

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Nicaragua: 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: 36,248 Swiss francs were allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 3 June 2010 to support the Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC) in delivering immediate assistance to some 150 families, approximately 750 beneficiaries.

Heavy rains from the Tropical Storm Agatha affected Nicaragua as of April 2010. The Nicaraguan Red Cross evacuated people at risk in affected municipalities of the departments of León, Chinandega and Managua at the onset of the emergency. The National Society then carried out relief distributions and water and sanitation activities in the departments of León and Managua.



The Nicaraguan Red Cross carried out relief distributions in two collective centres for people affected by Tropical Storm Agatha. Source: Nicaraguan Red Cross..

The Netherlands Red Cross contributed 13,925 Swiss francs 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>

A remaining balance of 8,878 Swiss francs has been reimbursed to the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund.

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The situation

During May and June 2010, the Western Pacific Region of Nicaragua was affected by intermittent rain resulting from Tropical Storm Agatha. The Government hence evacuated families living in the coastal areas where waves were forecast to reach 2-3 metres in height. As rains continued, 972 families living in the departments of León, Chinandega, Managua, Chontales and Jinotega were affected. The Nicaraguan Red Cross joined efforts with national authorities to reduce the effects of the disaster and distributed relief items to 100 families.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Nicaraguan Red Cross carried out evacuations in the Departments of León, Chinandega and Managua to collective centres established by the Ministry of Education in coordination with the National System for Prevention, Mitigation and Response to Disasters (Sistema Nacional para la Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres - SINAPRED).

After the initial assessments had taken place, 19 members of the Nicaraguan Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC delegate in the country, carried out the relief operation in coordination with local authorities. Three relief trucks were used for the operation.

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: Affected families have access to food and non-food items to support their efforts to resume essential household activities.
Outputs: Up to 150 households (750 people) of the most affected families receive essential relief, such as blankets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits and food parcels.
Activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct rapid assessment on needs and capacity • Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from one point to another. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Impact: After the initial assessments, the Nicaraguan Red Cross opted to distribute complete family kits including a food parcel, a hygiene kit, two buckets, three jerry cans, four blankets, four mosquito nets and four boxes of candles. Of these, the food parcels, the hygiene kits, the mosquito nets and the blankets were covered by DREF while the rest of the items were supplied by the National Society. The National Society purchased food parcels locally.

After the completion of needs assessments, the National Society identified 100 affected families; therefore, the overall target was reduced from 150 to 100. The remaining supplies were thus stocked in warehouses for future emergencies. However, due the continuous rains in Nicaragua, the activities of this operation overlapped with those of the consecutive DREF operation launched on 17 September. Therefore, the relief items for the 50 families that were not distributed as planned, were used during the following operation and are included in the [DREF update n° 1](#) for the operation in response to floods (MDRNI003).

Department	Community	Families	People	age <1	age 1-9	age 10-14	age 15-21	age 22-54	age 55<
León	Milagro de Dios	50	228	10	47	32	50	64	25
Managua	Miraluz	50	218	10	40	33	20	50	65
	Totals	100	446	20	87	65	70	114	90

Nearly 40 per cent of the target beneficiaries in vulnerable communities from Leon and Managua departments were children under 15 years of age, while 20 per cent were senior citizens. The identification of target families was done in coordination with local authorities and leaders. These families were evacuated during the emergency and continued to live in collective centres.

In addition, this DREF operation covered costs related to the effectiveness of this operation. Funds were used for distribution and transport of items, volunteers' mobilization, travel and accommodation of two PADRU disaster management delegates, maintenance and fuel for vehicles, and 50 t-shirts, 42 caps and 2 flags for Nicaraguan Red Cross visibility during the emergency response.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: To promote health and hygiene standards to prevent outbreaks of endemic diseases present in the areas affected by the rains like dengue, malaria, leptospirosis and diarrhoea for 150 families in two months
Output 1: Appropriate water and sanitation promotion materials will be provided to 150 families (750 people).

Output 2: The health status of the population is improved through behaviour change and hygiene promotion activities.

Activities:

- Promotion of proper hygiene standards through educational booklets to 150 families in the three departments.
- Conduct training programmes for the Red Cross volunteers and beneficiaries in hygiene promotion on the safe use of water treatment products.

The Nicaraguan Red Cross was able to obtain funds and support from other partners to carry out training activities for hygiene promotion (including hand washing) among the target population; therefore, there was no need to use resources from DREF as originally intended.

As the National Society did not make use of the available DREF allocation for these activities, the remaining balance has been reimbursed to the DREF.

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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Appeal Launch Date: 01 jun 10

Appeal Timeframe: 01 jun 10 to 31 aug 10

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/1-2010/12
Budget Timeframe	2010/1-2010/12
Appeal	MDRNI002
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
A. Budget	36,248					36,248
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
Other Income						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	<i>27,370</i>					<i>27,370</i>
C6. Other Income	27,370					27,370
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	27,370					27,370
D. Total Funding = B + C	27,370					27,370
Appeal Coverage	76%					76%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	27,370					27,370
E. Expenditure	-27,370					-27,370
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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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	
BUDGET (C)		36,248					36,248	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	6,264	4,586				4,586	1,678	
Food	8,118	8,259				8,259	-141	
Teaching Materials	1,160						1,160	
Other Supplies & Services	4,349	3,340				3,340	1,009	
Total Supplies	19,890	16,184				16,184	3,706	
Transport & Storage								
Storage		394				394	-394	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,899	3,026				3,026	-126	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,160	674				674	486	
Total Transport & Storage	4,059	4,093				4,093	-34	
Personnel								
National Society Staff	2,219	254				254	1,966	
Total Personnel	2,219	254				254	1,966	
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,219	2,619				2,619	-399	
Information & Public Relation	578	925				925	-347	
Office Costs	348	5				5	343	
Communications	522	93				93	429	
Financial Charges	1,988	818				818	1,170	
Total General Expenditure	5,655	4,460				4,460	1,195	
Programme & Service Support								
Programme & Service Support	2,212	1,670				1,670	542	
Total Programme & Service Support	2,212	1,670				1,670	542	
Services								
Services & Recoveries	2,212	685				685	1,527	
Shared Services		23				23	-23	
Total Services	2,212	708				708	1,504	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	36,248	27,370				27,370	8,878	
VARIANCE (C - D)		8,878				8,878		