

# 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:** 50,118 Swiss francs (48,826 US dollars or 33,159 euro) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) in providing water and essential relief items to 800 people affected by the floods in the communities of Williamson and Carries in the department of l'Ouest.

On 18 September several communities in Haiti were severely affected by heavy rain and mudslides. This DREF operation focused on providing support to the Haitian National Red Cross Society in order to provide relief assistance to the most affected people.

On December 2009 the Operation was completed: 163 families (815 people) from the 2 affected communities received emergency family kits and 352,921 litres of drinking water.

The Netherlands Red Cross contributed 22,675 Swiss francs (15,000 euros) and the European Commission's Office for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) contributed 27,210 Swiss francs (EUR 18,000 euro) to the DREF fund 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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Distribution of family kits, cleaning kits and food items in the community. Source: International Federation

## The situation

On 18 September 2009, the community of Williamson in the department of l'Ouest experienced flash flooding due to heavy rains. In total, 65 families were affected by the floods (296 persons). Although the houses were not completely destroyed, the floods severely damaged crops and fencing around properties. Water sources and systems which had been destroyed in this community after the passage of hurricanes in 2008 were also contaminated. In addition, the affected families lost their valuables and personal belongings.

In the nearby community of Carries (l'Ouest department), heavy rainfall during the second week of September affected 23 families (102 persons). The community of Carries was hit by mudslides, due to the heavy rain, taking the life of one resident and injuring six others. The mudslides destroyed 11 houses and severely damaged 12 others. Safe drinking water was no longer available to these families as their wells were also contaminated. Health problems were reported by the health authorities in this community as a result of these events. The 23 families sought refuge in collective centres (church and school). It is important to mention that this community was still vulnerable following the hurricanes that struck Haiti in 2008.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Officials from the Haitian National Red Cross Society regional branch with the participation of a manager from the headquarters, and representatives from the Civil Protection (Direction de la Protection Civile) and the National Directorate for Potable Water and Sanitation (Direction Nationale de l'eau potable et de l'assainissement - DINEPA) conducted an initial assessment in both affected communities.

The HNRCS in coordination with the French Red Cross conducted assessments of the water systems in both affected communities and consulted with local authorities regarding the status of water distribution networks in Williamson and Carries. The French Red Cross also provided support to HNRCS volunteers to distribute water in the communities.

The International Federation, through its Pan-American Disaster Response Unit in Panama and the Latin Caribbean Regional Representation in Santo Domingo, was in constant communication with the HNRCS. Additionally, a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member from the Canadian Red Cross was in country and provided assistance to the HNRCS in carrying out the preliminary assessments and implementing the plan of action.

### Achievements against objectives

The overall objective of the operation was to provide safe drinking water and relief assistance to the families affected by the recent heavy rainfall that caused flash floods and mudslides in Carries and Williamson.

The activities within the objectives included actions to reinforce the response capacity of the HNRCS which include: damage and needs assessments, beneficiary registration, distribution of relief items and water and monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

All the activities were completed and the objectives were achieved. No major incidents were reported.

This DREF operation also covered per diem for volunteers and workers (to unload and upload items), office and communication costs, as well as service and recovery fees of relief items.

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

**Objective: 800 people in the communities of Williamson and Carries will receive essential non food items to recover from the effects of the emergency.**

##### Activities planned:

- Conduct 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.

A total of 163 families (815 people) from the two affected communities received emergency family kits: 45 families (225 people) in Carries and 118 families (590 people) in Williamson. These family kits were supplied by the French Red Cross which had pre-positioned stock in the area of the affected communities. The French Red Cross family kits consisted of one hygiene kit, one kitchen set, two mosquito nets, two blankets, two jerry cans and one bucket. The family kits shipped by the Regional Logistics Unit in Panama replenished the French Red Cross stocks in Haiti.

The replenishment of the aforementioned 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.

Additionally, 33 families (165 people) from the Carries community received cleaning kits. Each kit contained one wheelbarrow, two shovels, one pick axe, and one pitchfork.

Selection of beneficiaries for the cleaning kits was done according to the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Carries who was affected by the mudslide.
2. House must not be completely destroyed so that clean-up allows the house to be rehabilitated.

### **Water and sanitation**

**Objective: The HNRCS will financially assist the affected families receiving water from cistern trucks by compensating for the water fee for up to 30 days**

**Activities planned:**

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

The 118 families in Williamson and 45 families in Carries were provided with water distribution following SPHERE standards to determine water quantities required.

A contract was signed between the HNRCS and a local water supplier for daily distribution of safe drinking water using water tankers in both communities.

