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Appeal: MDRBF022	Total DREF Allocation: CHF 80,000	Hazard: Flood	Country: Burkina Faso
People at Risk: 1,000 people	People Targeted: 121,745 people	People Assisted: 25,383 people	Event Onset: Sudden
Operation Start Date: 25-07-2025	Operational End Date: 30-09-2025	Total Operating Timeframe: 45 days	Publication Date: 24-04-2026

Targeted Regions: **Boucle Du Mouhoun, Centre-Nord, Est, Hauts-Bassins**

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Event development

Update regarding the event's development

The preparedness activities planned under this operation were primarily implemented in the provinces of Balé and Ioba, areas particularly exposed to flooding risks during the months of August, September, and October. This period traditionally corresponds to the season when overflow of the Mouhoun River causes recurrent flooding, especially in the provinces of Mouhoun, Balé, Ioba, Houet, and Tuy.

In August 2024, riverine flooding effectively affected the villages of Hèrèdougou and Goro in the municipality of Pâ (Balé Province), following a critical rise in the water level of the Mouhoun River. These floods affected at least 800 people, causing damage to housing, loss of household assets, and disruptions in access to essential services such as safe drinking water, healthcare, and food.

In this context, activities implemented under the DREF Imminent operation mainly focused on early disaster risk reduction actions. These included, in particular:

- training 40 volunteers on flood risks and the early warning system;
- training 50 volunteers (local teams) in first aid;
- mobilizing 112 volunteers to conduct community awareness sessions on appropriate behaviors before, during, and after floods;
- producing and broadcasting radio spots in local languages to reach a wide audience;
- supporting the organization of three coordination platforms (COPROSUR) bringing together local authorities, technical services, community structures, and the Burkina Faso Red Cross (CRBF) to harmonize actions and strengthen information-sharing;
- ensuring the continuous dissemination of reliable information through community radios and social media;
- supporting the monitoring of early flood warning signs through the follow-up of 10 hydrological stations and the timely transmission of data to the relevant authorities.

These actions contributed to strengthening preparedness, awareness, and vigilance among exposed communities.

However, despite the mobilization and preparedness of local actors, no major flooding occurred during the implementation period of the operation. Trigger thresholds were not reached, as recorded rainfall levels were slightly below initial forecasts. Although a rise in water levels was observed in Hèrèdougou, which temporarily submerged National Road RN1, the impacts remained limited. Nevertheless, the CRBF deployed volunteers to raise awareness among road users and reinforce safety at the site.

This situation can also be explained by ongoing works in the municipality of Pâ, notably the construction of new water retention and crossing infrastructures, which helped mitigate the potential effects of heavy rainfall.

As a result, rapid response activities were not activated before the planned date of 30 September 2025, as no major flooding occurred that would have justified their implementation.

Events impact

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Source Information

Source Name	Source Link
1. DREF Operation MDRBF019	https://reliefweb.int/report/burkina-faso/burkina-faso-floods-dref-operation-mdrbf019
2. National Multi-Hazard Preparedness and Disaster Response Plan, Burkina Faso, 2009	https://disasterlaw.ifrc.org/sites/default/files/media/disaster_law/2020-08/burkinafasoPlan.pdf



Implementation

	Sector	Activities	Budget (CHF)	Expenditure
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Early Actions

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- 1) Early Warning – Community Awareness-Raising on Flood Risks

Community awareness-raising activities on flood risks reached a total of 25,383 people, including 9,765 women and 6,822 children aged 5 to 18 years.

Table 1: Beneficiaries of flood risk awareness sessions by site

Ioba Province (Dano, Koper, Disshin, and Zambo):
Households: 887
Men: 3,183
Women: 3,515
Children (girls and boys aged 5–18): 2,512
Total people reached: 9,210

Balé Province (Boromo, Hèrèdougou, Boro, and Pâ):
Households: 526
Men: 1,160
Women: 1,537
Children (girls and boys aged 5–18): 871
Total people reached: 3,568

Other localities (Dédougou, Kaya, Sindou, Douna, Fada, Bama, Karankasso-Sambla, Founzan, Gaoua, and Bobo):
Households: 2,425
Men: 4,453
Women: 4,714
Children (girls and boys aged 5–18): 3,438
Total people reached: 12,605

Grand Total:
Households: 3,838
Men: 8,796
Women: 9,765
Children (girls and boys aged 5–18): 6,821
Total people reached: 25,383

Community awareness-raising on riverine flood risks played a key role in flood prevention and local resilience. It

strengthened risk awareness by helping communities better understand the causes, early warning signs, and consequences of flooding. These activities encouraged behavior change among at-risk populations, promoting safer practices to mitigate potential impacts. Overall, they contributed to building more resilient communities capable of anticipating, responding to, and recovering more rapidly from extreme flood events should they occur.

