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Emergency appeal operation update

Chad: Floods

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Emergency appeal n° MDRTD010
GLIDE n° FL-2012-000151-CHD
Operation update n°2
01 March, 2013

Period covered by this Ops Update: November 2012 to February, 2013;

Appeal target (current): CHF 775,716;

Appeal coverage: 60%; [click here to go directly to the updated donor response report](#), or [here to link to contact details](#), or [here to go directly to the interim financial report](#)

Appeal history:

- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 125,920 was initially allocated on 11 September, 2012 to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to 11,770 beneficiaries.
- The **Emergency Appeal** was launched on 21 October, 2012 for CHF 775,716 to support the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) to assist 4,400 households (30,800 beneficiaries) for six months.
- An operation update n°1 was published on 10 December, 2012 and provided information about activities implemented within the timeframe of DREF



The RCC volunteers and IFRC staff have registered 3,160 beneficiaries for NFI distribution in the area of Bongor. Photo/RCC

Summary: The emergency operation responds to urgent needs of 4,400 households affected by seasonal flooding through interventions in health, watsan and shelter. IFRC field staff and national society's counterpart were deployed in the area of Bongor and the surrounding villages to start implementing activities. Activities implemented so far include the registration process of vulnerable groups (criteria agreed upon on the e-single form) to receive NFIs support, training of 200 volunteers and discussion with local authorities and partners on the best ways to achieve results. Visit to the local health facilities to assess the level of preparedness, should an epidemic such as cholera strike and how the RCC can provide support was also carried out. From the national society small stock, a total of 362 households were reached by the distribution of mosquito nets, jerry cans, buckets and soap. This stock will be compensated by the awaited NFIs from neighbouring Cameroon.

Meanwhile, conditions of affected victims in both target areas remain critical. In the capital N'Djamena, families still live in makeshift shelters in the Toukra camps with no hope of returning to their homes soon. The camp hosts more than 6,000 people who lost their homes to floods in 2012. In Bongor area and surroundings, one of the worst-hit by the floods, more than one third of cultivated fields were flooded. The harvest is expected to be lower this year in these areas. Certain areas have begun experiencing food shortages.

Funds in support of this operation have been received from European Commission - DG ECHO, as well as from Japanese, Monaco, Swiss, Canadian and Netherlands Red Cross Societies. The Red Cross of Chad wishes to thank donors for their generous support to this operation and encourage others to fund the remainder of the operation so that planned activities can be carried out.

The situation

Chad has experienced seasonal flooding in 2012 across the country. The floods have affected 49,000 households between June and September across the region of Tandjilé, Sila, Moyen Chari, Mayo Kebbi Est, Mayo Kebbi Ouest, Logone Oriental and Ouaddai. The situation worsened in late September, in the capital N'Djamena when the overflow of the Chari River destroyed several houses and displaced more than 2,000 families.

The IFRC responded with a DREF operation to support the National Society to respond to the immediate needs of affected households in the area of Rig Rig, Goz Beida and Mangalmé. An emergency appeal was launched to further provide vulnerable families with non-food items and hygiene promotion messages, thereby protecting them from potential water-borne diseases. Meanwhile, living conditions of flood victims in both intervention areas remain critical. The current situation can be summarized as follows:

N'Djamena

Around 6,000 people are in the outskirts of the capital in makeshift shelters. These people were displaced by the overflow of the Chari River in late September. Though the water in the river has receded, people remain homeless in the capital as well as in the countryside, where houses were destroyed, farms flooded, crops ruined and pasture destroyed. Governmental authorities and UNICEF provided tarpaulins and emergency water and sanitation facilities but the search for long term solutions remains difficult. National authorities provided NFIs and emergency latrines.

Bongor

Bongor, the capital of the region of Mayo Kebbi Est, was severely hit by the flood, with more than one third of cultivated fields flooded. Harvest in several southern regions is expected to be lower this year and certain areas have begun to experience serious food shortages. Communities living in flood-prone areas are often located to safer zones and later return to their original land when the water subsides. However, relocating such communities permanently is difficult as they are attached to their homes despite recurrent flooding, and there are risks of hostilities if they are resettled among other communities in the area.

