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Nigeria: Civil unrest

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Period covered by this update: 9 May, 2011 to 10 August, 2011.

Summary: CHF 246,829 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 9 May 2011 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 7,500 beneficiaries, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been providing assistance to some of the persons affected by the civil unrest that follow the 16 April, 2011 presidential election in Nigeria. The crisis displaced over 37,000 persons, caused many deaths and destroyed property worth hundreds of thousands of US dollars. The NRCS collaborated with UNICEF to carry out a joint assessment in the affected communities. With the technical support of the IFRC, the National Society has so far distributed 80% of its target relief items, 92% of the emergency shelter materials and 84% of water and sanitation items during this reporting period.



So far, 120 Red Cross volunteers have been trained on registration and distribution strategies as well as hygiene promotion. Trained volunteers are actively involved in the ongoing implementation of planned activities.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society seeks an extension of one month to complete activities in water and sanitation as well as hygiene promotion in areas where emergency shelters were provided. The extension period will also be used to complete the replenishment of prepositioned NFI stock used during the operation. This operation will now be completed by 9 September, 2011. In line with Federation reporting standards, the Final Report (narrative and financial) is due 90 days after the end of the operation (by 8 December, 2011).

The NRCS and IFRC express their appreciation to ECHO for its contribution of CHF 197,463 and the Canadian Red Cross/Government for contributing CHF 12,952 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. Details of all contributions to the DREF for 2010 can be found on: http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2010.pdf and for 2011 on: http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf

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The situation

The outcome of the Nigeria's presidential election conducted on 16 April, 2011 led to violent protests in some northern states of the country resulting in many deaths and significant property damage. The violent protests were recorded mostly in the northern states of Kano, Kaduna, Bauchi, Gombe, Niger and Borno States where angry youths took over major roads in towns protesting even before the final results of the election were officially announced by the electoral commission. The intervention of security operatives including military personnel deployed in the troubled areas as well as imposition of curfew brought the situation under control after 3 days of protests. The Nigerian Red Cross Society calculated more than 75,000 people displaced, 288 dead and 452 injured. The displaced people were sheltered in military and police barracks, pilgrims' camps and houses of traditional chiefs in the affected states.

Although the situation was brought under control, thousands of the displaced vulnerable persons were still sheltered in the various temporary sites within the affected states and were in need of emergency shelters and relief materials like food and non-food items such as blankets, mats, kitchen sets, children cloths. There was also the fear of spread of epidemics such as cholera earlier reported in some of the affected states. The Federal Government of Nigeria, together with affected states' governments and other humanitarian actors provided relief assistance to the affected population in their various camps. The NRCS with support of the International Federation (IFRC) assessed needs in the three worst affected states of Kaduna, Bauchi and Gombe. The assessment revealed needs for shelter, essential non-food items water, sanitation and hygiene needs. The most vulnerable among those affected included widows, pregnant and lactating mothers and children.

The Red Cross has been assisting some of the most affected households with relief assistance including distribution of non-food items and emergency shelter kits as well as water and sanitation support. The Red Cross volunteers are carrying out good hygiene and health promotion activities in the target communities.

Coordination and partnerships

The NRCS branches at the early stage collaborated with the State and National Emergency Management Agencies (SEMA/NEMA) in the provision of some wet ration food, NFIs and medical supplies to the affected population. States disaster management committees in which the NRCS branches are also members have been meeting under the leadership of SEMA. The National Society also collaborated with the ICRC in providing relief items to the affected persons in some of the affected states and engaged in reunification of family links (RFL) and tracing. NRCS and UNICEF carried out joint needs assessment, and NRCS has been responsible for implementing all UNICEF relief activities. Individuals, NGOs and multinationals also supported the NRCS through material contribution and collaboration. The Katchia Local Government in Kaduna State also collaborated with the NRCS in carrying out water points assessment in Ladduga.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The national headquarters of the NRCS monitored the activities of the local branches during the elections. Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) and National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) across the country were deployed based on needs in the affected states during the elections. The IFRC West Coast Regional Representation in Abuja, initially supported the NRCS with some First Aid kits (type1) and monitored the situation with the National Society. Based on the DREF support, the NRCS carried out a need assessment in the worst affected states of Kaduna, Bauchi and Gombe. The most vulnerable communities of Ladugga, Rigachukwu in Kaduna State, Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa, Toro LGA, Bauchi State and Gombe LGA in Gombe State were identified. Based on this, emergency shelter, NFIs, WASH components and hygiene and health orientation were provided for the IDPs in Ladduga forest/grazing reserve and Rigachukwu, Kaduna. The NRCS also provided the same assistance to affected persons in Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa, Toro LGA in Bauchi State. In Gombe State where the IDPs were integrated into the communities, the NRCS carried out an assessment of the areas, as well as verification of the affected persons and provided NFIs and WASH materials to the affected persons. The NRCS has also established a Red Cross detachment in Ladduga community with a membership number of 55 volunteers. The National Society with the support of the IFRC supported the Local detachment by constructing a Red Cross divisional office in Ladduga. During the field visit of the IFRC Vice President, Paul Birech and Alasan Senghore, the Director, Africa Zone to the affected areas, a generator set was donated to help provide electricity and for income generation purpose for the local detachment.

