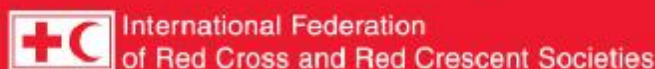


DREF operation final report



Honduras: Earthquake

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The International Federation's 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 30,000 (USD 28,132 or EUR 19,879) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 2 June 2009 to support the Honduran Red Cross (HRC) to carry out initial damage and needs assessments following the earthquake. On 16 June 2009, an additional CHF 149,946 was allocated from DREF to the Honduran Red Cross for the implementation of a plan of action to assist 800 families with food item distributions and provide basic volunteer equipment to the branches in the affected areas.

Initially, this operation had a timeframe of 6 months, but it was reduced to 3 months since the plan of action was revised to include only food parcel distribution activities. Operational costs previously contemplated in the HRC initial Plan of Action were not spent entirely since not all activities were carried out. Therefore, DREF funds were partially reimbursed.

The Netherlands Red Cross contributed EUR 20,000 (CHF 30,198) and the Canadian government contributed CAD 15,000 (CHF 14,673) to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. 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>



Honduran Red Cross volunteers distributing food parcel in the municipality of Santa Barbara.
Source: Honduran Red Cross

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The situation

On 28 May 2009, at 2:24 a.m. an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale, with the epicentre located 63 kilometres from the coast of Honduras severely affected several regions of the country according to the United States Geological Service. Tremors were also felt in Belize, El Salvador and Guatemala. Damage assessments were carried out in Belize where the village of Monkey River on the northern coast and the Stann Creek district in Placencia sustained minor damages. No assistance was required.

Several departments in Honduras reported damages due to the event. Damages were sustained mainly in the north-eastern departments of Yoro, Cortés and Santa Bárbara as well as in Intibucá in the south-west of Honduras.

Department	Municipality	Destroyed homes	Damaged homes	Damages in the Educational Sector
Yoro	El Progreso	215	1740	11
	Olanchito		216	
Cortés	Puerto Cortés	100	500	32
	Omoa		320	
Santa Bárbara	San Jose de Colinas	88	339 minor damages	3
	Santa Bárbara	2	11	2
	Trinidad	3	28	
	Chinda		44	
	Gualala		5	
	Ilama	4		
	Petosa		8	
	Ceguaca	2		
Intibucá	Las Vegas		7	
	Jesus de Otoro	36	53	
	Total	450	3,271	48

In addition to the housing and educational sector affected by the earthquake, water systems and infrastructure including bridges and electric systems sustained damages. All basic services were restored during the first weeks after the emergency.

The Government of Honduras declared a national state of emergency and allocated funds to assist the most affected families with construction materials: lime, sand, iron, cement, nails and zinc, at a cost of USD 500 for families whose homes were destroyed and USD 150 for families whose homes were partially damaged.

There has been high political tension in the country since the ousting of the President of the Republic of Honduras on 28 June 2009. The distribution activities were delayed due to security problems; nevertheless the planned objectives were met.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Honduran Red Cross has 52 local branches in 18 departments with a volunteer network of 3,500 people. The HRC has a team of 13 trained Regional Intervention Team (RIT) members and 53 National Intervention Team (NIT) members coordinated through the Disaster Response Office.

Since the beginning of the emergency, the Honduran Red Cross was in constant communication with local branches to receive information on damage and needs assessments conducted in the affected areas. The National Intervention Team was activated to provide disaster response support to the affected local HRC branches and to coordinate with the regional Permanent Commission for Contingencies (Comisión Permanente de Contingencias - COPECO) offices and the municipal or local emergency committees. The HRC coordinated with the World Food Program as well as with Partner National Societies present in the country including the American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, the Netherlands Red Cross, the Spanish Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross. The Netherlands Red Cross and the Canadian Red Cross kindly replenished DREF funds allocated to this operation. The International

Federation, through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Regional Representation for Central America and Mexico (including the project manager present in-country), were in constant contact with the Honduran Red Cross since the onset of the emergency to provide support.

The operation was completed successfully even though delays were encountered due to the social and political situation of the country. Adjustments had to be made in the plan of action in order to achieve the overall objective; reaching 800 families with two food kits per family in the most affected departments.



A beneficiary with a food parcel provided by the Honduran Red Cross in Santa Barbara. Source: Honduran Red Cross

Different methods of distribution were employed in each affected area. In some distribution activities the HRC had to distribute the items directly from the trucks to the affected population due to the insecurity issues. In other distributions the food items were sent to different distribution points (local branches) in order to organize and plan the dispatch of the items to the affected communities once access was confirmed. The International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) provided support in organizing the distribution activities.

The HRC provided 15 families from the Santa Barbara department with blankets, hygiene kits, clothing kits and mattresses obtained from

prepositioned stocks of the National Society. In addition, the same families were provided with construction materials including wooden beams, zinc sheets, hammers and nails, thanks to contributions provided by the Australian government.