2) Dissemination of Flood Alerts

Flood alerts were disseminated through radio spots and video capsules, developed in collaboration with the relevant technical services (ANAM and DGRE).

2.1 Broadcasting of Radio Spots on Flood Risks

The broadcasting of flood risk awareness radio spots reached an estimated 4,609,882 people in the localities of Dédougou, Houndé, Kaya, Dano, and Fada, based on audience estimates from partner radio stations: Radio Salaki (Dédougou), Radio RED (Houndé), Radio Manegda (Kaya), Radio Manivelle (Dano), and Radio Tin Tua (Fada).

2.2 Dissemination of Video Capsules on Flood Risks

In parallel, the dissemination of video capsules through the Burkina Faso Red Cross (CRBF) digital platforms reached 121,745 people, as follows:

CRBF Facebook page:
120,509 views



CRBF YouTube channel:
633 views

CRBF WhatsApp groups
(three groups): 603
members

These communication actions significantly enhanced community awareness of flood risks and appropriate risk-reduction behaviors. Radio spots and video capsules enabled outreach to a wide audience, including rural areas with limited internet access. The repeated dissemination of clear alerts supported better understanding of risk levels and encouraged timely protective actions, such as safeguarding assets and securing vulnerable locations. The use of community radio and videos in local languages facilitated comprehension across all social groups, including non-literate populations. Overall, radio and video-based flood alert dissemination proved to be a high-impact mass communication tool, contributing to effective, rapid, and inclusive prevention, as well as to reduced flood risks and strengthened community resilience.

3) Procurement and Distribution of Sandbags for the Protection of Shelters and Livelihoods

A total of 12,000 empty sandbags were procured for food storage and the construction of protective dikes for shelters and farmland. These sandbags were planned to be distributed to 250 households once trigger thresholds were reached. However, as of 30 September 2025, distribution was not required, as the trigger



thresholds were not met. However, as the Floods PAP has been approved and its implementation will also cover the areas concerned by this operation, this stock of bags could help strengthen the one planned under this PAP, thereby reinforcing both the intervention areas and the target population.

4) Support for the Organization of Coordination Meetings with Authorities and Technical Services in At-Risk Provinces

As part of strengthening preparedness and coordination for flood response, two coordination meetings were organized in the provinces of Balé (Boromo) and Nayala (Dano). The overall objective was to enhance coordination and collaboration among stakeholders involved in disaster risk management and flood response, in order to improve the effectiveness and complementarity of field interventions.

Specifically, these meetings aimed to:

Present the national disaster management framework in Burkina Faso, notably the National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (CONASUR);

Promote information-sharing among government institutions, local authorities, technical services, humanitarian organizations, and community structures;

Identify strengths, gaps, and priority needs for improved flood preparedness and response;

CHF 55,000

CHF 56,906



Clarify the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in anticipatory and response actions;

Establish a monitoring and communication mechanism to ensure continuous coordination before, during, and after crises.

The sessions brought together administrative authorities, decentralized technical services, representatives of local governments, provincial Red Cross committees, and partner organizations. Discussions led to the development of a joint action plan and the adoption of recommendations aimed at strengthening community resilience to flooding. Enhanced collaboration among stakeholders, regional directorates, and field actors improved information flow and responsiveness to extreme hydrological events, thereby reinforcing local emergency response capacities.

5) Monitoring of the Mouhoun River Floods

Flood monitoring was conducted through the surveillance of early warning signs and the rapid transmission of information to the relevant authorities. This activity was implemented in close collaboration with staff from the Directorate General of Water Resources (DGRE) and regional water services.

The activity was carried out through field missions involving flood discharge measurements along the Mouhoun River and its tributaries.



In total, ten (10) hydrological stations were monitored and gauged, namely: Centre-West (Sakoinsé), Centre-South (Dakaye), Boucle du Mouhoun (Ténado, Pâ, and Nwokuy), and South-West (Ouéssa, Batié, Diébougou, Dan, and Dapola).

The monitoring and gauging conducted at these ten stations enabled the updating of data on flood regimes, water levels, and river discharge. Early surveillance and timely information-sharing supported early alerts to authorities and improved protection of populations living in flood-prone areas. Exchanges between field teams and local communities also enhanced understanding of flood risks and appropriate behaviors. Through this activity, involved staff strengthened their skills in flow measurement, hydrological analysis, and information transmission.

Total budget allocated to early actions: approximately CHF 50,000.



