they termed a "humanitarian gesture" from the Red Cross.

Emergency shelter	
<b>Outcome: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 50 families (250 people) who have lost their houses to the fire in Malabo.</b>	
Outputs	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The beneficiaries and the general population have understood the need to adopt risk-free behaviour.</li> <li>Shelter solution is proposed to the targeted 50 families.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train Equatorial Guinea Red Cross volunteers on fire management (the training will be facilitated by Government fire fighters);</li> <li>Organize sensitization sessions on the acts that are likely to alleviate the effects of fire in the event of a fire outbreak, and also presenting preventive actions, and most importantly the things that the population should not do to prevent this kind of disaster;</li> <li>Distribute financial support to each of the targeted 50 families to locally purchase building materials;</li> <li>Assist the 50 families in rebuilding their houses;</li> <li>Report on activities carried out.</li> </ul>

**Impact:**

While waiting to receive proper training on fire management from the national fire fighters, Red Cross volunteers have been sensitizing the populations to what to do to avoid fire incidents. The volunteers have also been telling the communities what to do in the event of fire while waiting for specialized relief teams. Negotiations with the national fire brigade are going on and have pledged to train Red Cross volunteers on fire management. This activity started, but so far only five Red Cross volunteers have been trained. The completion of this activity is pending the transfer of funds collected during a barbecue to assist fire victims in Malabo to the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea. Government authorities have been sensitized to the urgent need to study a lasting solution to fire in Malabo.

## 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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Appeal Timeframe: 27 apr 10 to 27 jul 10

FINAL Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/4-2010/11
Budget Timeframe	2010/4-2010/7
Appeal	MDRGQ001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	36,139					36,139
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Other Income</b>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	34,805					34,805
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	34,805					34,805
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	34,805					34,805
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	34,805					34,805
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	96%					96%

## II. Movement 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>	34,805					34,805
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-34,805					-34,805
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0

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### III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

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>36,139</b>					<b>36,139</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	7,500							7,500
Clothing & textiles	3,750	6,487				6,487		-2,737
Food		4,011				4,011		-4,011
Water & Sanitation	1,500							1,500
Medical & First Aid	1,250							1,250
Utensils & Tools	1,875	2,459				2,459		-584
Other Supplies & Services	2,063	2,355				2,355		-292
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>17,938</b>	<b>15,312</b>				<b>15,312</b>		<b>2,626</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		1,642				1,642		-1,642
Distribution & Monitoring		2,079				2,079		-2,079
Transport & Vehicle Costs	6,375	967				967		5,408
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>6,375</b>	<b>4,688</b>				<b>4,688</b>		<b>1,687</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
Regionally Deployed Staff		2,050				2,050		-2,050
National Society Staff	888	3,061				3,061		-2,173
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>5,111</b>				<b>5,111</b>		<b>-4,223</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	4,006	2,659				2,659		1,347
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>2,659</b>				<b>2,659</b>		<b>1,347</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	2,038							2,038
Information & Public Relation	313							313
Office Costs	500	1,677				1,677		-1,177
Communications	875	1,581				1,581		-706
Professional Fees	500							500
Financial Charges	500	1,653				1,653		-1,153
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>4,726</b>	<b>4,911</b>				<b>4,911</b>		<b>-185</b>
<b>Programme &amp; Service Support</b>								
Programme & Service Support	2,206	2,124				2,124		81
<b>Total Programme &amp; Service Support</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>2,124</b>				<b>2,124</b>		<b>81</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>36,139</b>	<b>34,805</b>				<b>34,805</b>		<b>1,334</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>1,334</b>				<b>1,334</b>		