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Outcome: 1,500 most affected households in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe have received specific quantity and quality of non-food items based on the assessment and selection criteria from Red Cross	
Outputs and activities planned:	
Expected Output 1,500 families are provided with basic non-food items for human dignity through established Red Cross criteria	Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute non-food items (blankets, mats, buckets, kitchen sets etc) at target distribution points • Mobilize and brief 90 Red Cross volunteers on registration and distribution strategy of the Red Cross; • Conduct a rapid emergency needs assessment in the target communities; • Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user; • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide report on distribution of relief items;

Progress:

The distribution of the NFIs has gone up to an average of 80% (blankets and mats 73.6% and kitchen sets 92%). The NRCS with the support of one Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) member, six National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members and 40 Red Cross volunteers carried out an in-depth assessment in Kaduna, Bauchi and Gombe States. The assessment team with logistics support from the IFRC West Coast Regional Representation was able to reach affected remote communities that had not been reached by any assistance. The assessment revealed the extent of basic needs of the affected persons which the Red Cross is addressing through this operation. Other partners like SEMA and UNICEF are also responding based on the data made available by the Red Cross.

A total of 120 Red Cross volunteers have been mobilized in 9 communities of Ladugga, Rigachukwu in Kaduna State; Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa, Toro LGA, Bauchi State; and Gombe LGA in Gombe State, and trained on registration and distribution strategy. The trained Red Cross volunteers effectively carried out the registration of beneficiaries and distribution of NFIs to 1,105 of the registered beneficiaries during this reporting period. Procured items had been prepositioned in target communities well ahead of the distribution dates and the IFRC continued to receive regular update on the distribution phase.

Challenges: Targeting during the registration of affected persons was tasking because most of the IDPs were living in dispersed mode, especially in the forest areas of Ladduga, Tashar Mai'turare and Jama'a districts. Also, some people who are not IDPs sometimes try to disguise as IDPs in order to benefit from the Red Cross assistance. However, the National Society was able to resolve this through the integration of leaders of host communities in the process. Difficult terrain coupled with insufficient 4 x 4 wheel vehicles to reach the forest areas, as well as lack of secondary data of some affected communities are some of the challenges encountered in this operation. However, with the cooperation of the affected communities, the teams were able to hire vehicles with drivers that are familiar with the terrain to bring in the relief materials, this brought about community ownership of the Red Cross intervention.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Objective: Reduced risks of cholera, malaria and meningitis in target communities in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe States.	
Expected Output Risk of cholera and meningitis is reduced in the camps and health status improved	Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize and train 90 Red Cross volunteers on good hygiene and health promotion using the ECV training modules; • Procure 10 first aid kits and provide first aid services in the affected areas; • Procure and distribute 1,500 pieces of water jerry cans and aqua tabs to 1,500 most affected families; • Procure and distribute 6,000 bars of soap, and 750 treated