	NS Strengthening	1) Training of 40 volunteers on flood risks. Training Facilitation and Methodology The training was facilitated by experts from the Directorate General of Water Resources (DGRE) and the Burkina Faso Red Cross (CRBF) and was conducted in the form of a workshop. The methodology combined module presentations, interactive discussions, and group work, followed by plenary sessions. In total, 40 volunteers and 12 staff members from technical services responsible for water resources, agriculture, health, humanitarian action, as well as representatives of local radio stations, were trained through two sessions held in Boromo (5–6 August 2025) and Dano (8–9 August 2025). 2) Training of 50 Volunteers in First Aid The first aid training took place from 19 to 23 August 2025, simultaneously in Boromo and Dano. It consisted of a five-day, in-person training combining demonstrated and explained first aid techniques, hands-on practice of life-saving actions, and practical simulation exercises. The training was delivered by certified first aid trainers from the Burkina Faso Red Cross and involved a total of 52 participants, including 4 staff members and 50 volunteers. 3) Training and Establishment of 10 Emergency Response Teams		
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		As part of strengthening community-level preparedness, ten (10) emergency response teams were trained and established in flood-prone areas. Each team was composed of trained volunteers, including: team leaders, first aid responders, early warning and evacuation focal points, community mobilization and communication focal points. These teams were equipped and capacitated to support early warning dissemination, first aid provision, community evacuation, and initial response actions in the event of flooding or other emergencies. The establishment of these teams contributed to enhancing localized response capacity, rapid reaction, and coordination with local authorities and the CRBF. 4) Volunteers' insurance		
 Early Response	DRR	Rapid needs assessment Lesson workshop • Total budget for the early response to be around CHF 8,000	CHF 20,000	CHF 0
	NS Strengthening	Vehicle fuel Project manager's salary Vehicle rental Staff communication		
Sub-total			CHF 75,000	CHF 56,906
Indirect Cost			CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000
Total			CHF 80,000	CHF 61,906

Total Assisted Population

Assisted Women	9,765	Rural	-
Assisted Girls (under 18)	3,547	Urban	-
Assisted Men	8,796	People with disabilities (estimated)	5%
Assisted Boys (under 18)	3,275		
Total Population Assisted	25,383		
Total Targeted Population	121,745		



DREF Operation

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

MDRBF022 - Burkina Faso - Flood Anticipatory Action

Operating Timeframe: 25 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2025/7-2026/1	Operation	MDRBF022
Budget Timeframe	2025/7-9	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 31/Mar/2026

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	80,000
DREF Anticipatory Pillar	80,000
Expenditure	-60,604
Closing Balance	19,396

II. Expenditure by planned operations / enabling approaches

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
PO01 - Shelter and Basic Household Items			0
PO02 - Livelihoods			0
PO03 - Multi-purpose Cash			0
PO04 - Health			0
PO05 - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene			0
PO06 - Protection, Gender and Inclusion			0
PO07 - Education			0
PO08 - Migration			0
PO09 - Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	80,000	60,604	19,396
PO10 - Community Engagement and Accountability			0
PO11 - Environmental Sustainability			0
Planned Operations Total	80,000	60,604	19,396
EA01 - Coordination and Partnerships			0
EA02 - Secretariat Services			0
EA03 - National Society Strengthening			0
Enabling Approaches Total			0
Grand Total	80,000	60,604	19,396

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Explain any variances or modifications to the implemented activities

IFRC-DREF allocation to Burkina Faso RC to implement early actions and support early response in case of impact was CHF 80,000. Expenditures linked to the above detailed implementation are CHF 60,604. Closing Balance of CHF 19,396 will returned to the DREF pot. This balance is essentially early response that didn't take place.

Mitigation efforts and achievements.

The overall objective of this intervention was to strengthen the CRBF anticipation mechanism in order to reduce vulnerability to flood risks and ensure a rapid, coordinated, and effective response in the event of flooding. Specifically, the intervention aimed to:



Strengthen community awareness on flood risks through proximity sessions and the dissemination of adapted radio messages;

Improve local preparedness and response capacities by training volunteer and community teams in first aid and emergency management;

Promote multisectoral coordination and consultation by regularly organizing dialogue platforms among key stakeholders (local authorities, technical services, communities, CRBF);

Increase community vigilance and responsiveness by establishing participatory monitoring and early warning mechanisms.

The intervention strategy was based on a preventive, participatory, and coordinated approach that helped strengthen community resilience to flood risks. It was implemented through several complementary pillars, including:

- the training and mobilization of volunteers;
- the training of volunteers and local teams in first aid techniques, risk management, and psychosocial support in emergencies;
- The organisation of proximity awareness sessions on behaviors to adopt before, during, and after floods;
- the production and broadcasting of radio spots in local languages to reach a wide audience, including hard-to-reach populations;
- the involvement of community leaders, neighborhood committees, and volunteers to foster ownership and active community participation;
- capacity strengthening at the local level;

The establishment and regular facilitation of coordination platforms (COPROSUR and other local mechanisms) bringing together local authorities, technical services, community structures, and the CRBF, in order to harmonize action plans and share information to ensure better synergy among stakeholders;

- the strengthening of early warning and communication mechanisms;
- the continuous dissemination of reliable information through radio broadcasts, awareness sessions, and community focal points;
- support for community monitoring of early signs of flooding and the rapid reporting of information to the competent authorities.

