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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 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: CHF 124,002 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 30 May, 2012 to support the Central African Republic Red Cross Society (CARRC) in delivering assistance to 1,973 beneficiaries (390 families).

This DREF operation was in response to a new wave of torrential rainfall received in Amada-Gaza, Boda Centre, Kanguete, Boulay and Mboumandourou localities in Central African Republic. The National Society at the time of this new flooding was in the process of assisting vulnerable persons affected by violent winds experienced in February 2012 in the localities of Bougoula, Mbaïki and Amada-Gaza that had caused serious material damages and human casualties.



A beneficiary receives relief items. Photo/Modessi Wagué Jean Moïse, CAR Red Cross Society

The DREF allocation enabled the Central African Republic Red Cross (CARRC) provide immediate assistance in form of relief distributions (Non-Food Items) and Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH) to those affected by flooding. Targeted beneficiaries received NFI kits consisting of tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, and soap, as well as kitchen kits in compliance with Sphere minimum standards. In addition, volunteers from the Boda cleaned and built fences around 12 standpipes, 147 wells and 2 springs that serve approximately 10,815 beneficiaries and cleanup and fencing of 10 wells and 2 standpipes that serve approximately 7,000 beneficiaries done in Amada-Gaza. Beneficiaries also received water storage containers to store their drinking water reducing chances of water contamination and thereby contributing to a reduction in water-borne diseases outbreak. Through the Red Cross intervention, beneficiaries reported change in their hygiene habits as a result of the sensitizations they received on the importance of hygiene.

The National Society capacity was strengthened through the training of its 50 volunteers deployed in the flood hit areas. The National Society operational capacity has also been strengthened through the coaching performed by the IFRC Central Africa Regional Representation Office (CARRO) and in country

technical support provided by the regional resource person deployed for the operation. A total of CHF 1,655 was unspent at the close of the operation and has been returned to DREF.

The Netherlands Red Cross and Government contributed to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The major donors and partners of DREF include the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions.

Details of DREF contributions are found on: http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2012.pdf

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The situation

Central African Republic (CAR) experienced heavy winds in February 2012 that caused serious material damages and human casualties in the localities of Bougoula, Mbaïki and Amada-Gaza. In response, to the resultant damages, the IFRC allocated DREF funds (CHF 105,335) to assist up to 1,920 beneficiaries (384 families) affected. CARRC successfully implemented the DREF operation and just as they were finalising the operation, a new wave of heavy rain was experienced in the country.

In May 2012, new flooding in Amada-Gaza, Boda centre, Kanguete, Mboumandourou and Boulay localities caused further material damage including destruction of houses. To cope with the emerging flood situation, DREF funds (CHF 124,002) were allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to further support the Central African Republic Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,973 beneficiaries (390 families) for 3 months.

Table 1: Summary of the situation

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

To date, all planned activities have been implemented. The country is however still experiencing humanitarian challenges and reports of new flooding coupled with severe damages in several localities have been received thereby indicating a need for further assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

During the DREF implementation, the National Society Disaster Management (DM) Department staff was present in the field supporting local Red Cross committees in response activities. The involvement of the Disaster Management (DM) Department staff and affected communities in the implementation process facilitated the strengthening of the operational capacity of the National Society and the achievement of the objectives of this DREF. The National Society benefitted from technical support provided by a regional resource person deployed for the operation as well as support from the IFRC Central Africa Regional Representation Office (CARRO).

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and 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, Boulay, Mboumandourou and Amada-Gaza by distributing them basic non-food items for 3 Months.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<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 	<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 per month X 2 months). The tarpaulins will enable the vulnerable families to erect temporary shelters while a more appropriate solution is being sought to rebuild their houses. Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on distribution activities.

Impacts: The National Society availed the required relief items from the pre-positioned emergency stocks at the Regional Representation Office in Yaoundé and locally purchased those that were not in stock. A total of 780 tarpaulins, 1,170 Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs), 987 blankets, 987 mats, 3,900 pieces of soap of 200 g each, and 390 cooking kits were purchased in strict compliance with the IFRC logistics procedures and transported to the various localities where they were needed.

Table 2: Relief Items distributed to 390 families

Items	Boda centre, Kanguete, and Mboumandourou and Boulay	Amada-Gaza	Total
Tarpaulins	574	206	780
Mats	861	309	1,170
Blankets	574	206	780
ITNs	861	309	1,170
Cooking kits	287	103	390
Jerry cans	287	103	390
Buckets	287	103	390
Soap (200gms)	2,870	103	2,973
Sanitation kits	30	30	60

To support the distribution of the relief items, 50 volunteers were trained (20 in Boda and other localities and 30 in Amada-Gaza) and involved in the distribution activities as well as preparation of distribution tools and sites. Distribution forms for each neighbourhood were designed for this purpose and detailed the name of the neighbourhood, the operation, names of household heads, the family size, the type and quantity of items to be received by each family and receipt acknowledgement. This tool minimized the risk of disputes as well as eased the distribution process. Local authorities collaborated with the Red Cross in the distributions by allocating to the Red Cross and supporting in preparation of distribution sites.

