

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Nicaragua: 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: 107,399 Swiss francs (106,288 US dollars or 71,079 euro) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 11 November 2009 to support the Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC) in replenishing relief items from its stocks used to deliver immediate assistance to 950 families (approximately 5,705 people).

This DREF allocation assisted the Nicaraguan Red Cross in covering the operational costs incurred as well as the replenishment of stocks used in the initial response of the emergency. The communities that were reached are located in the municipalities of Laguna de Perla and Desembocadura de la Cruz del Rio Grande, both in the Southern Autonomous Atlantic Region (shortened as RAAS for its initials in Spanish).



A total of 677 families in the municipality of Desembocadura de la Cruz del Rio Grande received essential relief items. Source: Nicaraguan Red Cross.

The Canadian Red Cross contributed 45,000 Canadian dollars and the Netherlands Red Cross contributed 20,000 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 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 5 November 2009 Hurricane Ida reached the Nicaraguan territory as a category one hurricane. The Northern Atlantic coastline of the country sustained heavy winds and rain causing infrastructural damage and flooding which affected 13,300 people in several communities..

According to the National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation System (Sistema Nacional para la Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres, SINAPRED), Ida affected houses and sanitary systems (latrines). In

addition, people lost all their belongings, family orchards and the agricultural production was damaged as well as the artisan fishing equipment, and water wells were contaminated.

SINAPRED informed that 13,300 people were evacuated, 875 houses were affected, 300 water wells were contaminated, 300 latrines were flooded and temporary collective centres were activated housing 4,349 people.

SINAPRED and other local authorities contributed in the rehabilitation of the affected communities by distributing food items, repairing damaged roofs, supporting farmers and fishermen and cleaning contaminated water wells. Moreover, the National government visited several communities including Sandy Bay Sirpe, Karawala and Kara from the municipality of Desembocadura de la Cruz del Río Grande and distributed medical kits and food parcels.



A Nicaraguan Red Cross staff member helps a beneficiary to sign a distribution list using its finger print. Community of Orinoco, Laguna de Perlas municipality, RAAS. Source: Nicaraguan Red Cross.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the beginning of the emergency the Nicaraguan Red Cross focused on meeting the needs of the most affected people. The NRC dispatched humanitarian aid from its stocks for 450 families living in the affected communities in the municipality of Laguna de Perlas in the Southern Autonomous Atlantic Region. A week later, the National Society dispatched essential relief goods for an additional 500 families from its headquarters. The contents of the 950 family kits consisted of: hygiene kits, kitchen kits, blankets, mosquito nets and plastic sheets.

The Nicaraguan Red Cross's relief operation was carried out by 12 technical personnel and volunteers from the headquarters and the local branch in the capital of Bluefields (Southern Autonomous Atlantic Region). Additionally, a disaster management delegate from the International Federation's Pan American Disaster Response Unit was deployed to Nicaragua during the first days of the emergency to provide support to the National Society.



Nicaraguan Red Cross volunteers unloaded relief items in port of the Laguna de Perla municipality. Source: Nicaraguan Red Cross.

Additionally, the Nicaraguan Red Cross distributed shelter items to 42 affected communities in the municipality of Rosita (North Atlantic Autonomous Region), thanks to a contribution from the German Embassy and the German Red Cross. In total, 750 families were reached with shelter items (8 sheets of zinc, nails for wood and zinc, and a hammer).

Furthermore, the Nicaraguan Red Cross was in constant communication with the International Federation's PADRU and the Regional Representation for Central America and Mexico as well as with agencies in-country providing initial information about the emergency. The NRC coordinated with local authorities, primarily with SINAPRED, the Civil Defence and the Municipal Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and

Mitigation (Comité Municipal para la Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres Naturales - COMUPRED).

Achievements against objectives

This DREF operation allowed the Nicaraguan Red Cross to replenish its prepositioned stocks (for 950 families) and to cover the operational costs incurred. The operation was carried out in three phases: identification of beneficiaries, dispatch of relief items to the affected areas and distribution activities. The DREF operation provided assistance to 950 families in the most affected areas of the Southern Autonomous Atlantic Region of Nicaragua.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: Replenishment of relief items to cover the needs of 950 families in the communities most affected, including 2,500 blankets, 950 kitchen kits, 950 hygiene kits, 1,000 mosquito nets and 1,000 plastic sheets.	
Expected results	Activities planned
950 families recover from the effects of the floods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments. • Develop a 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.