The implementation of preventive actions significantly contributed to reducing the vulnerability of populations in the intervention areas. Collective prevention actions strengthened solidarity and shared responsibility in the face of high risks, in order to mitigate the potential impact in the event of flooding.

The various activities were carried out as follows:

1. Training of volunteers on flood risks

The training sessions were facilitated by experts from the General Directorate of Water Resources (DGRE) and the CRBF. They were conducted in the form of workshops. The methodology consisted of module presentations, discussions, and group work, followed by plenary sessions.

In total, 40 volunteers and 12 staff members from technical services responsible for water, agriculture, health, and humanitarian action, as well as local radio representatives, were trained in two sessions (Boromo from 5 to 6 August 2025 and Dano from 8 to 9 August 2025).

2. Training of 50 volunteers in first aid

The training took place from 19 to 23 August 2025, simultaneously in Boromo and Dano. It was a five (05)-day face-to-face training combining commented and justified demonstrations of each action, hands-on practice, and simulation exercises. The training was delivered by first aid trainers from the Burkina Faso Red Cross. A total of fifty-two (52) participants took part, including 4 staff members and 50 volunteers.

3. Community awareness on flood risks

Community awareness activities on flood risks constituted a key component of the operation, helping to strengthen preparedness and resilience among exposed populations. In total, 25,383 people were reached, including 9,765 women and 6,822 children aged 5 to 18, highlighting the importance of targeting both adults and the most vulnerable groups.

Previously trained volunteers were deployed in identified high-risk localities along the Mouhoun River and in areas prone to seasonal flooding. Their interventions relied on proximity-based approaches to ensure better understanding of messages and effective adoption of safe behaviors.

Thus, the teams conducted:

- door-to-door sessions, enabling direct engagement with households, assessment of their preparedness level, and provision of tailored advice;
- educational talks organized within communities, in markets, gathering places, or among women's and youth groups, fostering



participatory information sharing;

- practical demonstrations, particularly on appropriate actions to take in case of rapid water level rise, the importance of following early warning systems and evacuation instructions, and measures to protect essential assets.

Thanks to this strengthened community-based approach, awareness activities not only increased population vigilance but also enhanced their capacity to respond effectively to a potential flood situation.

4. Broadcasting of radio spots and video clips on flood risks

The broadcasting of awareness-raising radio spots made it possible to reach approximately 4,609,882 people in the localities of Dédougou, Houndé, Kaya, Dano, and Fada, according to audience estimates from partner radio stations: Radio Salaki of Dédougou, Radio RED Houndé, Radio Manegda of Kaya, Radio Manivelle of Dano, and Radio Tin Tua of Fada.

At the same time, the dissemination of video clips on the digital platforms of the Burkina Faso Red Cross (CRBF) reached 121,745 people, broken down as follows:

- CRBF Facebook: 120,509 views
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These communication actions greatly contributed to strengthening community awareness.

5. Organization of coordination platforms in flood-risk areas

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Specifically, these platforms aimed to:

Present Burkina Faso's national disaster management framework: the National Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation Council (CONASUR);

Promote information sharing among state structures, local governments, technical services, humanitarian and community organizations;

Identify strengths, weaknesses, and priority needs for improved flood preparedness and response;

Recall the roles and responsibilities of each actor in the implementation of anticipatory and response actions;

Establish a monitoring and communication mechanism to ensure continuous coordination before, during, and after crises.

The sessions brought together administrative authorities, decentralized technical services, representatives of local governments, provincial Red Cross committees, and partner organizations. Discussions led to the development of a joint action plan and the adoption of recommendations aimed at strengthening community resilience to flood risks and promoting good practices to reduce vulnerability.

Lessons learnt and challenges

The active involvement of local authorities in implementing the project has led to greater acceptance and uptake of flood warning and prevention messages by communities

The use of reliable media channels enables messages from hydrological and civil protection authorities to be relayed quickly

A population that is informed in good time is better able to avoid risk areas and protect its essential assets.

Community leaders and trained volunteers become sustainable relays for awareness and prevention.

Challenges:

Organize a workshop to capitalize on lessons learned before the start of the next rainy season, in order to improve the preparation and effectiveness of future interventions.



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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
General Expenditure	117		117
Financial Charges	117		117
Contributions & Transfers	75,000	56,906	18,094
National Society Expenditure	75,000	56,906	18,094
Indirect Costs	4,883	3,699	1,184
Programme & Services Support Recover	4,883	3,699	1,184
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