A post distribution evaluation was conducted by CARRC in Amada – Gaza and beneficiaries were reported to be content and thankful for the assistance received. The Red Cross took the opportunity during the evaluation to engage the local authorities on the need to reconsider the urbanization master plan. As a result of high levels of poverty among local residents houses had been built in disaster prone areas and on the windward side without solid foundations in disregard of urbanization standards. Most of these dilapidated houses risk collapsing at the slightest adversity.

The overall operation implementation was monitored and evaluated by both Secretary General and President of the National Society, with special focus on distribution activities.

The major difficulty encountered during the implementation of these activities was the poor state of the roads. The roads in Amada-Gaza are in very poor state and this increased the cost of transportation relief items.

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.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<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. 	<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 winds, 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 rake, a raincoat, a pair of boots, a pair of gloves, a mask, 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.

Impacts: Training on distribution and sensitization techniques was conducted for 50 volunteers focusing on epidemics control, hygiene promotion and rehabilitation of water points, water treatment, mass and door-to-door sensitization messages and techniques as well as net hanging. The training also had modules on planning, monitoring, narrative and financial reporting.

Sensitization materials such as brochures and posters were produced and used to create awareness. There were 24 sensitization sessions and 2,673 home visits conducted reaching approximately 23,792 people (12,867 people in Boda center, Kanguete, Boulay and Mboumandourou and 10,925 people in the Amada-

Gaza). At least 90% of the targeted population was sensitized on the risks of epidemics and hygiene promotion.

Mosquito nets hang up trainings and demonstrations were conducted by trained volunteers' during the sensitization sessions and home visits.

A total of 60 sanitation kits were purchased and handed over to the local Red Cross committees in the target areas. In order to encourage hygiene promotion in the communities, volunteers from the Boda cleaned and built fences around 12 standpipes, 147 wells and 2 springs that serve approximately 10,815 beneficiaries. In Amada-Gaza, cleanup and fencing of 10 wells and 2 standpipes that serve approximately 7,000 beneficiaries was done. In order to strengthen and encourage community participation in the hygiene promotion activities, local leaders (the Sub Prefect, Municipal Councillors and neighbourhood heads) in Amada-Gaza participated in the planning and implementation of activities on water points clean up and various sensitization sessions.

The beneficiaries, Government and local authorities in the target localities have benefitted from the operation and are grateful for the assistance they received. Approximately 75% of affected persons have a reduced chance of exposure to water borne diseases due to improved living conditions improved, access to safe water and sensitization on hygiene promotion.

There is however need for further support to these vulnerable communities. The National Society has highlighted the further needs of the communities to the government as well as with other partners. The information provided from the in-depth evaluation performed in the high risk areas have been a useful tool in the advocacy on behalf of the vulnerable population towards the government, and the information will also be used by the National Society in risk reduction programming.

The National Society learned that it is important to sensitize the population and pursue advocacy with the local authorities in order to strengthen their auxiliary role to the Government.

The implementation of hygiene and sanitation activities faced difficulties due to the heavy downpours that slowed down the progress of water points rehabilitation works. The rains also made transport difficult due to the poor state of the roads making it difficult to access some of the target locations.

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All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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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Final Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2012/5-2012/11
Budget Timeframe	2012/5-2012/8
Appeal	MDRCF012
Budget	APPROVED

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	124,003					124,003	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	122,349					122,349	
C4. Other Income	122,349					122,349	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	122,349					122,349	
D. Total Funding = B +C	122,349					122,349	
Coverage = D/A	99%					99%	

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
C. Income	122,349					122,349	
E. Expenditure	-122,349					-122,349	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0	

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Reporting Timeframe	2012/5-2012/11
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III. 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)	124,003						124,003	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	9,990	7,572				7,572	2,418	
Clothing & Textiles	16,620	17,042				17,042	-422	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	18,923	18,844				18,844	79	
Utensils & Tools	16,125	16,137				16,137	-12	
Other Supplies & Services	4,500	3,873				3,873	627	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	66,158	63,469				63,469	2,689	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	346	297				297	49	
Distribution & Monitoring	12,842	13,079				13,079	-237	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,347	2,713				2,713	-366	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	15,535	16,089				16,089	-554	
Personnel								
International Staff	4,558	4,476				4,476	82	
National Staff		136				136	-136	
National Society Staff	3,846	3,183				3,183	663	
Volunteers	6,927	8,222				8,222	-1,295	
Total Personnel	15,331	16,017				16,017	-686	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Professional Fees		-0				-0	0	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees		-0				-0	0	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	4,135	4,133				4,133	2	
Total Workshops & Training	4,135	4,133				4,133	2	
General Expenditure								
Travel	4,712	3,973				3,973	739	
Information & Public Relations	8,683	8,624				8,624	59	
Office Costs	500	460				460	41	
Communications	900	1,182				1,182	-282	
Financial Charges	481	935				935	-454	
Total General Expenditure	15,276	15,174				15,174	102	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	7,568	7,467				7,467	101	
Total Indirect Costs	7,568	7,467				7,467	101	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	124,003	122,349				122,349	1,655	
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,655				1,655		