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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Central African Republic: Local storms

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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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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.

CHF 124,002 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Central African Republic Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,973 beneficiaries (390 families). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: A new wave of heavy rains and violent winds occurred in early May in Amada-Gaza and in localities including Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay in Central African Republic (CAR). In response, the CAR Red Cross volunteers quickly conducted assessments and identified 390 vulnerable families that have lost their houses.

In February 2012, violent winds affected Bougoula, Mbaïki and Amada-Gaza localities of CAR, caused serious material damages and human casualties. CHF 105,335 was allocated from IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 2 March 2012 to support CAR Red Cross Society to deliver assistance to some 384 families (approximately 1,920 beneficiaries). The CAR Red Cross were busy assisting the affected communities in Bougoula, Mbaïki and Amada-Gaza when a new wave of heavy rains and violent winds occurred in early May, affecting new families and localities in Amada-Gaza and in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay. The CAR Red Cross Society decided to request for another DREF allocation to assist identified vulnerable families affected by the new bout of local storms.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 30 August 2012; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation by 30 November 2012.



In April 2012, the CAR Red Cross Society distributed urgently needed materials after the violent winds in Amada Gaza. Photo by Jean-Moïse/CAR Red Cross Society

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The situation

A new wave of violent winds occurred in early May in Amada-Gaza and in new localities including Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay, which are located some 192, 195, 199, and 204 km respectively from the capital city, Bangui. So far, CAR Red Cross volunteers have identified 390 most vulnerable families that have lost their houses in this round of local storms. Of the 390 families affected, 103 are in Amada-Gaza and 287 are in Boda Sub prefecture. These 390 families have been left homeless and require urgent assistance. The following table summarizes the new situation in CAR at this time:

Localities	Houses destroyed completely	Houses destroyed partially	Number of the most vulnerable families	Vulnerable people						Total vulnerable people per locality
				Children below 5 years	Pregnant women	Other women	Men	Old people	People with physical disability	
Boda centre	113	42	155	246	17	223	107	25	00	618
Kanguete	35	12	47	211	13	37	29	18	03	311
Mboumandourou	29	10	39	173	11	23	49	10	00	266
Boulay	21	25	46	191	09	32	19	11	02	264
Amada-Gaza	89	14	103	240	05	141	103	19	06	514
Total	287	103	390	1,061	55	456	307	83	11	1,973

Earlier, in February 2012, similar storms occurred in Bougoula, Mbaïki and Amada-Gaza localities of CAR, causing serious material damages and human casualties. The disaster affected 384 families (about 1,920 people) in those localities. A total of 305 houses were destroyed completely, and 78 were partially damaged. A DREF operation¹ was launched to assist the 384 families. CAR Red Cross volunteers have been implementing the operation as planned, with the following progress made to date:

- The distribution of items was completed, with 768 tarpaulins, 768 blankets, 1,152 insecticide-treated mosquito nets, 384 kitchen sets, 3 840 bars of 200 grams soap provided to the 384 most vulnerable families (1,920 people) identified for this DREF, reaching 143 families in Bougoula, 131 families in Mbaïki and 110 families in Amada-Gaza. Different administrative authorities were present during these distribution activities. The volunteers were organized on stands, according to the items to be distributed. The distribution records contained the names of family heads, the items to be distributed and a signature column to better manage the items received. Tickets or collection vouchers had been prepared in advance and given to beneficiaries in order to prevent fraud. A final control stand was set up at the outlet of the distribution site, where the particulars of the beneficiary and the quantity of items received was verified. After that, other volunteers were mobilized to help beneficiaries move their items out of the distribution channel, in compliance with the seven fundamental principles and the SPHERE norms.
- In addition, the disaster management department of the National Society trained about 50 volunteers in the three areas concerned. During these training sessions the identified volunteers were briefed on the implementation of the DREF as well as distribution techniques through the preparation of tools, identification and preparation of distribution sites. The volunteers also received information on disaster risk reduction, sensitization techniques, hygiene promotion, water and sanitation, activity planning, production of narrative and financial reports. Emphasis was laid on this component first of all with the national headquarters team that did field restitution.

This methodology has worked out very well to ensure an effective implementation and monitoring of the DREF activities and will be replicated in the current operation.

Coordination and partnerships

The only two actors present in the field for this operation are the government and the Red Cross. The sub-prefect and the mayor of the localities concerned went on the field to assess the situation; after which they appealed for urgent assistance to affected people. Government local authorities are looking forward to receiving support.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The needs

Selection of people to be reached: The total people to be reached by this operation are the people of Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza classified as the most vulnerable due to the

¹ <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/Appeals/12/MDRCF011.pdf>

loss of their homes. To address the needs of the 390 families, additional non-food items and hygiene promotion activities are needed.

