

# DREF operation final report



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## Colombia Floods

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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 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:** 68,288 Swiss francs were allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 16 August 2010 to support the Colombian Red Cross Society (CRCS) in delivering assistance to 2,500 people from La Mojana area.

The weather phenomenon of La Niña has severely affected the rain pattern in Colombia in the year 2010. La Niña brought continuous floods, electric storms, landslides, gales and hail from March to December 2010, without the normal dry months of July and August. In result, the communities and soil did not have the opportunity to recover, and there has been an ongoing need for assistance. As of December 2010 there were some 1,614,676 people affected.



500 families received food parcels and hygiene kits in the departments of Bolívar, Chocó, Magdalena and Sucre. Source: CRCS

The DREF funds allowed the CRCS to distribute food and non-food items to 500 families, as well as 311,000 litres of safe water that was distributed to 51,800 families. All activities were successfully carried out, and this report is final in terms of narrative and financials. The operation is now closed, with a final balance of 16,818 Swiss francs unspent and returned to DREF.

ECHO contributed CHF 54,630 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

During 2010 Colombia felt the effects of the phenomenon of La Niña that disrupted the normal weather pattern, bringing not only severe rains and flash floods during the rainy seasons, but also during the normally

dry season. As a consequence the communities and soil did not have the opportunity to recover, and there has been an ongoing need for assistance. By December 2010 there were landslides and ongoing floods in 28 of the 32 departments; the most affected being the Caribbean and Andean regions, particularly the departments of Bolívar, Magdalena, Córdoba, Sucre and Chocó.

Over a nine-month period, there have been 18 avalanches, 189 landslides, 3 hailstorms, 150 gales, 825 floods, 13 electric storms and 1 tornado. Thus far, there are 337,513 affected families (1,614,676 persons), 246 injured, 218 deaths, 107 persons missing, 2,049 destroyed homes, and 275,569 damaged homes. On 18 November, the Colombian government declared a state of public calamity, and on 7 December, declared a state of national emergency, as the country's capacities were saturated and additional resources were needed.



## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

With the support of the DREF, some 25 volunteers and staff members of the Colombian Red Cross Society distributed 500 food parcels and hygiene kits and 1,500 mosquito nets. In addition, the National Society distributed 56,000 litres of drinking water, reaching 800 families (5,105 people). However, with the support of other humanitarian organizations and private companies, the CRCS reached an additional 20,270 families with relief items and 51,000 bags of 5 litres of drinking water.

Approximately 25 volunteers and staff members of the CRCS worked on the completion of this DREF operation. Source: CRCS

Due to the continuation of rains and the deterioration of the situation in Colombia, an Emergency Appeal was launched on 7 December 2010 with activities in the sectors of relief distribution, water and sanitation, emergency health, and shelter, as well as supporting the strengthening of the National Society in the areas of logistics, IT/Telecom and search and rescue. For more information please refer to the latest operation update available at: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/10/MDRCCO008eu2.pdf>

## Achievements against outcomes

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Outcome:** 500 vulnerable families in the zone "La Mojana" are provided with food and non-food relief items.

#### Activities planned:

- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Distribute relief supplies (food parcels and hygiene kits) to 500 families.
- Distribution of first aid and personal protection equipment among five local branches to complement distribution activities.
- Distribution of mosquito nets to 500 families of the Mojana zone.
- Design and distribute brochures containing information about floods, mudslides
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

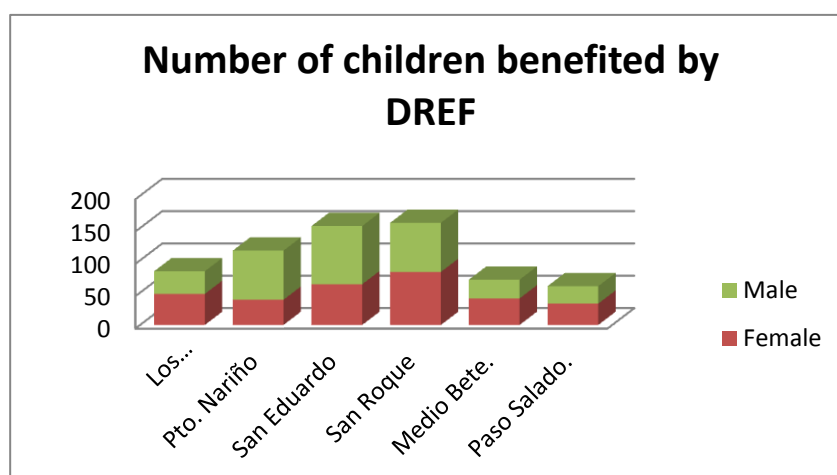
#### Impact:

During this operation the CRCS distributed food parcels, hygiene kits and mosquito nets (3 per family) to 500 families. Based on their level of affectation and vulnerability, the National Society identified and prioritized the following communities: Los Chinchorros (Sucre department), Puerto Nariño (Bolívar department), San

Eduardo (Magdalena department), San Roque, Medio Betel and Paso Salado (Chocó department). Of the 2,156 people assisted, 639 were children under the age of five.

