



EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL ANNUAL REPORT

Cameroon Cholera EAP

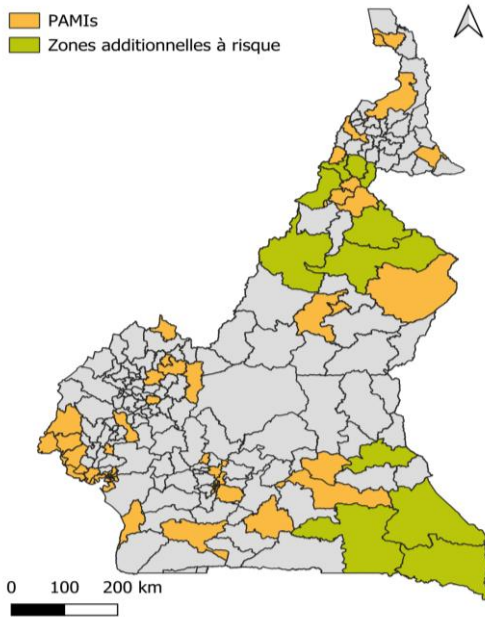
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Training volunteers from the Fako department in Limbé (South-West region) in community-based surveillance. Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross

EAP No: CLMX052048	Operation No: EAP2024CM01 & Cameroon Cholera EAP	Period covered by this annual report: 03/01/2015 to 02/28/2026
EAP approved: 01/12/2025	EAP timeframe: 12/31/2025	

Annual Budget: 228 516 CHF
EAP Budget: 549 807 CHF



SUMMARY OF THE EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL

Fig 1: Health districts at risk of cholera in Cameroon

The IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated CHF 549,807 to support the implementation of anticipatory actions to reduce the impact of cholera outbreaks in Cameroon.


This Early Action Protocol (EAP) aims to ensure early detection and rapid response to prevent or contain cholera epidemics, particularly in high-risk districts identified through historical incidence, vulnerability analysis and surveillance data.

The EAP combines climate-related triggers affecting WASH infrastructure with epidemiological triggers based on community-based surveillance (CBS) and Ministry of Health data. This report summarizes the annual readiness and prepositioning activities implemented during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, the Cameroon Red Cross Society focused on strengthening its readiness and pre-positioning capacities for a rapid response to cholera. Key achievements include the training of volunteers on various themes, and the pre-positioning of wash and communication materials as set out in the plan. More details will be given in the respective sessions. Collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Water and Environment, and humanitarian partners has been strengthened through regular coordination meetings and the National Society's participation in workshops to develop Cameroon's National Cholera Control Plan.

No major changes affecting the EAP trigger model or target areas were observed during the reporting period.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PROGRESS BY PLANNED OPERATION

 Health & Care	CHF preposition budget: 13 156	CHF preposition actual: 13 156
	(only complete if applicable)	(only complete if applicable)
	CHF readiness budget: 108 680	CHF readiness actual: 108 680
	(include annual readiness budget)	(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

Preparedness activities in the health and care sector focused on building the capacity of supervisors and volunteers in early detection and rapid response capabilities.

10 training sessions were organized, with a total of 270 volunteers and 18 supervisors trained in epidemic preparedness and response (EPIC Package) for 4 days and/or community-based surveillance (CBS) for 3 days. These training sessions were carried out with the support of the Ministry of Health's Department of Disease and Pandemic Control, regional health delegations and host health districts, in the following regions:

In the central region, a total of 60 volunteers and 4 supervisors were trained, including 30 on EPIC package and 30 on CBS. Volunteers trained at the CBS cover 4 health districts, including Cité verte, Biyem assi, nkoldongo and Djongolo.

In the Littoral region, two departments were considered for training, Moungo and Wouri. A total of 4 supervisors and 60 volunteers were trained in Wouri, including 30 on EPIC package and 30 on CBS. Similarly, 30 volunteers and 2 supervisors were trained in the Moungo on both the EPIC package and the CBS. Volunteers trained in CBS cover 08 health districts of the region, namely Deido, New-Bell, Nylon, Cité des Palmiers, Bonassama, Boko, Bangue and Djombe-Penja.

