

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Saint Lucia: 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 42,068 (USD 44,194 or EUR 31,400) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Saint Lucia Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to some 200 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: For the past two weeks, Saint Lucia has been experiencing heavy rainfall, the culmination of which has resulted in flash flooding in the Dennery Quarter. Four hundred households have been affected and the rains are expected to increase throughout October and November. This DREF operation aims to replenish the distributed relief stocks of the Saint Lucia Red Cross and provide continuing hygiene promotion and psychosocial support to flood affected families.



Saint Lucia has been experiencing heavy rainfall, the culmination of which has resulted in flash flooding in the Dennery Quarter. Source: Saint Lucia Red Cross

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 15 January 2011; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 15 April 2011).

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The situation

Consistent rainfall over the last months of the hurricane season and a current peak in the amount of rainfall in eastern Saint Lucia on 6 October resulted in flash floods in the Dennery Valley. A vulnerability and capacity assessment conducted by the community members under the OFDA Readiness to Response Project in 2009 highlighted the vulnerability of Dennery Village to flooding. Approximately 600 households live in the lower flat section of the village and due to its location, the area has the highest vulnerability and has been affected with most damage. As the floodwaters have now receded, it is assessed that an estimated 400 households have been affected with houses receiving significant water damage. Heavy rainfall is still expected throughout the months of October and November, with the potential for the current situation to worsen.

Coordination and partnerships

The National Emergency Management Organization has led the relief response with a strong partnership with the Saint Lucia Red Cross community-based disaster response teams. The Red Cross has been attending regular coordination meetings in order to exchange information and decide on an overall response plan. Members of the Red Cross community disaster response teams in Dennery have been working with the National Emergency Management Organization, the Seventh Day Adventist Church and other community organizations to distribute food, household items and clothing.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Saint Lucia Red Cross national intervention and community-based disaster response members have provided a quick and effective response to help affected sections of the Dennery village. Red Cross headquarters has deployed additional resources to collect information, coordinate with other actors and provide updates to media outlets. During the span of few days, the Red Cross had distributed 200 household kits (consisting of blankets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, newborn kits, tarpaulins, cooking utensils and jerrycans) to the most affected families.

In addition to this distribution of relief items, the Saint Lucia Red Cross has distributed information leaflets and posters on good hygiene practices, especially after a flood. With the support of other organizations, several families also received clothing distributed by Red Cross volunteers.

The needs

According to the government, around 500 persons have been confirmed severely affected by the flood in the Dennery village. Among them, 400 households had their houses flooded or severely damaged. The needs assessments conducted gave a clear insight as to the current needs of the most vulnerable among the affected.

The initial reports from the Red Cross and the National Emergency Management Organization highlight that people are currently living in difficult conditions with the absence of piped water, lack of electricity within homes and the inability to prepare meals due to the loss of kitchen equipment and other utensils. The situation has been further exacerbated with the loss of recently purchased schoolbooks, uniforms, clothing for young children and other items.

The proposed operation

This operation has provided immediate relief and assistance to 200 affected families in the village of Dennery; stocks of relief items will be replenished in order to ensure an effective level of preparedness. According to the needs reported, the Saint Lucia Red Cross will continue its emergency response and in the coming weeks will focus on:

- Distribution of relief items under the water and sanitation component.
- Distribution of drinking water to schools.
- Community-based health care
- Psychosocial support

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: 200 most vulnerable households have received basic non-food items based on the assessment and selection criteria of the Saint Lucia Red Cross. The provision of these items aims to meet the immediate needs of the affected families to enable them to return to everyday life as quickly as possible. (This has already been achieved).

Output: Relief items (household kits) are provided to 200 households in Dennery.

Activities planned:

- Assessment and selection of the most vulnerable people as beneficiaries.
- Organization of the transport and distribution system for the basic household kit.
- Distribution of basic household kits with an appropriate recording system.
- Replenishment of utilized stocks.
- Monitoring and evaluation.

Emergency health

Outcome: The risks of waterborne and hygiene related diseases are reduced through hygiene promotion for Red Cross volunteers and 200 of families in Dennery.

Output: Community based health and first aid skills training is provided to volunteers and 200 of the most affected families.

Activities planned:

- Training on Community Based Health and First Aid for 15 Red Cross volunteers in Dennery village.
- Organization of community-based door-to-door visits by the volunteers to conduct education sessions for families in need.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risks to the flood-affected people from waterborne or water and sanitation related diseases are reduced through the provision of cleaning materials and hygiene promotion for 200 households and drinking water to schools in Dennery village.

Output: 200 families in Dennery have received cleaning kits, buckets and hygiene promotion information.

Activities planned:

- Assessment of water sanitation and hygiene situation.
- Selection of the most vulnerable people as beneficiaries.
- Distribution of drinking water to schools.
- Distribution of cleaning materials.
- Monitoring and evaluation.

Psychosocial support

Outcome: 200 of the most affected families are assisted with psychosocial support to help them cope.

Output: 200 vulnerable families have received psychosocial support in Dennery.

Activities planned:

- Training and coaching on psychological support for Red Cross volunteers in Dennery village
- Organization of community-based psychological support (door-to-door visits by Red Cross volunteers) for families in need.
- Organization of various community psychosocial activities.

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.