The proposed operation

To address the needs of the 390 families the following non-food items are needed:

1. 780 tarpaulins (2 for each of the 390 families targeted);
2. 987 blankets (1 mat for 2 people multiplied by the 1,973 people targeted);
3. 987 mats (1 mat for 2 people multiplied by the 1,973 people targeted);
4. 1,170 insecticide treated mosquito nets (3 for each family), 390 cooking kits (1 for each family);
5. 3,900 pieces of soap of 200g each (5 pieces for each family per month X 2 months)
6. 390 buckets
7. 390 jerry cans
8. 20 sanitation kits (for the 4 new localities as Amada-Gaza has already been covered).

Leaflets (1,500), posters (500), image boxes (4) and sanitation kits (20 in total; five for each of the four new localities) are needed to facilitate sensitization and hygiene promotion work.

The implementation strategy will be the same used in the previous DREF operation: the sensitization work will be extended to the entire populations in affected localities. The CAR Red Cross local committees of the affected localities have also expressed the need for capacity building in emergency response planning and reporting, as well as health, water and sanitation and finance. A combined briefing will be organized to that effect in Amada-Gaza and Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay. Up to 50 Red Cross volunteers will be mobilized and trained for the operation, on the basis of 10 in Boda Centre, 10 in Kanguete, 10 in Mboumandourou, 10 in Boulay and 10 in Amada-Gaza. These volunteers will be supervised by 4 members of the CAR Red Cross national disaster response team, with one supervisor assigned to each of the 4 new localities affected. This national team will be coordinated by the National Disaster Management Coordinator of the National Society. IFRC's regional office will also deploy a member of the regional disaster response team to support the National society with the implementation, monitoring and reporting on this operation for one month. Transport will also take a considerable part of the budget as most items will have to be transported from Yaoundé to Bangui, and then from Bangui to the affected localities, namely Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay that are located some up to 205 km from the capital city, Bangui.

50 CAR Red Cross volunteers will be trained on the basis of 10 in Boda Centre, 10 in Kanguete, 10 in Mboumandourou, 10 in Boulay and 10 in Amada-Gaza. For Amada-Gaza, 10 of the 20 volunteers that have been already trained within the previous DREF operation will be refreshed and they will continue working to support the new affected families in the locality where the scope of the disaster is bigger.

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)	
Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 390 families (1,973 people) identified as the most vulnerable to violent winds in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza by distributing them basic non-food items for 03 months.	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-food items planned are purchased and put at the disposal of the national society. • The most vulnerable 390 families (1,973 people) targeted by this operation have received non-food assistance from CAR Red Cross Society 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase 780 tarpaulins, 987 mats, 987 blankets, 1,170 insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITN), 390 cooking kits, and 3,900 pieces of soap of 200 g each; and put them at the disposal of the CAR Red Cross society for distribution. • Transport these items to affected localities. • Train/retrain 50 volunteers on distribution and sensitization techniques. This training will be coupled with the combined briefing on emergency response planning and reporting, as well as health, water and sanitation and finance. • Prepare distribution tools. • Distribute the non-food items purchased to the most vulnerable 390 families, i.e. 768 tarpaulins (02 for each of the 390 families targeted), 987 mats (01 mat for 02 people multiplied by the 1,920 people targeted), 987 blankets (2 per family), 1,170 insecticide treated mosquito nets (03 for each family), 390 cooking kits (01 for each family), 3,900 pieces of soap of 200 g each (5 pieces for each family)

	<p>per month X 2 months). The tarpaulins will enable the vulnerable families to erect temporary shelters while a more appropriate solution is being found to rebuild their houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on distribution activities.
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Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of 390 families, (about 1,973 people) identified as the most vulnerable to violent winds in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza by carrying out water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities in their localities for 03 months.

