

Final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Central African Republic: Floods

Final report
Emergency appeal n°
MDRCF006

GLIDE n° FL-2009-000129-CAF
01 July, 2010

Period covered by this Final Report: 06 August 2009
to 31st January, 2010;

Appeal target (current): CHF 805,260 (USD
777,728 or EUR 532,262);

Final Appeal coverage: 22%; [<click here to go directly to the final financial report, or here to view the contact details>](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 06 August, 2009 for CHF 805,260 (USD 777,728 or EUR 532,262) for 6 months to assist over 6,000 beneficiaries.
- CHF 35,302 (**USD 32,500 OR EUR 23,270**) was initially allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the national society in responding by delivering assistance.



CAR Red Cross volunteers constructed shelters for flood-affected persons/Yvette Mve/International Federation

Summary: Since 17 July 2009, the Government of the CAR, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement present in Bangui (CAR Red Cross society, ICRC and the International Federation), partner national societies (PNS) like the French Red Cross, local companies, embassies, UN agencies and other NGOs have been making joint efforts to assist flood victims in Bangui by providing financial, material and technical resources to reduce the effects of floods. In fact, Government made available three secured sites that are not liable to flooding for the operation. Two of the three sites were serviced and used for the operation. The third was left out because of lack of funding. About 381 families were accommodated in the two sites, i.e. over 2,667 people. Considering the limited funds available for the operation (only 22 % of the emergency appeal budget was covered), the International Federation identified some crucial activities that have all been carried out. These activities included the servicing of the sites, the construction of shelters, the distribution of food and non food items, and the promotion of hygiene and sanitation. The emergency action taken by the Red Cross within the framework of this operation contributed to preventing the outbreak of any waterborne disease. Although a good number of activities planned were yet to be carried out, the International Federation had to withdraw from the operation prematurely because of lack of funding. Nevertheless, the national society has been pursuing the implementation of the operation as planned with the support of bilateral partners such as the African Development Bank.

Lessons learned: The deployment by the Federation of its teams in the field in the early stages of the disaster contributed enormously to facilitating the assistance to flood-affected persons. We believe that this

is a good lesson that should serve on subsequent occasions. Moreover, the sensitization conducted also served as a means of prevention, not only of floods, but also of waterborne diseases. We believe that such cross-activities should be taken into consideration when planning emergency operations.

The situation

From 16 June to 17 July, 2009, heavy rains poured on Bangui, the capital city of the Central African Republic (CAR), causing serious flooding which led to the destruction or damage of over 2,500 houses. As a result of this disaster, two children died, and close to 11,000 people were made homeless and lost their basic belongings, including household items, clothes, school books for school children, and other essential properties. In response to the appeal by Government to assist flood-affected persons, the CAR Red Cross society supported by the International Federation first launched a DREF operation on 10 July 2009 to provide emergency assistance to vulnerable people. Considering the ever increasing scope of the disaster, this DREF operation was converted into an emergency appeal that was launched on 6 August 2009 to assist some 6,000 most vulnerable people for six months.

Immediately after the start of the operation, more heavy rains occurred, thereby increasing the number of vulnerable people. Red Cross and their volunteers were able to service two of the three sites that have been made available for the operation. Shelters have also been constructed in these first two sites for accommodating the vulnerable people. All the activities planned have been going on smoothly, but the International Federation has withdrawn prematurely from the operation prematurely because of insufficient funding. However, the CAR Red Cross society has since been pursuing the implementation of the operation as planned with the support of bilateral partners such as the African Development Bank.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against objectives

Overview

Although several PNSs promised to contribute to the implementation of this operation, the appeal budget coverage rate remained very low (22%). This prompted the redefinition of priorities among the priorities that were initially identified in the plan of action.

In the first hours of the operation, ICRC put logistics means (trucks and vehicles) at the disposal of the operation for the purchase and transportation of food items to the temporary sites where flood-affected people are accommodated. In addition, 80 CAR Red Cross volunteers were mobilized for the installation of water and sanitation systems in the first two sites, under the supervision of the French Red Cross and the International Federation.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: Appropriate quantities and quality of food items are distributed to over 6,000 most vulnerable people accommodated in the temporary site identified by CAR Government.