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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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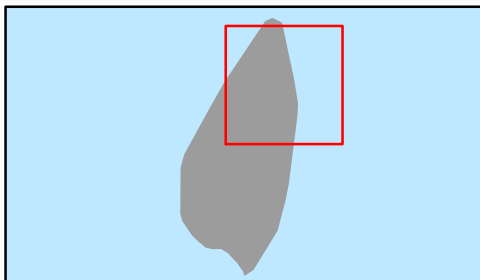
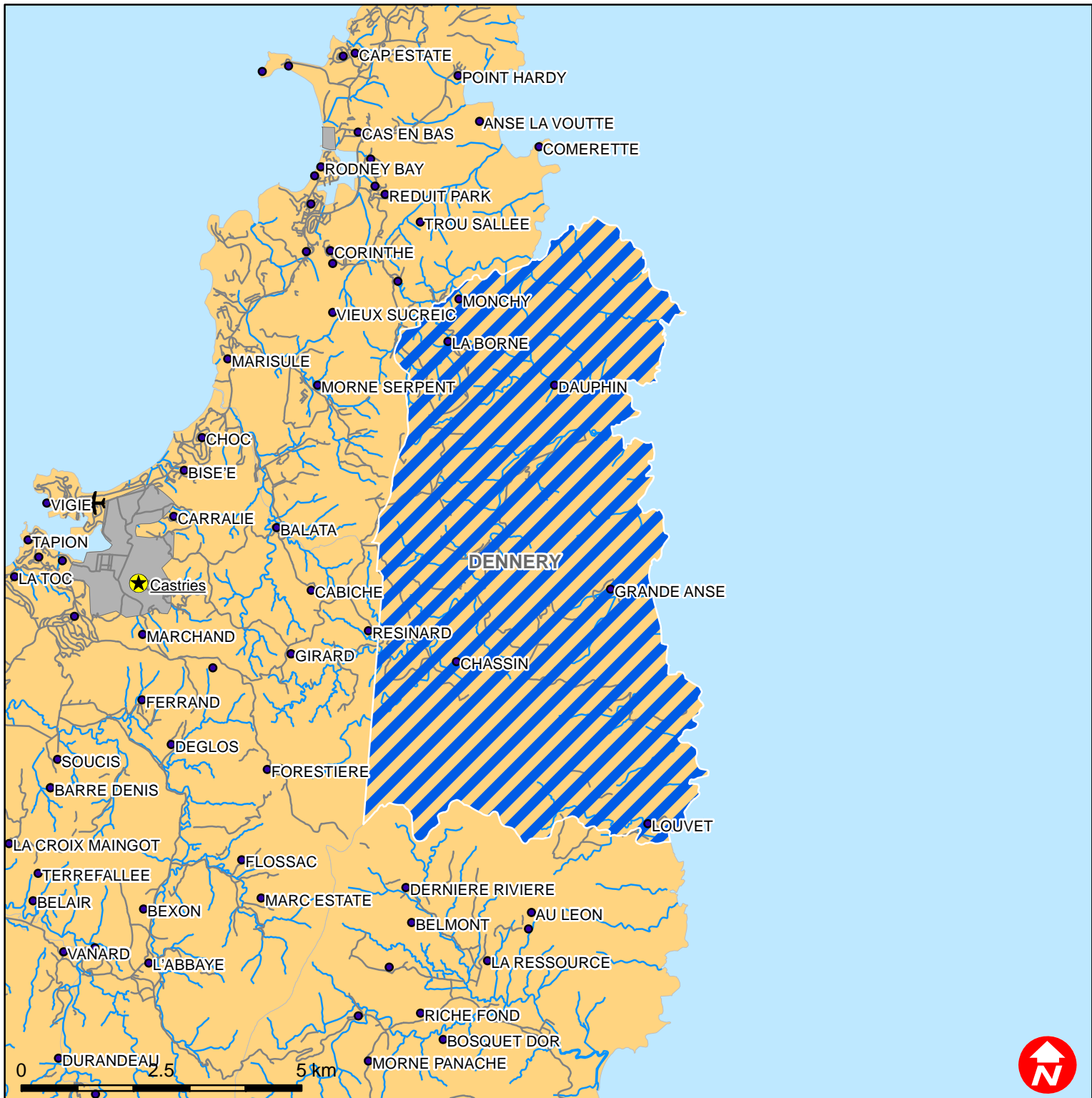
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BUDGET SUMMARY

| Budget Group | DREF Grant Budget | TOTAL BUDGET CHF |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Shelter - Relief | 3,400 | 3,400 |
| Shelter - Transitional | | |
| Construction - Housing | | |
| Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure | | |
| Construction - Materials | | |
| Clothing & Textiles | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Food | | |
| Seeds & Plants | | |
| Water & Sanitation | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Medical & First Aid | | |
| Teaching Materials | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Utensils & Tools | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Total Supplies | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| Land & Buildings | | |
| Vehicles | | |
| Computer & Telecom | | |
| Office/Household Furniture & Equipment | | |
| Medical Equipment | | |
| Other Machinery & Equipment | | |
| Total Land, vehicles & equipment | 0 | 0 |
| Storage | | |
| Distribution & Monitoring | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Total Transport & Storage | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| International Staff | | |
| Regionally Deployed Staff | | |
| National Staff | | |
| National Society Staff | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Other Staff benefits | | |
| Consultants | | |
| Total Personnel | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Workshops & Training | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Total Workshops & Training | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Travel | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Information & Public Relation | | |
| Office Costs | 500 | 500 |
| Communications | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Professional Fees | | |
| Financial Charges | 500 | 500 |
| Other General Expenses | | |
| Total General Expenditure | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Cash Transfers to National Societies | | |
| Cash Transfers to 3rd parties | | |
| Total Contributions & Transfers | 0 | 0 |
| Program Support | 2,568 | 2,568 |
| Total Programme Support | 2,568 | 2,568 |
| Services & Recoveries | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Shared Services | | |
| Total Services | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 42,068 | 42,068 |



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 Affected area