

DREF operation final report



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Haiti: Floods

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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: 105,656 Swiss francs (103,918 US dollars or 69,950 euro) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 9 November 2009 to support the Haitian Red Cross Society (HRCS) for its initial damage and needs assessment costs as well as providing non-food items, water, cleaning kits and primary health care support to approximately 500 families.

On 20 October 2009 six communities in Haiti were deeply affected by mudslides caused by heavy rainfall from the normal seasonal rains. This DREF operation focused on providing support to the Haitian Red Cross Society in order to provide relief assistance to the most affected people in the commune of Carrefour.

This operation was expected to be completed by 6 February 2010, but a 7.7 magnitude (Mw) earthquake struck on 12 January changing the situation and challenging the humanitarian response to these families.

The Canadian Red Cross contributed 21,000 Swiss francs and the European Commission's Office for Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO) contributed 54,000 euro 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 DG ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

On the night of 20 October 2009, heavy rainfall from the normal seasonal rains caused flooding in the communities of Bergamothé, Bois Thioute, Cite Thema, Ti Kajou, Bizoton as well as the smaller communities along the railway in the commune of Carrefour (in the arrondissement of Port-au-Prince, Ouest department). The floods caused extensive damage to household belongings and properties. The Haitian Red Cross Society conducted rapid assessments in the affected area and reported that 500 families had been affected by the floods. Four people were found dead and six had disappeared during the floods, although two of those missing were found later.

Since the onset of the emergency, volunteers from the local HRCS branches in the affected region and headquarters have conducted needs assessments in Bergamothé and Bizoton – the two worst affected communities. The National Society decided to carry out water distribution activities to respond to the immediate needs of the affected population. In addition, after further assessments the HRCS revised the plan of action to include an objective focused on emergency health.

The HRCS distributed emergency relief kits to 500 families, purchased medicine and provided basic health care services to 344 patients and provided support with cleaning debris and mud from houses. All the

activities were disrupted when the 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck the Haitian coast on 12 January at 17:00 hours. The epicentre was located 22 kilometres from the capital, Port-au-Prince and 15 kilometres from the closest towns. Numerous aftershocks were felt in Port-au-Prince in the weeks after the earthquake. Carrefour due to its close proximity to the capital city was also severely affected.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The International Federation, through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit in Panama and the Latin Caribbean Regional Representation based in Santo Domingo was in constant communication with the HRCS. The International Federations' delegates in-country provided assistance to the Haitian Red Cross Society in carrying out the preliminary assessments and supported the National Society in the implementation of its plan of action (costs covered outside of this DREF allocation). Additionally, a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member from the American Red Cross was in Haiti for one month providing assistance to the HRCS in carrying out additional assessments and implementing the plan of action.

The earthquake that occurred 12 January is now a great challenge for the HRCS that has mounted a brave and determined response even though their staff and volunteers also suffered appalling losses. The most affected cities were Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, Jacmel and Leogane. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is responding to the National Society's request for international assistance. The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has launched an Appeal for 218.4 million Swiss francs to provide basic non-food items and emergency/transitional shelter to 80,000 families and provide emergency health care, fulfilment of basic needs in water and sanitation and livelihoods support for vulnerable populations in the earthquake affected region.

Achievements against objectives

The overall objective of this operation was to provide safe drinking water, basic health services, cleaning tools and relief assistance to the families affected by the flash floods and mudslides in the communities of Carrefour.

The achievements until the earthquake struck the country were:

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: 500 families in the department of Carrefour will receive essential non-food items to recover from the effects of the emergency.

Activities planned:

- Conduct emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

The HRCS, using its prepositioned relief items and with assistance from the French Red Cross, distributed 500 family emergency relief kits. Each kit contained:

- 1 hygiene kit (which includes washing powder, toilet paper, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, razor and hygienic pads)
- 1 kitchen kit (pots, frying pan, knives, plates, glasses and cutlery)
- 1 bucket (14 litres capacity)
- 2 jerry cans
- 2 blankets
- 2 mosquito nets per family

The replenishment of the aforementioned 500 family kits was made possible through the tripartite agreement between the International Federation and the governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America.