According to local authorities, long-term measures such as building a more robust dyke along the local river plain in Bongor, urging local residents to use stronger construction materials and relocating communities to less flood prone areas are expensive and complicated.

Coordination and partnerships

The field team in Bongor area has been working in collaboration with local authorities since the outset of the flood. Regular briefing and debriefing meetings were held to share progress on planned activities and discuss the best ways to respond to the crisis in an effective manner.

The team has been also coordinating response with the International Medical Corps (IMC) which distributes NFIs and hygiene promotion messages in the same intervention areas of Bongor and Gounou Gaya. Questions of target groups, and target areas were discussed during coordination meetings to avoid overlapping and duplication.

At national level, RCC and IFRC staff regularly attend cluster meetings, which currently discuss more about long-term solutions to mitigate recurrent flooding.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Emergency health
Outcome: The immediate threat to health status for 4,400 households is reduced for target communities.
Outputs (expected results): Increased awareness and prevention of water-borne diseases is ensured through an information campaign in the target community
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute mosquito nets to 4,400 households • Conduct epidemic control (ECV) and PHAST trainings for 550 volunteers. • Carry out preventive health and hygiene promotion campaigns in targeted communities • Print and distribute information, education and communication materials on epidemic control
Progress: Prior to the distribution process, the IFRC/RCC field team launched the registration of target beneficiaries according to specific criteria agreed upon with ECHO. Beneficiary selection should strictly fall under the ten following criteria:

- Affected households with a high number of children aged 0 to 5 years and/or elderly;
- Affected households with pregnant or lactating women;
- Households with disabled or sick persons;
- Women-led households (widows, abandoned wives, divorced, teenage mothers);
- Affected households with former cholera victims;
- Affected households with malnutrition risk;
- Displaced households living in makeshift shelters;
- Households hosting more than three flood victims;
- Households which suffered crops and livestock loss during the flood;
- Affected households living in the vulnerable areas targeted by the Red Cross of Chad

Beneficiaries have to meet four criteria before being registered, resulting in a total of 3,160 beneficiaries in Bongor and surrounding provinces. Briefings with local administrative and traditional authorities explained clearly the target and need for adherence to the project. Training of 200 volunteers from the local committee of Bongor and surrounding was ensured to enable the start of the distribution process. Additionally, 116 volunteers and 84 women beneficiaries were trained on water and sanitation skills to launch sensitization campaigns within their respective communities.

Pending the arrival of ordered NFIs from neighboring Cameroon, a total of 362 households were reached by the distribution of mosquitoes nets obtained from the small emergency stock of the national society.

Challenges/Gaps: Delayed training of volunteers and delayed arrival of NFIs prevented the rapid implementation of planned activities. The issue of a sustainable emergency stock remains, considering that the country is landlocked and local availability of NFIs is rare.

Water, Sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases are reduced for 4,400 families through the provision of water purification items and adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion

Outputs (expected results): Increased awareness and prevention of waterborne diseases is ensured through a campaign in targeted communities

Activities planned:

- Conduct door to door sensitization campaigns to promote individual and collective hygiene as means of avoiding the spread of the water-borne diseases
- Undertake volunteer training workshop on hygiene promotion and sanitation in Mayo Kebbi Est near the border with Cameroon
- Distribute jerry cans, soap and bucket to 4,400 households
- Clean the public sewage system in support to the Municipality in N'Djamena
- Undertake community cleaning campaigns in 9 districts in the two targeted regions
- Distribute 300 hand washing containers in public places such as restaurant and schools
- Ensure protection standards of Sphere are adhered to the provision of watsan materials
- Distribute 60 latrines slabs to vulnerable families in the target areas
- Monitor and assess the situation in the affected areas as well as in other parts of the country.

Progress: From its small emergency stock, the national society has distributed jerry cans, buckets and soap to 362 beneficiaries in the areas of Bongor. Other target areas waiting arrival of NFIs from Cameroon which took long time than expected. Trained volunteers have started spreading hygiene promotion messages among the target communities.

Challenges/Gap: Delayed arrival of NFIs from neighbouring Cameroon has delayed the distribution of NFIs which are meant to reduce the vulnerabilities of flood affected communities. The fabrication and distribution of sanitation kits such the hand washing kits and cover slabs is underway and help prevent the spread of water-borne diseases.