In the Far North region, 60 volunteers and 4 supervisors were trained, including 30 on EPIC package and 30 on CBS. Volunteers trained on CBS cover the Mora health district.

in the South-West region, 30 volunteers and 2 supervisors were trained on the EPIC package, and 30 other volunteers were trained on CBS with 2 supervisors, for a total of 60 volunteers and 4 supervisors trained. 3 health districts are covered by the CBS volunteers, namely Tiko, Buea and Limbé.

The health districts concerned are part of the priority zones previously selected by the Ministry of Health.

All volunteers trained in CBS have been integrated into the NYS platform. By December 31, 69 alerts had been notified by volunteers through the platform, 33,33% of which corresponded to the definition of community cases and escalated to the health authorities.


10,000 sachets of ORS have been acquired, as well as 16 kits for infection prevention and control consisting of gangs, masks, boots, soap, sprayers and other materials, pre-positioned in the CRC's national headquarters warehouse for rapid deployment as soon as the trigger is activated.



Pictures: Some photos of the training sessions *Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross, Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross*



Pictures: Some images of the equipment purchased and pre-positioned, *Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross*

 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	CHF preposition budget: 16 516.50	CHF preposition actual: 16 516.50
	(only complete if applicable)	(only complete if applicable)
	CHF readiness budget: 0	CHF readiness actual: 0
	(include annual readiness budget)	(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

As part of the WASH activities, CRC has carried out pre-positioning activities in line with the approved EAP plan.

During the EPIC training sessions, volunteers were also trained on specific WASH modules, to strengthen their capacity in hygiene, sanitation and access to drinking water. A total of 150 volunteers received WASH training in the 4 regions.

CRC has acquired 2,000 Aquatabs water treatment tablets, 50 WASH kits including buckets, jerrycans, gloves, goggles and other equipment such as 20 input kits for chlorine production and 20 hand-washing devices. All this equipment has been stored at CRC's national headquarters warehouse and is ready to be deployed in the field.



Pictures: Chlorine production equipment, *Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross*



Pictures: Aquatab and Hand-Washing Device, *Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross*



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

CHF preposition budget: 0

CHF preposition actual: 0

(only complete if applicable)

(only complete if applicable)

CHF readiness budget: 0

CHF readiness actual: 0

(include annual readiness budget)

(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

In 2025, a briefing on Protection, Gender and Inclusion principles was integrated into EPIC training modules for all volunteers (170) and supervisors (18). The training covered key aspects such as inclusive service delivery, gender-sensitive communication, attention to vulnerable groups, and the prevention of stigma and discrimination related to cholera. The integration of PGI into the training ensured that volunteers are better equipped to apply protection and inclusion principles during anticipatory actions and potential EAP activation.



Community Engagement and Accountability

CHF preposition budget: 30 030

CHF preposition actual: 30 030

(only complete if applicable)

(only complete if applicable)

CHF readiness budget: 11 440

CHF readiness actual: 11 440

(include annual readiness budget)

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Narrative description of plan vs achievements


View of its importance in community actions, the CEA covers a day of training on the EPIC package, ranging from basic information to risk communication, community feedback, rumors and community participation. All the volunteers trained this year on the EPIC package, i.e. 150 volunteers, benefited from this training. This has strengthened the volunteers' capacities and prepared them to involve communities appropriately in the event of activation of the protocol.

CRC has acquired 05 complete mobile cinema kits, which will be used to raise awareness during future awareness campaigns. These kits are stored in the CRC's national headquarters warehouse.



Pictures: mobile cinema kits, Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross

Enabling approaches

 <p>Coordination and Partnerships</p>	CHF preposition budget:0	CHF preposition actual:0
	(only complete if applicable)	(only complete if applicable)
	CHF readiness budget: 0	CHF readiness actual:0
	(include annual readiness budget)	(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

Implementation of the cholera PAP began with an official launch workshop on April 24, attended by 27 people from the movement and institutions such as the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Water and Energy and the Ministry of Civil Protection. The aim of the workshop was not only to present the Cholera Early Action Protocol to the various partners, but also to renew the CRC's support for the Ministry of Public Health in its commitment to controlling cholera epidemics by 2030. The presence of all these stakeholders strengthened the coordination.