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The targeted six thousand flood-affected people have received basic household items that are essential for allowing re-establishing family life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Procure and distribute non-food items, including mosquito nets, blankets, mats, kitchen sets, and clothes to 1,200 targeted families. Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Impact:

The food distributed to flood-affected persons prevented them from starving or die from hunger as they had lost all of their food and cooking sets to floods. Likewise, the non-food items given them, such as tarpaulins, sleeping mats and blankets, prevented them from bad weather, thereby contributing to protecting their human dignity.

Federation humanitarian diplomacy facilitated the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the CAR Red Cross national society and WFP for the availability of food items to be distributed.

The food and non-food items distribution capacities of the CAR Red Cross society in an emergency have been enhanced through the on-the-job training supervised by both WFP and Federation experts. The national society is now well prepared to organize a distribution with very limited supervision.

Emergency health

Objective: The health risks of the emergency on the affected population is reduced through the provision of preventive, community-level and curative services to 1,200 families (6,000 beneficiaries) in the two camps and 4 subdivisions of Bangui, for six months.

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The risks of communicable diseases and epidemics outbreak are reduced within the identified site for the vulnerable populations and in its surrounding localities. Itinerant patients are managed and referral services are provided to the serious cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the basic mortality and morbidity in the population during emergency. Assess the health risks of the affected population in terms of health services, prevention, health needs and risk of communicable diseases. Manage a first-aid post installed at the camp sites by the CARRCS. Advocate for the supply of essential drugs in two targeted health centres for the treatment of the patients from the site identified for the purpose of the operation. Sensitize affected people to the measures to be taken in order to avoid the spread of communicable diseases and epidemics. Provide first aid and referral services for affected communities through 60 volunteers in the coming three months. Train 60 volunteers on communicable disease surveillance in coordination with the Ministry of Health and district health offices.

Impact:

While curative health care was provided in the sites by MSF, CAR Red Cross volunteers managed a first aid post, administering first aid to over 198 persons and referring serious cases to hospitals. This contributed to saving lives. Red Cross volunteers also conducted 4 educative talk sessions every month to enable the populations to own the management of sanitation facilities and to provide them with key tips to avoid poor hygiene-related diseases. As a result of this action, no epidemic outbreak occurred throughout the implementation of the operation.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: To reduce the risk of waterborne and water-related diseases through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene promotion to 1,200 families at the displaced camps and to the neighbouring populations for six months.

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and adequate water supply has been provided to flood victims. Reduced risk of further contamination of water and no more clogging of water ways in the affected areas and surroundings; and improved hygiene promotion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene promotion of water and sanitation related diseases for the affected population. Disinfect and rehabilitate polluted water wells in the flooded areas. Train beneficiaries on environmental and personal hygiene and the use of the provided sanitation materials. Sensitize communities on waste management, drainage management and sanitation. Conduct mass hygiene and clean-up campaigns to sensitize the populations of affected neighbourhoods on the use of public dustbins and avoid throwing garbage in gutters and streams. Work in close collaboration with the city council of Bangui,

	Government authorities and other partners to ensure the disposal of collected garbage in an appropriate rubbish dump on a regular basis.
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Impact:

Thanks to the action taken by the French Red Cross and CAR Government, with the support of CAR Red Cross volunteers, all flood-affected persons accommodated in the two sites serviced for the operation received potable and safe drinking water in respect of internationally recommended quantities and quality. This contributed to preventing the outbreak of waterborne diseases in the sites. Moreover, the water and sanitation capacities of CAR Red Cross volunteers have been enhanced, thereby getting them ready for subsequent interventions with very limited external supervision. The newly constructed sanitation facilities have contributed to keeping the environment clean, thereby ensuring the good health of the beneficiaries.