Shelter and settlements – Household items

Outputs(expected results): Affected population received essential household items in the targeted population according to specific needs and agreed standards

Activities planned:

- Recruitment and training volunteers for distribution and registration
- Distribute plastic sheeting, fixing materials and tools, sleeping mats, and blankets to 4,400 households
- Provide guiding leaflets on fixing tarpaulins to the beneficiaries during distributions
- Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Progress: Out of 4,400 targeted households, only 200 will receive shelter support. This distribution will be ensured thanks to the Swiss RC contribution. Items were ordered from Cameroon and will be directly pre positioned in the field for distribution.

Challenges/Gap: Shelter and settlement supports remain an issue as families hosted in camps outside the capital still lack adequate emergency housing.

Logistics

As in past years, timely NFI procurement has been very difficult. DREF distributions were used from the NS stock which received support from both the IFRC and ICRC stock. Procurement and transportation should be among the priorities of the national partners in order to reduce the response period.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

Local media will be involved to cover the upcoming distribution of NFIs in the field. The event will see the participation of ECHO Chad delegation staff to ensure planned activities are implemented according to agreed regulations.

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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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Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2012/07-2013/01
Budget Timeframe	2012/07-2013/04
Appeal	MDRTD010
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	775,716					775,716	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Cash contributions</u>							
<i>European Commission - DG ECHO</i>	140,128					140,128	108,104
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	25,600					25,600	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>	3,728					3,728	
<i>Swiss Red Cross</i>	91,057					91,057	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	46,746					46,746	
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross</i>	51,499					51,499	
<i>VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief</i>	250					250	
C1. Cash contributions	359,008					359,008	108,104
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	359,008					359,008	108,104
D. Total Funding = B + C	359,008					359,008	108,104
Coverage = D/A	46%					46%	

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	359,008					359,008	108,104
E. Expenditure	-266,615					-266,615	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	92,393					92,393	108,104

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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)		775,716					775,716	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	189,200						189,200	
Construction - Facilities	27,961						27,961	
Construction Materials		9,597				9,597	-9,597	
Clothing & Textiles	130,718						130,718	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	31,699	32,502				32,502	-803	
Teaching Materials	6,500						6,500	
Utensils & Tools	78,903						78,903	
Total Relief items, Construction, Suj	464,982	42,099				42,099	422,882	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	5,825						5,825	
Computers & Telecom	2,330						2,330	
Office & Household Equipment	2,913						2,913	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	11,068						11,068	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	3,495	5,789				5,789	-2,294	
Distribution & Monitoring	70,074						70,074	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	42,724	17,720				17,720	25,004	
Logistics Services	17,532						17,532	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	133,826	23,510				23,510	110,316	
Personnel								
International Staff	41,000	10,325				10,325	30,675	
National Staff	7,184	4,106				4,106	3,079	
National Society Staff	17,534	27,617				27,617	-10,084	
Volunteers	15,083	20,122				20,122	-5,039	
Total Personnel	80,802	62,170				62,170	18,631	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants		7,926				7,926	-7,926	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe		7,926				7,926	-7,926	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	12,680	7,574				7,574	5,106	
Total Workshops & Training	12,680	7,574				7,574	5,106	
General Expenditure								
Travel	8,621	3,805				3,805	4,817	
Information & Public Relations	1,408	4,412				4,412	-3,004	
Office Costs	6,388	4,728				4,728	1,660	
Communications	4,715	3,564				3,564	1,150	
Financial Charges	3,883	3,857				3,857	27	
Total General Expenditure	25,016	20,366				20,366	4,650	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		84,806				84,806	-84,806	
Total Operational Provisions		84,806				84,806	-84,806	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	47,344	16,149				16,149	31,195	
Total Indirect Costs	47,344	16,149				16,149	31,195	
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee		1,315				1,315	-1,315	
Pledge Reporting Fees		700				700	-700	

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		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		775,716					775,716	
Total Pledge Specific Costs		2,015					2,015	-2,015
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	775,716	266,615					266,615	509,101
VARIANCE (C - D)		509,101					509,101	