In addition, the National Society distributed 100 cleaning kits (one cleaning kit per five families). Each cleaning kit contained the following items: a wheel barrow, shovel, pick axe, rake and pitchfork.

The HRCS also provided support to the families with cleaning debris and mud from houses. These activities helped families to clean their homes and prepare for their return.

Emergency health

Objective: The HRCS will provide basic medical services at local clinics to meet the immediate needs in the affected area.

Activities planned:

- Procurement of basic medicines needed for clinic operations
- Provision of medical services due to health issues identified by local health authorities.

The Haitian Red Cross Society purchased basic medicines and provided basic health care services to 344 patients. The location chosen as centre to provide the services was the ASAD Clinic in Carrefour.

Patients were identified by previously given distribution cards. The HRCS volunteers with first aid training assisted five doctors and a pharmacist, which provided daily services. The doctors at the clinic included two paediatricians, an obstetrician (gynaecologist), an internist and a community health specialist.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The HRCS will assist the 500 affected families by distributing water from cistern truck.

Activities planned:

- Distribution of water to the affected families
- Monitor and evaluate the distribution activities

This objective was not achieved due to the coordination complication of the water delivery system for the affected people, as it was explained in the previous DREF operations update report. Since this was planned for a semi-urban area it is difficult to identify which families are going to benefit because water is an essential need to every family living in the area. In the detailed assessments carried out the National Society, local water authorities and the IFRC realized that this was not a viable option since it is not a sustainable activity and would bring difficulties among the population during the water distributions.

The search for other solutions was not completed as the earthquake struck and now the situation has completely changed for the Haitian population in this area.

For additional information related to the Red Cross Red Crescent response to the 12 January earthquake please refer to the operations updates for that Emergency Appeal: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?iYear=0&xFlag=2&countryid=80&view=1> or to the special Haiti: Earthquake website: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/response/haiti/>

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

The International Federation'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 International Federation'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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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/11-2010/05
Budget Timeframe	2009/11-2010/05
Appeal	MDRHT007
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	105,656					105,656
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	82,066					82,066
C6. Other Income	82,066					82,066
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	82,066					82,066
D. Total Funding = B + C	82,066					82,066
Appeal Coverage	78%					78%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	82,066					82,066
E. Expenditure	-82,066					-82,066
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		105,656					105,656	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	10,740	10,427				10,427	313	
Water & Sanitation	9,717						9,717	
Medical & First Aid	3,068	3,214				3,214	-146	
Utensils & Tools	19,507	19,173				19,173	334	
Other Supplies & Services	26,592	29,486				29,486	-2,894	
Total Supplies	69,624	62,300				62,300	7,324	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	4,680	3,321				3,321	1,359	
Transport & Vehicle Costs		1,065				1,065	-1,065	
Total Transport & Storage	4,680	4,386				4,386	294	
Personnel								
International Staff		4,666				4,666	-4,666	
Regionally Deployed Staff	3,222						3,222	
National Staff		39				39	-39	
National Society Staff	5,718	2,046				2,046	3,672	
Total Personnel	8,940	6,751				6,751	2,188	
General Expenditure								
Travel	5,932	68				68	5,864	
Information & Public Relation	205						205	
Office Costs	511						511	
Communications	767	50				50	717	
Financial Charges	5,502	-13				-13	5,515	
Total General Expenditure	12,917	104				104	12,812	
Programme Support								
Program Support	6,868	5,209				5,209	1,658	
Total Programme Support	6,868	5,209				5,209	1,658	
Services								
Services & Recoveries	2,628	3,314				3,314	-687	
Total Services	2,628	3,314				3,314	-687	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	105,656	82,066				82,066	23,590	
VARIANCE (C - D)		23,590				23,590		