Impact:

The Nicaraguan Red Cross carried out distributions of essential relief items first during the following dates in the two targeted municipalities:

- § In Desembocadura de la Cruz del Río Grande distributions were conducted from 6 to 8 November 2009 and later on from 15 and 16 November.
- § In Laguna de Perlas the first distribution was carried out on 14 November and the second one on 18 November.

The following table shows total number of families reached through the aforementioned distributions per community.

Municipality	Community	Families	People	Kitchen Kits	Hygiene Kits	Bed sheets	Blankets	Mosquito Nets	Rolls of Plastic sheeting
Desembocadura de la Cruz del Río Grande	Cruz del Río Grande	50	300	50	50	150	0	0	0
	El Tortuguero	50	315	50	50	150	0	0	0
	Tas Pony	75	450	75	75	225	0	0	0
	Secret Point	75	480	75	75	225	0	0	0
	Karawala	255	1,563	255	255	600	275	110	110
	Walpa	20	163	20	20	0	100	40	40
	Bocana del Río Grande	87	388	87	87	0	435	174	174
	Kara	20	155	20	20	0	100	40	40
	Sandy Bay	45	382	45	45	0	225	90	90
Laguna de Perlas	Orinoco	50	316	50	50	0	250	100	100
	Marshall Point	50	280	50	50	0	250	100	100
	Pueblo Nuevo	173	913	173	173	0	865	346	346
Total	12 communities	950	5,705	950	950	1,350	2,500	1,000	1,000

Thus, the Nicaraguan Red Cross provided essential relief items to 950 families (5,705 people) in 12 communities. The International Federation's Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) in Panama dispatched 2,500

blankets, 950 kitchen kits, 950 hygiene kits, 1,000 mosquito nets and 1,000 rolls of plastic sheeting to replenish the NRC stocks.

The tripartite agreement between the International Federation and the governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America supported the replenishment of the relief items for 950 families distributed in this operation.

The affected families which received relief items used these to cope with their immediate needs following the hurricane. Furthermore, the distributed items helped the targeted families to make savings in their family budgets for meeting acute needs to cope with the loss of their personal belongings. The Nicaraguan Red Cross distributions also gave the affected population psychological comfort as people knew that they were not left alone to cope with the consequences of the disaster. Additionally, the operation helped the National Society to increase and enhance disaster response capacities.

Challenges:

The major challenges encountered in this operation were the poor road conditions and heavy rains which caused delays in the distributions. Nonetheless, the National Society fulfilled the objective of reaching 950 families with essential relief items.

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	2009/11-2010/3
Budget Timeframe	2009/11-2010/03
Appeal	MDRNI001
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	107,399					107,399
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	107,399					107,399
C6. Other Income	107,399					107,399
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	107,399					107,399
D. Total Funding = B + C	107,399					107,399
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

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	107,399					107,399
E. Expenditure	-107,273					-107,273
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	126					126