Emergency shelter

Objective: To provide temporary shelter to 6,000 of the affected people in a site (comprising two camps) made available by CAR Government for six months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate site is identified and developed with temporary shelters built to accommodate the 6,000 affected people (1,200 families) with dignity, in collaboration with Government, local authorities and the beneficiaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the extent of the shelter needs and ideal shelter solutions. • The site identified is protected from the risks of flooding through embankment work and appropriate canalization to ensure automatic evacuation of rain and used waters. • Ensure shelter and settlement programming i.e. access to required water and sanitation services and communal facilities, including health services. • Construction of 1,200 appropriate temporary shelters with local materials. • Promote increased awareness and understanding of safe and adequate shelter response with the National Society and affected communities.

Impact:

With the support from UNHCR and UNICEF, CAR Red Cross volunteers constructed shelters with wood and plastic tarpaulins in the two sites serviced for the operation. These shelters facilitated the accommodation of about 2,000 beneficiaries, thereby preventing them from bad weather.

Logistics

Objective: To ensure good logistics coordination to ease the implementation of the operation as described in the above sections.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely delivery of quality relief goods has been ensured at low cost; • The CARRCS logistics capacity has been increased with a functional warehouse. • The coordinated mobilization of relief goods is achieved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistic capacity building of the CARRCS with management and logistics tools (motorbikes, computers, a printer and accessories). • In-depth training of the logistics and finance officers of the CARCS, especially on the management of the resources made available for the purpose of this operation. • Mobilization of relief items through the RLU and zone warehouse network. • Rehabilitation of the National Society warehouse • Provision of rental vehicles from regional VRP stocks.

Impact:

The CAR Red Cross benefited from the logistics support of the International Federation in the form of a 4WD vehicle that was made available for the operation from Yaoundé. An additional two 4WD vehicles from the West and Central Africa Zone Office were sent to Bangui to facilitate the management of the operation. With

this support, all available relief materials were transported to the sites in time, and this facilitated the assistance, though the Federation had to withdraw from the operation prematurely because of limited funding.

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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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/3-2010/6
Budget Timeframe	2009/3-2010/2
Appeal	MDRCF006
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	805,260					805,260
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	26,578					26,578
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	9,066					9,066
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Red Cross Silent Emergency Fund)</i>	15,230					15,230
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	104,111					104,111
C1. Cash contributions	154,986					154,986
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	154,986					154,986
D. Total Funding = B + C	154,986					154,986
Appeal Coverage	19%					19%

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	154,986					154,986
E. Expenditure	-154,986					-154,986
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)		805,260					805,260	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	39,546							39,546
Shelter - Transitional		9,013				9,013		-9,013
Clothing & textiles	92,700	5				5		92,695
Food	29,150	16,934				16,934		12,216
Water & Sanitation	231,055	400				400		230,656
Medical & First Aid	17,690	568				568		17,122
Utensils & Tools	5,781	1,549				1,549		4,232
Other Supplies & Services		6				6		-6
Total Supplies	415,922	28,474				28,474		387,448
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom		6,029				6,029		-6,029
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.		0				0		-0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment		6,030				6,030		-6,030
Transport & Storage								
Storage		2,881				2,881		-2,881
Distribution & Monitoring	77,970	475				475		77,495
Transport & Vehicle Costs		28,617				28,617		-28,617
Total Transport & Storage	77,970	31,973				31,973		45,997
Personnel								
International Staff	120,000	167				167		119,833
Regionally Deployed Staff		16,947				16,947		-16,947
National Staff	2,124	1,619				1,619		505
National Society Staff	51,257	18,413				18,413		32,844
Total Personnel	173,381	37,146				37,146		136,235
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	11,888	47				47		11,841
Total Workshops & Training	11,888	47				47		11,841
General Expenditure								
Travel	18,230	21,136				21,136		-2,906
Information & Public Relation	13,000	2,526				2,526		10,474
Office Costs	41,327	4,018				4,018		37,309
Communications		10,196				10,196		-10,196
Professional Fees		987				987		-987
Financial Charges	1,200	2,353				2,353		-1,153
Total General Expenditure	73,757	41,217				41,217		32,540
Programme Support								
Program Support	52,342	10,098				10,098		42,244
Total Programme Support	52,342	10,098				10,098		42,244
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	805,260	154,986				154,986		650,274
VARIANCE (C - D)		650,274				650,274		