

# DREF operation



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Central African Republic: Violent winds in Bangui

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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 114,935 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Central African Republic (CAR) Red Cross National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 326 families (1,626 beneficiaries). Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Since 11 June 2011, Bangui the capital city of the Central African Republic (CAR) has been affected by violent winds coupled with torrential rains. The situation worsened over the weekend of 18 to 19 June 2011 with serious consequences in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui. In fact, 366 families were affected by the disaster, 326 of which have been identified by Red Cross volunteers as the most vulnerable by virtue of being left homeless after the disaster. While some of the families left homeless have found refuge in neighbouring host families, others have been sleeping in the open air awaiting assistance. The people affected are exposed to weather-related diseases. Moreover, the rainy season is just beginning in CAR and there are fears that without prompt action, the humanitarian situation will become even worse. With this DREF allocation, the CAR Red Cross society intends to carry out relief distribution and sanitation activities to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable 326 families identified.



The roof of this house, like many others in Bangui, has been taken away by violent winds / CAR Red Cross

This operation is expected to be implemented over 4 months, and will therefore be completed by 30 October, 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 31 January, 2012).

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## The situation

Since 11 June 2011, Bangui the capital city of the Central African Republic (CAR) has been affected by violent winds coupled with torrential rains. The situation worsened over the weekend of 18 to 19 June 2011 with serious consequences in 7 of the 22 neighbourhoods of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui. The affected neighbourhoods include Sandoumbé, Bogbaya, Linguissa 1, Linguissa 2, Gbanikola, Pétévo and Kpéténé 4; all classified as high risk areas. One death, a 4-year old child has been registered. 366 families were affected by the disaster, 326 of which have been identified by Red Cross volunteers as the most vulnerable families. These are families that have been left homeless after the disaster. 242 houses have been

destroyed completely and 84 partially. The following table summarizes the situation after an emergency assessment by CAR Red Cross volunteers:

**Table 1: Distribution of people affected by floods in 7 neighbourhoods**

Localities	Number of families affected	Total number of people affected	Men	Women	Children <15 years	Children 0 - 4 years	Number of families left homeless
			>15 years	>15 years			
Sandoumbé	35	175	43	56	17	59	30
Bogbaya	124	620	88	209	103	220	121
Linguissa 1	28	140	22	25	20	73	26
Linguissa 2	36	180	36	29	15	100	29
Gbanikola	48	240	39	32	23	146	37
Pétévo	42	210	27	37	22	124	38
Kpéténe 4/92	53	264	30	107	9	118	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1829</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>326</b>

**Table 2: Damages registered in the 7 neighbourhoods affected**

Localities	Human casualties		Material damages				
	Wounded	Deaths	Houses completely destroyed	Houses partially destroyed	Damaged latrines	Water wells contaminated	Other damages
Sandoumbé		1	18	12	3	5	Loss of household property
Bogbaya			107	12	35	59	
Linguissa 1	1		18	8	0	11	
Linguissa 2			17	12	0	0	
Gbanikola			27	11	4	0	
Pétévo			24	17	0	9	
Kpéténe 4/92			31	12	5	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>91</b>	

While some of the families left homeless have found refuge in neighbouring host families, others have been sleeping in the open air since then awaiting assistance. The people affected are exposed to weather-related diseases such as malaria, conjunctivitis and respiratory infections. Moreover, the rainy season is just at the beginning in CAR and there are fears that if nothing is done fast, the humanitarian situation will become more alarming.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Minister of Social Affairs, the Mayor of Bangui and the Member of Parliament (MP) for the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui went to the field to assess the situation. A team of the Red Cross accompanied that government team to the field. The MP of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision called for humanitarian assistance.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The regional disaster response team (RDRT) member who is presently in CAR to follow up the implementation of a food security project with support from the Japanese Red Cross supported the disaster management team of the CAR Red Cross society in conducting the emergency assessment of the situation in the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui. The NS also mobilized 15 volunteers and the local disaster management focal person and assigned them with the task to assist the heads of neighbourhoods with the identification and counting of the most vulnerable people after the disaster.

## The needs

The emergency assessment of the situation by CAR Red Cross identified 326 families, i.e. 1,626 people as the most vulnerable after the disaster. These people are mostly women and children living under precarious conditions. The immediate needs expressed by the vulnerable people themselves include shelter materials to provide emergency shelter or to carry out emergency repairs to damaged houses (tarpaulins and metal sheets). Other needs include cooking kits, hygiene kits, soap, mats, blankets and impregnated mosquito nets. For the 326 families, the following items are needed: 652 tarpaulins, 326 metal sheets, 652 impregnated mosquito nets, 652 blankets, 652 mats, 4,878 pieces of soap of 200 g each, 326 buckets, 326 jerry cans, 242 cooking kits, and 495 hygiene kits.