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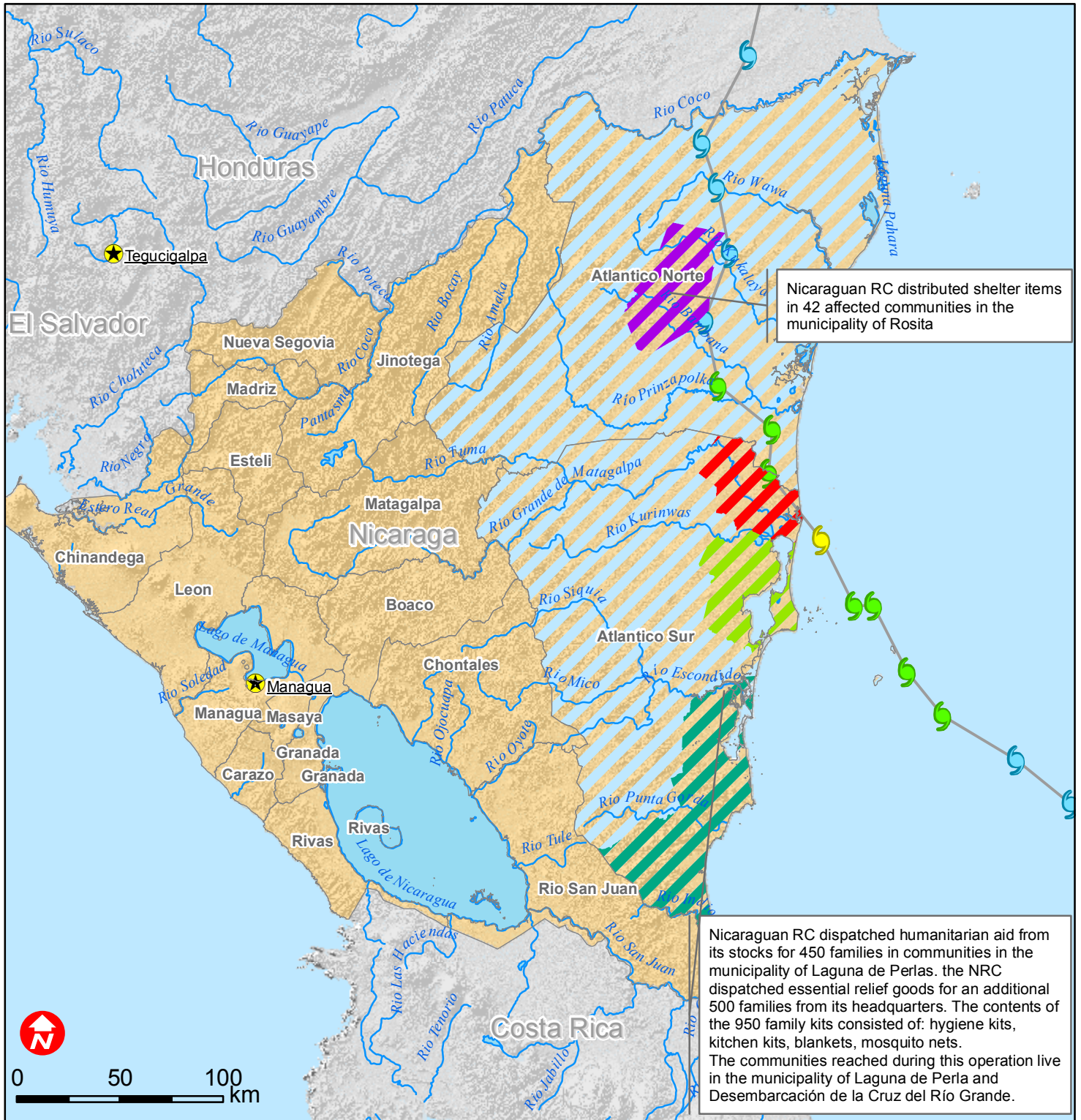
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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

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)		107,399					107,399	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	13,700	13,708					13,708	-8
Clothing & textiles	18,020	18,013					18,013	7
Utensils & Tools	27,085	27,085					27,085	0
Other Supplies & Services	23,399	23,399					23,399	0
Total Supplies	82,203	82,204					82,204	-1
Transport & Storage								
Storage		984					984	-984
Distribution & Monitoring	2,197	2,691					2,691	-493
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,032	4,333					4,333	-1,301
Total Transport & Storage	5,229	8,007					8,007	-2,778
Personnel								
National Society Staff	4,245	3,430					3,430	815
Total Personnel	4,245	3,430					3,430	815
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,500	596					596	904
Information & Public Relation	1,841	1,563					1,563	278
Office Costs	267	77					77	190
Communications	1,011	522					522	489
Financial Charges	1,377	1,395					1,395	-17
Total General Expenditure	5,996	4,153					4,153	1,843
Programme Support								
Program Support	6,981	6,932					6,932	49
Total Programme Support	6,981	6,932					6,932	49
Services								
Services & Recoveries	2,745	2,547					2,547	198
Total Services	2,745	2,547					2,547	198
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	107,399	107,273					107,273	126
VARIANCE (C - D)		126					126	



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