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DREF operation update Cambodia: Floods 2011

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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.

Period covered by this update: 13 October 2011 to 24 November 2011.

Summary: CHF 308,682 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 13 October, 2011 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 10,110 families (approximately 49,520 beneficiaries) for three months.

Heavy rains and overflow of the Mekong river since the second week of August 2011 affected 18 provinces out of 24 in Cambodia, destroying crops and communal infrastructure and affecting more than 1.2 million people overall.

Cambodian Red Cross started its emergency response since the beginning of the rains in August and staff and volunteers have continued to support the affected population since that time. Distribution of emergency relief items supported by DREF started from 18 November in Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces.

This operation is expected to be implemented in three months, and completed by 13 January, 2012. In line with IFRC reporting standards, the Final Report (narrative and financial) is due 90 days after the end of the operation (by April, 2011).



In 18 November, 2011 Cambodian Red Cross distributed urgently needed materials after the floods in Prey Veng Province, Baphnom district.

IFRC thanks the Australian Red Cross/Australian government, the Canadian Red Cross/Canadian International Development Agency and the Netherlands Red Cross, for contributing towards the replenishment of the DREF under this operation.

The situation

Heavy rains caused localized flooding in flat and mountainous areas, and the overflow of the Mekong River since the second week of August 2011. According to the Royal Government of Cambodia the flooding has affected 18 provinces of a total of 24 municipalities/provinces nationwide. Official government figures report 247 deaths due to these floods.

On affected areas there is still lot of land covered by standing flood water and on some areas water has started receding.

Coordination and partnerships

CRC branches took immediate action in affected provinces in cooperation with local authorities. The branches have maintained the contacts and updated the headquarters on their respective situation. CRC branches continue to regularly engage with the Provincial Committee of Disaster Management (PCDM). The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement has been represented at the National Committee of Disaster Management (NCDM) and is carrying out continuous assessments, planning and implementation of relief actions. The IFRC Cambodia country office has supported CRC by coordinating in-country partners including partner national societies and International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) representatives. Joint meeting with CRC, DRC, IFRC, WFP, OCHA and UNICEF were held in November to discuss on cooperation between partners.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: The immediate needs of 5,055 families are met through the distribution of essential household items and emergency shelter needs.

Outputs and activities planned:

- Conduct on-the-ground assessment, selection and verification of 5,055 families
- Develop plan of action with community participation in planning and distribution of relief items
- Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution
- Locally procure household and shelter items in line with IFRC and CRC procurement standards and quality control
- Distribute food (rice) and communal shelter (plastic sheeting) and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user
- Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions
- Develop an exit strategy

Progress: Distribution of food and hygiene items has been completed in Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces for 7,000 families.

In Prey Veng distributions took place on 18 – 20 November in four districts which were, Baphnom (for 828 families), Peam Chor (for 2000 families), Preah Sdach (for 850 families) and Peam Ro (for 822 families).

In Kampong Thom distributions took place on 21 – 23 November in three districts which were, Kampong Svay (for 1,108 families), Stoung (for 505 families) and Santuk (for 887 families).

Distribution date	Province	District	Families	Rice 30kg/family (MT)	Soap pcs	Detergent 0,9kg	Water filter pcs	Jerry can pcs	Chlorine tablets x10 tab
18.11.	Prey Veng	Baphnom	828	24840	4968	828	828		
18.11.	Prey veng	Preh Sdach	850	25500	5100	850			
19.11.	Prey veng	Peam Chhor	1070	32100	6420	1070			
19.11.	Prey veng	Peam Chhor	540	16200	3240	540			
19.11.	Prey veng	Peam Chho	390	11700	2340	390			
20.11.	Prey veng	Peam	822	24660	4932	822			
21.11.	Kampong Thom	Kampong Svay	1108	33240	6648	1108		1108	9972
22.11.	Kampong Thom	Stung	505	15150	3030	505		505	4545
23.11.	Kampong Thom	Santuk	516	15480	3096	516		516	4644
23.11.	Kampong Thom	Santuk	371	11130	2226	371		371	3339
Total			7000	210000	42000	7000	828	2500	22500

Challenges:

Rapid assessment was conducted over a few days in October and since then the situation has changed. Most of the affected families have returned to their homes. There are fewer families located at the earlier defined safe areas. Continuous assessment has been conducted by CRC branch officers and volunteers, producing new information and modifications on relief item types and quantities. Shelter materials have already been distributed by other relief organizations. CRC has changed distribution plans accordingly, limiting the number of shelter materials and including more food (rice).

Beneficiary registration was done by CRC in cooperation with local authorities. Beneficiary selection criteria were as follows:

- evacuated families who are still in safe areas;
- evacuated families who are temporarily staying with relatives;
- families with more than five members, elderly or disabled family members;
- unemployed families.

The total number of flood affected families who benefited from CRC DREF relief operation is 7,000. Originally in the Plan of Action and DREF, the number of families to receive water filters was 10,110 and families to receive food aid was 5,055. The number of water filters was reduced to 8,218 (see justification

below in water and sanitation section), and plastic sheets were taken off from the item list due to the changed needs. These savings in non-food items costs allowed additional purchase of rice up to 7,000 (originally 5,055) affected families.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases are reduced for 10,110 families through the provision of water purification, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion.

Outputs and activities planned:

- Assess the existing coverage with a view of ensuring availability of an adequate water supply.
- Develop plan of action with community participation in planning and distribution of relief items.
- Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution.
- Locally procure and distribute ceramic water filters for 10,110 families in line with IFRC and CRC procurement standards and quality control.
- Provide appropriate health and hygiene education for 10,110 families.
- Conduct on-the-ground campaign and information activities to beneficiaries by those distributing relief items including Red Cross Volunteers and Red Cross Youth.

Progress: Distribution of hygiene items (and partial water filter distribution) have been completed in Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces for 7,000 families. Locations and dates of distributions are the same as above mentioned relief food distributions.

Ceramic water filters were given only in Prey Veng province, Baphnom district, because the manufacturing capacity of the filter factory in Cambodia was not sufficient to produce the needed amount of filters urgently. The remaining filters will be distributed in Prey Veng province. The water filters have been replaced by jerry cans and chlorine water purification tablets, which were distributed and demonstrated, in Kampong Thom province.

Hygiene promotion material still needs to be printed. CRC branches are planning a separate promotion activity to take place in December.

Logistics

CRC completed the Comparative Bid Analysis on 16 November and local procurement of relief items and rice were completed by 22 November.

CRC used its own fleet of trucks for warehousing and transportation of goods from dispatching to distribution. For some villages, boats were used to transport the goods to distribution points due to the fact that the villages were surrounded by floods.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 13 October 2011 for CHF 308,682 for 3 months to assist 49,520 beneficiaries.
- This is DREF operation update no. 1.



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