Achievements against objectives

In accordance with the revised plan of action, the Honduran Red Cross sought to assist 800 families with essential food items for a period of two months. The beneficiary criteria established by the HRC targeted those families whose houses sustained damages of more than 50 per cent of the structure. Additionally, this DREF operation covered operational expenses incurred by the National Society in the areas of visibility material, per diem for volunteers and transport costs related to the operation.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: 800 families in the most affected departments will benefit with food kits for two months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
800 families will be benefited with food kits.	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with public and non-governmental organizations. • Completion of a socio-economic study and census of the beneficiary families. • Elaboration of a budget per family. • Description of the materials to be procured, bids, and purchases. • Identification of affected areas. • Development of a beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Distribution of relief supplies and control of supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. • Monitoring and evaluation of the relief activities and providing reporting on relief distributions.

Impact:

Each of the 800 identified families received two food kits (each kit provided food items for one month). Each kit contained the following:

Product	Quantity
Rice	25 Lbs.
Sugar	25 Lbs.
Beans	25 Lbs.
Corn flour	16 Lbs.
Vegetable oil	10 Lbs.
TOTAL	101 Lbs.

The food kits provided to the families not only ensured appropriate food intake, but also assisted the affected families to save funds in order to improve or rebuild their homes.

Final distribution table by local branch

Department	Local HRC branch	Date of distribution	N° of benefited families	Men	Women	Total people
Santa Barbara	Quimistan	26/07/2009	4	13	8	21
	Las vegas	27/07/2009	7	23	20	43
Intibuca	Jesús de Otoro	30/07/2009	74	226	194	420
Santa Barbara	Trinidad	31/07/01/08/09	50	154	134	288
	Santa Barbará	02/08/2009	38	119	76	195
	San José de Colinas	03,04,05,06 /08/2009	150	421	292	713
Cortes	Omoa	06/08/2009	75	271	216	487
Yoro	Olanchito	06/08/2009	76	218	185	403
Cortes	Puerto Cortes	07,08,11/08/2009	226	590	512	1102
Yoro	El Progreso	09/08/2009	100	288	211	499
	Total		800	2,323	1,848	4,171

Challenges:

The social and political situation of the country caused some delays in the operation. Consequently, the following actions were necessary:

- Drawing up of three alternate distributions plans by level of insecurity (using a worst case scenario exercise).
- Pre-positioning food items in gathering centres.
- Distribution of the two food kits at the same time instead of conducting two separate distributions.
- Simultaneous activation of three distribution teams.

The distribution plan had to be changed due to the insecurity the country was experiencing. The food parcels were delivered in one distribution instead of two distributions as originally planned.

Conclusion

- According to monitoring activities carried out by the HRC, the benefited families were satisfied with the humanitarian aid received, even though there were delays.
- This operation has assisted in strengthening the image of the National Society within the intervened communities by abiding by the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, particularly in the atmosphere of socio-political tension encountered in the country.
- All benefited families received high quality and appropriate food items for a family of six members to cover their needs for two months. Coordination between the involved local branches was ensured and thanks to the operation the capacities of the volunteers from the local branches were strengthened since some did not have experience in selection of beneficiaries and distribution processes.

- A contingency plan that took into consideration the social and political tension of Honduras and the possible occurrence of a disaster was drawn up by the HRC. This was an unexpected result and an added value for the National Society as it served to strengthen and increase preparedness mechanisms for the future.

How we work

All International Federation 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 is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Reporting Timeframe	2009/6-2009/11
Budget Timeframe	2009/6-2009/9
Appeal	MDRHN001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	179,946					179,946
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	108,737					108,737
C5. Other Income	108,737					108,737
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	108,737					108,737
D. Total Funding = B + C	108,737					108,737
Appeal Coverage	60%					60%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	108,737					108,737
E. Expenditure	-108,737					-108,737
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		179,946					179,946	
Supplies								
Food	107,120	67,166					67,166	39,954
Water & Sanitation	446	515					515	-68
Total Supplies	107,566	67,681					67,681	39,886
Transport & Storage								
Storage		562					562	-562
Distribution & Monitoring		1,363					1,363	-1,363
Transport & Vehicle Costs	17,351	12,511					12,511	4,840
Total Transport & Storage	17,351	14,435					14,435	2,916
Personnel								
Regionally Deployed Staff	3,905							3,905
National Society Staff	26,110	6,154					6,154	19,956
Total Personnel	30,015	6,154					6,154	23,861
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,348	4,743					4,743	-1,395
Information & Public Relation	5,579	2,808					2,808	2,771
Office Costs	503	494					494	9
Communications	1,880	3,480					3,480	-1,600
Financial Charges	2,008	1,839					1,839	170
Total General Expenditure	13,317	13,363					13,363	-46
Programme Support								
Program Support	11,696	7,065					7,065	4,631
Total Programme Support	11,696	7,065					7,065	4,631
Services								
Services & Recoveries		39					39	-39
Total Services		39					39	-39
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	179,946	108,737					108,737	71,209
VARIANCE (C - D)		71,209					71,209	