Support in the preparation of the water distribution was provided to the HNRCS volunteers by a coordinator trained in water and sanitation from the French Red Cross. A total number of 352,921 litres of water were distributed to the affected population in both communities. HNRCS volunteers from the neighbouring communities of Archaie and Saint Marc participated in the water distribution activities.

The following table shows the quantity of litres of water distributed per community, and number of families who received water per day:

DATE	Site							
	Carries				Williamson			
	Qty (L) distr.	Qty (L) trucks	N°Families	Average. (L)	Qty (L) distr.	Qty (L) trucks	N°Families	Average. (L)
02-10-09	1388	3400	17	81,65	3628	10000	84	43.19
03-10-09	3300	3400	45	73,33	6316	10000	109	57.94
04-10-09	3141	3400	45	69,80	9386	10000	110	85.33
05-10-09	3149	3400	40	78,73	4137	5000	57	72.58
06-10-09	3360	3400	43	78,14	5780	7500	59	97.97
07-10-09	3360	3400	45	74,67	6864	10000	104	66.00
08-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	9280	10000	116	80.00
09-10-09	3360	3400	45	74,67	9184	10000	108	85.04
10-10-09	3072	3400	45	68,27	8724	10000	113	77.20
11-10-09	3380	3400	45	75,11	8756	10000	110	79.60
12-10-09	3304	3400	45	75,09	9656	10000	118	81.83
13-10-09	3376	3400	45	75,02	9224	10000	113	81.63
14-10-09	3352	3400	45	74,49	8800	10000	118	74.58
15-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	8800	10000	118	74.58
16-10-09	3372	3400	42	80,29	9092	10000	110	82.65
17-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	9616	10000	111	86.63
18-10-09	3344	3400	45	74,31	8344	10000	112	74.50
19-10-09	3376	3400	43	78,51	8800	10000	113	77.88
20-10-09	3380	3400	45	75,11	8800	10000	118	74.58
21-10-09	3376	3400	45	75,02	8800	10000	118	74.58
22-10-09	3376	3400	45	75,02	9236	10000	118	78.27
23-10-09	3380	3400	45	75,11	9646	10000	118	81.75
24-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	9636	10000	118	81.66
25-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	9636	10000	113	85.27
26-10-09	3376	3400	45	75,02	9636	10000	113	85.27
27-10-09	3380	3400	42	80,48	8796	10000	112	78.54
28-10-09	3360	3400	45	74,66	9226	10000	118	78.19
29-10-09	3360	3400	45	74,66	8856	10000	118	75.05
30-10-09	3372	3400	45	74,93	9236	10000	118	78.27
31-10-09	3376	3400	45	75,02	8800	10000	112	78.57
TOTAL	98,230	102,000			254,691	292,500		

## 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	2009/9-2010/5
Budget Timeframe	2009/9-2010/5
Appeal	MDRHT006
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
<b>A. Budget</b>	50,118					50,118
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	39,868					39,868
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	39,868					39,868
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	39,868					39,868
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	39,868					39,868
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	80%					80%

## II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	39,868					39,868
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-39,868					-39,868
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0

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Reporting Timeframe	2009/9-2010/5
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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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>50,118</b>					<b>50,118</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	4,534	4,245				4,245	289	
Clothing & textiles	3,204	3,265				3,265	-61	
Water & Sanitation	11,777	9,791				9,791	1,986	
Utensils & Tools	6,593	6,640				6,640	-48	
Other Supplies & Services	3,750	4,064				4,064	-314	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>29,858</b>	<b>28,005</b>				<b>28,005</b>	<b>1,853</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		-9				-9	9	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,623	2,480				2,480	143	
Transport & Vehicle Costs		267				267	-267	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>2,738</b>				<b>2,738</b>	<b>-115</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff		280				280	-280	
National Staff		33				33	-33	
National Society Staff	5,751	4,789				4,789	962	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>5,102</b>				<b>5,102</b>	<b>649</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	3,616						3,616	
Office Costs	310	5				5	305	
Communications	207	255				255	-47	
Financial Charges	2,745	342				342	2,404	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>6,878</b>	<b>601</b>				<b>601</b>	<b>6,277</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	3,258	2,533				2,533	725	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>2,533</b>				<b>2,533</b>	<b>725</b>	
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries	1,750	889				889	861	
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>889</b>				<b>889</b>	<b>861</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>50,118</b>	<b>39,868</b>				<b>39,868</b>	<b>10,250</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>10,250</b>				<b>10,250</b>		