Building on this coordination framework, the Cameroon Red Cross also took part in the workshop aimed at developing, finalizing and validating the National Cholera Control Plan, in order to support national cholera preparedness and control efforts, a plan in which the actions carried out under the cholera PAP are perfectly integrated. CRC and the country also benefited, through IFRC, from the presence, participation and guidance of two members of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFFC).

Following the request of the Ministry of Health, cholera control inputs were delivered to all 10 regions to strengthen the preparedness of Health Districts against a possible cholera outbreak.



Picture: Family photo taken during the launch workshop of the PAP program against cholera and during the validation workshop of the National Cholera Elimination Plan. *Photo credit: Cameroon Red Cross*



**Secretariat
Services**

CHF preposition budget:

(only complete if applicable)

CHF readiness budget: 14 214.20

(include annual readiness budget)

CHF preposition actual:

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CHF readiness actual: 14 214.20

(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

IFRC provided technical support to CRC during the protocol launch workshop held in Douala in April 2025. Support was also provided to the CRC during the various volunteer training sessions, to ensure compliance with training standards. Through its health focal points, IFRC participates in surveillance meetings with the MOH and coordination meetings with the CRC.



**National Society
Strengthening**

CHF preposition budget:

(only complete if applicable)

CHF readiness budget: 28 243.07

(include annual readiness budget)

CHF preposition actual:

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CHF readiness actual: 28 243.07

(include annual readiness actual)

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

CRC's capacities were strengthened, through CBS and EPIC training (including CEA and PGI), for branch teams (18 supervisors and 270 volunteers in 4 regions).

CRC has also acquired communications equipment such as mobile cinema kits, WASH kits, water purification inputs, ORS? hand-washing kits and PCI kits, which have been pre-positioned in the warehouse at its national headquarters. This equipment will enable CRC to act quickly in case the protocol is activated.

CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, PROPOSED AJUSTMENTS

Challenges:

Activities, such as the workshop on the adaptation, production, and validation of cholera communication tools, could not be implemented due to their reliance on the scheduling and availability of the Ministry of Health. Likewise, the production of the relevant tools was also affected. Delays in receiving the second funding tranche disrupted the project timeline and necessitated a rescheduling of planned activities.

Lessons learned:

The experience highlighted the importance of flexible planning and close coordination between programmatic and financial processes to mitigate the impact of funding delays on readiness activities.

Proposed adjustments:

Future planning will include increased flexibility in scheduling and improved contingency measures to allow critical readiness activities to be adjusted without compromising overall EAP objectives.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FBAF Early Actions Interim FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2025/03-2025/1	Operation	PCM543
Budget Timeframe	2025/03-2030/0	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 30/Mar/2026

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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Early Actions Timeframe: 04 Mar 2025 to 31 Mar 2030

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	549,807
DREF Anticipatory Pillar	549,807
Expenditure	-258,592
Closing Balance	291,215

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	549,807	258,592	291,215
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs			0
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene			0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	549,807	258,592	291,215
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies			0
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management			0
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total			0
Grand Total	549,807	258,592	291,215

FBAF Early Actions

Interim FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2025/03-2025/1	Operation	PCM543
Budget Timeframe	2025/03-2030/0	Budget	APPROVED

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	75,551	59,371	16,181
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene		8,425	-8,425
Medical & First Aid		25,201	-25,201
Other Supplies & Services	75,551	25,745	49,806
Logistics, Transport & Storage	209,913	10,500	199,413
Storage	209,913		209,913
Logistics Services		10,500	-10,500
Personnel	50,197		50,197
National Staff	50,197		50,197
General Expenditure		4,125	-4,125
Travel		297	-297
Communications		1,420	-1,420
Financial Charges		2,409	-2,409
Contributions & Transfers	180,590	168,814	11,776
Cash Transfers National Societies	180,590	168,814	11,776
Indirect Costs	33,556	15,783	17,774
Programme & Services Support Recover	33,556	15,783	17,774
Grand Total	549,807	258,592	291,215

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Reference



Click here for:

- EAP Summary and budget
- Annual reports from previous years (*delete if not applicable*)