	mosquito bed nets to the target most affected families; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitize the target communities on good hygiene and health practices.
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Progress: The implementation of the WASH activities is 84% completed (distribution of first aid kits (50%), jerry cans 75%, ORS 83%, aqua tabs 83%, soap 100%, mosquito nets 94%, rehabilitation of water source 50%, registration and orientation of volunteers 130%). 60 Red Cross volunteers from Rigachukwu and Ladduga, 40 volunteers from Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa and 30 volunteers from Gombe LGA respectively have been trained on community-based hygiene and health promotion including the proper hanging of mosquito nets indicating 113% achievement in volunteer mobilization. The volunteers have also assisted in reaching 1,105 beneficiary households with jerry cans, aqua tabs and soap. The trained volunteers are carrying out good hygiene sensitization in their communities. The WASH orientation for local volunteers and the good hygiene campaign in the communities have gone a long way in improving the hygiene habit in Ladduga and Rigachukwu communities in Kaduna State including Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa in Bauchi and Gombe LGA in Gombe. Training on the use of Aquatabs has also helped in improving drinking water quality in Ladduga where 80% of the population rely on stream water. The jerry cans provided have also helped in ensuring that the people separate their drinking water from the water use for other domestic purposes. The operation received 5 first aid kits which helped in the provision of basic first aid during and after the crisis at the IDP camps.

Challenges:

Despite the efforts made by NRCS in training the people on water treatment, the distance to water points still makes it difficult to achieve a significant success in areas like Ladduga and Toro LGA. This is coupled with the bad state of the existing wells and boreholes in the communities. To address this situation, the Red Cross carried out a water point assessments of the area with plans of rehabilitating some of the water sources and also sharing the data with other partners for support in this regard.

Emergency shelter

Outcome: Objective: 500 most vulnerable families in the affected communities in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe States are provided with emergency shelter.	
Outputs and activities planned:	
Expected Output Emergency shelter materials procured, distributed to most vulnerable families and orientation given on construction	Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out damage needs assessment in the affected communities; • Develop beneficiary selection criteria and register beneficiaries; • Procure and distribute 500 shelter kits and timber to the target beneficiaries in the 3 states; • Support beneficiaries in emergency shelter construction in the affected communities.

Progress:

The operation carried out needed assessment in the identified communities in Ladduga forest/grazing reserve and Rigachukwu in Kaduna State. Need assessment was also carried out in Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa, Toro LGA in Bauchi State as well as in Gombe LGA in Gombe State.

The beneficiary selection exercise carried out showed that affected families in Ladduga Forest/grazing reserve and Rigachukwu in Kaduna State and Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa, and Toro LGA in Bauchi State are in need of shelter. There was no shelter need in Gombe State.

92% of the targeted beneficiaries have received shelter kits. The NRCS procured 500 shelter kits and 1,000 tarpaulins for the most vulnerable in the targeted communities and distributed 370 in Ladduga and Rigachukwu communities and 90 to the most affected within Toro LGA in Bauchi State. Red Cross volunteers were trained in modus operandi of setting up temporary shelters using the procured shelter kits and tarpaulins. They are presently assisting the target beneficiaries in knowledge transfer and providing assistance to the most vulnerable especially the widow household heads.

Widow household heads, aged and other vulnerable groups in Ladduga, Rigachukwu, Tashar Mai'turare, Jama'a district, Barga, Jama'a district, Kurfe, Gayawa are presently receiving assistance in shelter construction.



The Red Cross volunteers constructed emergency classrooms to facilitate the return of children to school in Gijia community in Ladduga/NRCS

In addition, the National Society and volunteers constructed 5 emergency classrooms of 2 wards each in Bungel Community and 3 units of 2 classrooms in Gijia Community of Ladduga using the emergency shelters to help the children of affected families to start-up emergency learning.

Challenges:

The beneficiaries have their own traditional shelter type. As a result, proper use of the shelter materials have not been maximized. However, the participation of indigenous volunteers in the construction of the classrooms has improved awareness on shelter construction.

Logistics

The West Coast Regional Representation provided two 4-wheel drive vehicles for the operation during the assessment period and hired trucks for the prepositioning of the relief materials. Roads are in poor condition, and the vehicles have assisted the team in reaching the affected communities.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The NRCS has continued to collaborate with local media in Kaduna and Bauchi to increase the visibility of the Red Cross during the operation.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 6th May 2011 for CHF 246,829 for 3 months to assist 7500 beneficiaries.
- 2 DREF operation updates issued.



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