Department	Community	N° of Families	N° of people	Handicapped people	Single-parent households	Relief Items			
						Food parcels	Hygiene kits	Mosquito nets	Brochures
Sucre	Los Chinchorros	100	496	3	3	100	100	300	600
Bolívar	Puerto Nariño	100	413	0	0	100	100	300	600
Magdalena	San Eduardo	100	457	0	0	100	100	300	600
Chocó	San Roque	138	499	3	2	138	138	414	828
	Medio Bete	33	157	2	0	33	33	99	198
	Paso Salado	29	134	0	0	29	29	87	174
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>

In addition, as the food parcels costs were lower than originally anticipated, the CRCS was able to buy 100 more that were distributed in San Onofre (Sucre Department). Moreover, in an effort to strengthen the capacity of the National Society during these months of intense relief work, five first aid kits were bought and given to the Bolívar, Córdoba, Chocó and Sucre branches, while the fifth one stayed at the CRSC's headquarters.



During this operation it was possible not only to improve the life quality of the affected population, but it also allowed the opportunity for a close collaboration between local actors and the National Society. The local capacity was used at length, working alongside the Local Committees for Disaster Prevention and Relief (CLOPAD) and the communities actively participated in the distributions. The level of community organization also allowed the opportunity to provide security

recommendations in case of emergency with the support of informative talks and brochures. Moreover, the municipal branches of the CRCS demonstrated an increased capacity during the distributions.

It must also be noted that the distributions completed through this DREF operation belong within a much wider operational framework to respond to the emergency situation of the 2010 rainy season. In addition to the 500 families supported with the DREF, the CRCS reached 20,270 families through alliances with other organizations, including the Spanish Red Cross, Acción Social and the National Federation of Stockbreeders (FEDEGAN).

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Outcome: The emergency water needs of 500 vulnerable families in the zone "La Mojana" are covered.**

**Activities planned:**

- Water and sanitation assessment
- Supply 2,500 people with drinking water following SPHERE standards.

**Impact:**

The Sucre branch deployed a water treatment plant that produced 56,000 litres of drinking water that was distributed to 800 families (5,105 people). The communities reached were Plaza Nueva, Villabe, Ayacucho,

Junín, Roma, Avenida los Estudiantes, Santa Lucía, 7 de Marzo, Juan 23, Buenavista, Santander, San Salvador, Delicias, Zulia, Dádivas, Mano de Dios and Panamá. The DREF allocation covered the fuel costs to mobilize the water treatment plant.

Date	Litres of safe water distributed	Families reached	People reached
15 October	8,000	80	520
16 October	9,000	100	650
17 October	8,000	120	780
18 October	9,000	150	975
19 October	8,000	120	700
20 October	8,000	150	980
21 October	6,000	80	500
	<b>56,000 litres</b>	<b>800 families</b>	<b>5,105 people</b>

In addition to the water distributed with the support of the DREF, the National Society received a donation from the Coca-Cola Company which donated 51,000 bags of 5 litres of drinking water (255,000 litres in total). The CRCS distributed one bag per family in the following areas:

- Sucre (Mojana region): 28,000 bags
- Magdalena: 20,000 bags
- Córdoba: 3,000 bags

The distribution of safe drinking water permitted a temporal improvement of the quality of life of those affected families. The families that received hygiene kits and safe drinking water were able to maintain better hygienic conditions and therefore reduced risks of waterborne and water related diseases.

The DREF operation also covered costs related to communications, shipping, transport and storage of relief items, travel expenses of National Society staff supporting the operation and per diem for volunteers.

## How we work

All IFRC 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 IFRC'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 IFRC'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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/6-2011/3
Budget Timeframe	2010/6-2011/3
Appeal	MDRCO007
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>68,288</b>					<b>68,288</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	<i>51,470</i>					<i>51,470</i>
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	<b>51,470</b>					<b>51,470</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	<b>51,470</b>					<b>51,470</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>51,470</b>					<b>51,470</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>75%</b>					<b>75%</b>

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>C. Income</b>	<b>51,470</b>					<b>51,470</b>
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-51,470</b>					<b>-51,470</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>

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### III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>68,288</b>					<b>68,288</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	17,565	6,710				6,710	10,855	
Food	17,405	14,409				14,409	2,996	
Medical & First Aid	2,931	3,214				3,214	-283	
Other Supplies & Services	13,185	9,086				9,086	4,099	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>51,086</b>	<b>33,419</b>				<b>33,419</b>	<b>17,667</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		48				48	-48	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,110	3,491				3,491	-1,381	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,165	1,570				1,570	1,595	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>5,276</b>	<b>5,109</b>				<b>5,109</b>	<b>167</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Society Staff	4,220	8,571				8,571	-4,351	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>8,571</b>				<b>8,571</b>	<b>-4,351</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Information & Public Relation	126	623				623	-497	
Office Costs		9				9	-9	
Communications	634	399				399	235	
Financial Charges	2,779	-212				-212	2,991	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>819</b>				<b>819</b>	<b>2,720</b>	
<b>Programme &amp; Service Support</b>								
Programme & Service Support	4,168	3,141				3,141	1,026	
<b>Total Programme &amp; Service Support</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>3,141</b>				<b>3,141</b>	<b>1,026</b>	
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries		410				410	-410	
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>410</b>				<b>410</b>	<b>-410</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>68,288</b>	<b>51,470</b>				<b>51,470</b>	<b>16,818</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>16,818</b>				<b>16,818</b>		