<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The populations affected by violent winds in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza live in a healthy environment. • About 90% of the populations affected are sensitized to how to reduce the risks of violent wind and prevent diseases such as malaria. • The populations in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza know how to install and use ITN. • The populations affected by violent winds in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza know hygiene and sanitation rules and obey them. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train/retrain 50 volunteers on distribution and sensitization techniques. This training will be coupled with the combined briefing on emergency response planning and reporting, as well as health, water and sanitation and finance. The volunteers will also learn how to install and use mosquito nets. • Train the 390 families targeted in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza on how to install and use mosquito nets. • Produce leaflets and posters on the reduction of the risks of violent wind, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases. • Sensitize communities on the risks associated with violent wind, epidemics and other weather and poor hygiene-related diseases. • Purchase 20 sanitation kits and put them at the disposal of the NS. Each kit will comprise a shovel, a rack, a raincoat, a pair of boots, a pair of gloves, a muffler, etc. • Carry out sanitation activities in Boda Centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou, Boulay and Amada-Gaza. • Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities.
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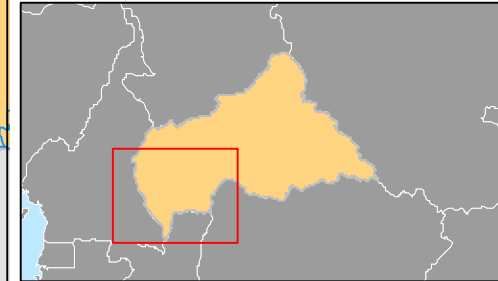
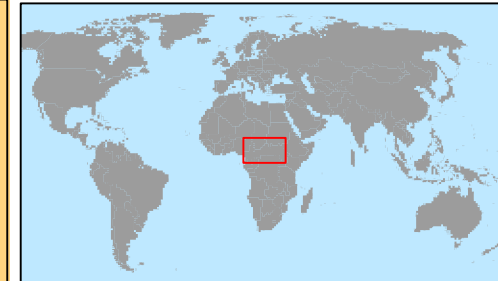
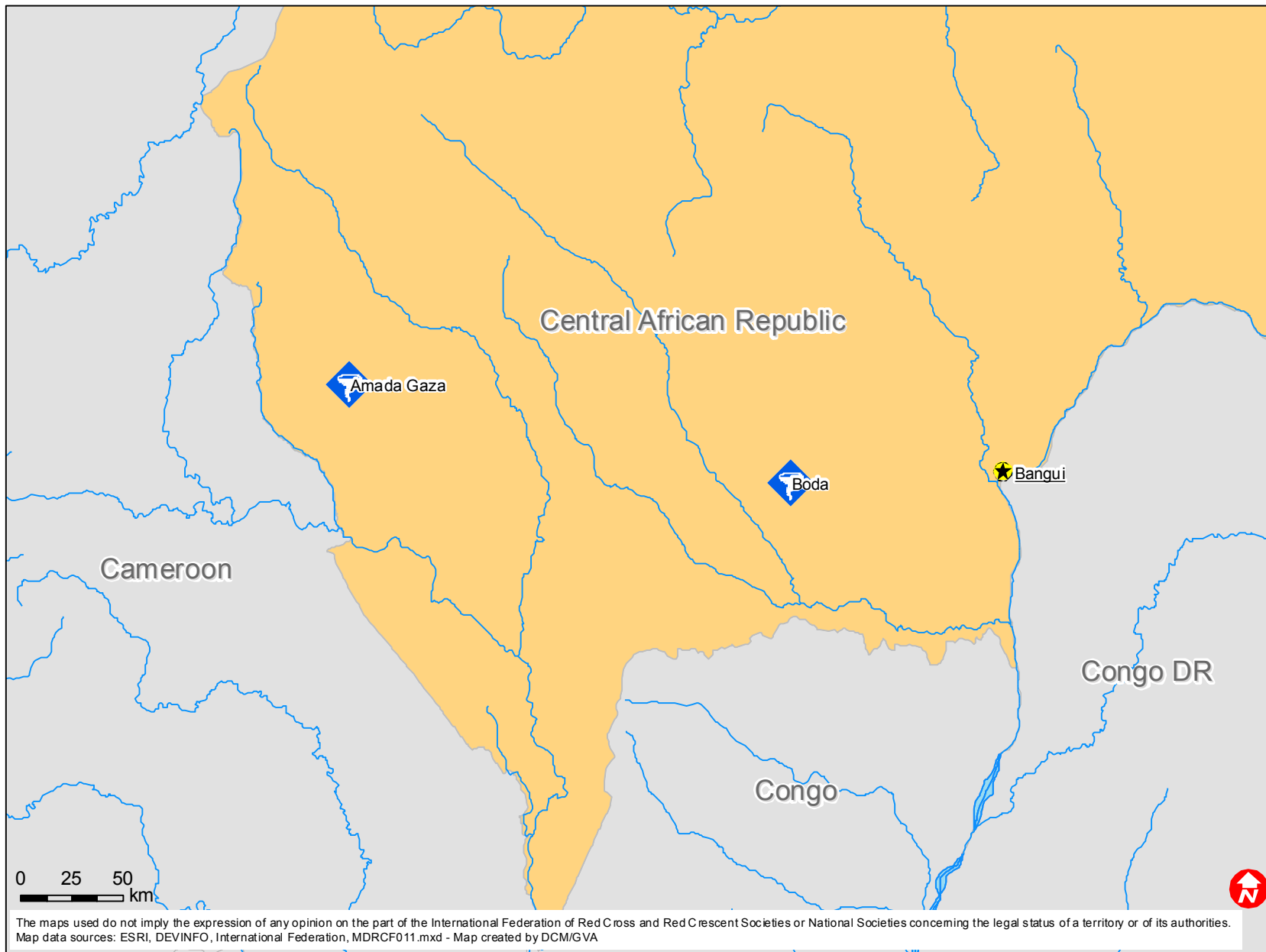
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Local storms (MDRCF012)

Budget Group	CHF
Shelter - Relief	9,990
Clothing & Textiles	16,620
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	18,923
Utensils & Tools	16,125
Other Supplies & Services	4,500
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	66,158
Storage, Warehousing	346
Distribution & Monitoring	12,842
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,347
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	15,536
International Staff	4,558
National Society Staff	3,846
Volunteers	6,927
Total PERSONNEL	15,331
Workshops & Training	4,135
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	4,135
Travel	4,712
Information & Public Relations	8,683
Office Costs	500
Communications	900
Financial Charges	481
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	15,275
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	7,568
Total INDIRECT COSTS	7,568
TOTAL BUDGET	124,002



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 Places affected by local storm