Moreover, Bangui has faced this type of disaster in the past, and Red Cross volunteers have been trained for the response. There is the need to mobilize 30 of these volunteers and retrain them for this operation, with focus on distribution and sensitization on risk reduction techniques relating to storms. The IFRC regional representation (CARREP) will deploy an RDRT member to support the NS with the implementation of the operation for one month.

Posters and leaflets will be produced to facilitate the sensitization of the populations.

The violent winds were coupled with torrential rains that caused the contamination of water points and the deterioration of existing latrines. There will therefore be the need to carry out water and sanitation activities such as the treatment of water points and the rehabilitation of damaged latrines.

The relief items required for this operation will have to be transported from Yaounde to Bangui by road; and the emergency stock in Yaounde will be replenished.

## The proposed operation

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)	
<p><b>Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) identified as the most vulnerable following violent winds in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui by distributing basic non-food items for 4 months.</b></p>	
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The non-food items planned are purchased and put at the disposal of the national society.</li> <li>• The most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) targeted by this operation have received non-food assistance from the CAR Red Cross society.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Activities planned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase 652 tarpaulins, 326 sheet metals, 652 impregnated mosquito nets, 652 blankets, 652 mats, 4,878 pieces of soap of 200 g each, 326 buckets, 326 jerry cans, 242 cooking kits, and 495 hygiene kits and put the at the disposal of the CAR Red Cross society.</li> <li>• Train/retrain 30 volunteers on distribution and sensitization techniques.</li> <li>• Prepare distribution tools.</li> <li>• Distribute the non-food items purchased to the most vulnerable 326 families.</li> <li>• Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on distribution activities.</li> </ul>

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion	
<p><b>Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 326 families (1,626 people) identified as the most vulnerable following violent winds in 7 neighbourhoods of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui by carrying out water, sanitation and hygiene activities in their localities for 4 months.</b></p>	
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned:</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The populations in the 7 neighbourhoods of the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui affected by violent winds live in a healthy environment.</li> <li>• About 90% of the populations affected are sensitized to how to reduce the risks of violent winds and prevent epidemic outbreaks.</li> <li>• The populations affected by violent winds in the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui know hygiene and sanitation rules and obey them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrain 30 Red Cross volunteers on how to reduce the risks of violent winds.</li> <li>• Produce leaflets and posters on the reduction of the risks of violent winds, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases.</li> <li>• Sensitize communities on the risks associated with violent winds, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases.</li> <li>• Purchase sanitation kits and put them at the disposal of the NS.</li> <li>• Carry out sanitation activities in the 7 neighbourhoods affected by violent winds in the 6<sup>th</sup> subdivision of Bangui.</li> <li>• Purchase water point treatment materials.</li> <li>• Treat polluted water points.</li> <li>• Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities.</li> </ul>
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## 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		-
Shelter - Transitional	29,766	29,766.06
Construction - Housing		-
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		-
Construction - Materials		-
Clothing & Textiles	8,008	8,008.25
Food		-
Seeds & Plants	0	-
Water & Sanitation	15,629	15,628.76
Medical & First Aid	0	-
Teaching Materials	4,582	4,582.35
Utensils & Tools	6,859	6,859.36
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	2,362	2,362.04
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>67,207</b>	<b>67,206.82</b>
Land & Buildings		-
Vehicles	0	-
Computer & Telecom	0	-
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	-
Medical Equipment	0	-
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	-
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Storage	680	680.27
Distribution & Monitoring	0	-
Transport & Vehicle Costs	13,416	13,416.38
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>14,097</b>	<b>14,096.64</b>
International Staff		-
Regionally Deployed Staff	5,557	5,556.86
National Staff	7,559	7,558.52
National Society Staff	5,102	5,102.00
Other Staff benefits		-
Consultants		-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>18,217</b>	<b>18,217.38</b>
Workshops & Training	2,305	2,305.35
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>2,305.35</b>
Travel	0	-
Information & Public Relation	1,653	1,653.43
Office Costs	2,834	2,834.45
Communications	1,134	1,133.78
Professional Fees		-
Financial Charges	472	472.41
Other General Expenses	0	-
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>6,094</b>	<b>6,094.06</b>
Cash Transfers to National Societies		-
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		-
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Program Support	7,015	7,014.82
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>7,015</b>	<b>7,014.82</b>
Services & Recoveries		-
Shared Services		-
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>114,935</b>	<b>114,935.07</b>



# Central Africa Republic: Severe local storm

