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DREF operation update

Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone Haruna

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DREF operation n° MDRMG009
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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.

Period covered by this update: 28 February – 12 April 2013

Summary: CHF 298,747 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 28 February 2013 to support the Malagasy Red Cross Society (MRCS) in delivering assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries.

Almost six weeks after Tropical Cyclone Haruna made landfall in Madagascar, flood waters have started to recede and families have begun moving back to their homes. Malagasy Red Cross Society, with support from IFRC, assisted families in

the aftermath of the disaster through the distribution of shelter and non-food items, potable water and health and hygiene promotion activities, reaching the targeted 2,000 families with distributions planned at time of reporting.

The French Red Cross received funds to cover the cost of the water unit deployed and supported under this DREF operation, thereby freeing up a total of approximately EUR 50,000 in the original budget. This enabled MRCS and IFRC to review the evolving situation on the ground and revise some activities to address other urgent needs that emerged in the aftermath of the cyclone. This includes aligning the activities around the repair of wells with the government's action and standards, increased hygiene and sanitation promotion as well as the deployment of RDRT specialists to support the National Society in monitoring and implementing the operation.

The DREF timeframe will also be extended for a month to enable the completion of all the activities, and will therefore be completed by 31 July 2013. A Final Report will be made available three months



Malagasy Red Cross Society, with the support of IFRC and Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, quickly responded in the aftermath of the tropical cyclone to provide assistance to affected families through emergency shelter, health and care and water and sanitation. Photo: MRCS

after the end of the operation, by 31 October 2013.

The Canadian Red Cross and government, Netherlands Red Cross, European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO) as well as Italian and Korean governments contributed to the replenishment of the DREF 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, DG 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 MRCS, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions. Details of DREF contributions are found on: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

Tropical cyclone Haruna made landfall in south-west Madagascar on 22 February as a category 2 cyclone. It struck Toliary and Sakaraha, and with decreased strength, traversed the southern part of Madagascar and exited at Tolanaro. Prior to landfall, the cyclone vacillated for several days in the Mozambique channel, resulting in above-average rainfall in the west coast of Madagascar.

Floods waters have since receded and the internally displaced persons' camps set up are closed, with families returning to their homes.

Coordination and partnerships

MRCS is an important partner of the National Disaster Management Office (BNGRC1) thanks to its volunteer network and its free phone network that facilitate data collection in all part of Madagascar. BNGRC regularly consults the MRCS disaster management coordinator before sharing damage data in order to compare them.

Within the national Inter-agency Emergency Platform (Comité de Réflexion des Intervenants en Catastrophes - CRIC) members, MRCS is the lead agency for shelter activities and is the only entity that has capacity in managing IDP sites (registration of affected families, distribution, and organization of hygiene activities, psychological support and coordination with stakeholders). MRCS's disaster management team regularly attends coordination meetings with BNGRC and CRIC to share data and achievements at national and local level.

The MRCS/IFRC is the lead agency for the national shelter coordination along with a government focal point, according to the national contingency plan. Key operational partners of the shelter sector include CARE International, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Also, CRM coordination with French NGO Action Contre la Faim on the disinfection of wells.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

At the start of the operations, IFRC supported MRCS through this DREF as well as in coordinating available partner support. Close cooperation with the French Red Cross through its Platform for Disaster Response in the Indian Ocean (PIROI) enabled the quick deployment of relief items and water kits, with logistics for these items supported by the French government. In addition, IFRC also coordinated with the Norwegian Red Cross in the deployment of a full kit 5 which includes a sanitation component in the kit, accompanied by a Norwegian Red Cross water and sanitation delegate in the first month of the operation.

Several weeks after the operation began, PIROI received funding support from its back donors for a portion of relief items mobilized through PIROI and budgeted for in this DREF, which subsequently reduced the amount required to be reimbursed. The reduction of funds to be repaid to PIROI through this DREF impacted the budget lines on shelter, and to a smaller extent, water and sanitation. A total of approximately CHF 60,000 was freed up, enabling MRCS and IFRC to review the evolving situation on the ground and revise some activities to address other urgent needs identified. The National Society, PIROI and the Norwegian Red Cross were consulted on the prioritization of emergency needs based on their experience in the first month of response. As a result of their assessment and feedback, activities were revised around the

repair of wells, additional support costs related to increased health and hygiene promotion activities, as well as the increased timeframe for the deployment of RDRT specialists to support the National Society in monitoring and implementing the operation.

The DREF timeframe will also be extended for a month to enable the completion of all the activities, including the additional well repair actions outlined in the water and sanitation section below.

A review will be carried out in July, as well as a lessons learnt workshop, to support both the National Society and IFRC to further improve its response capacity as well as identify priority areas for longer-term and disaster risk reduction interventions. IFRC plans to involve PIROI and Norwegian Red Cross in the review, to better identify gaps and strengths as well as link lessons learnt in this operation with both IFRC as well as Norwegian Red Cross's longer-term support to MRCS in disaster risk reduction as well as PIROI's ongoing focus on the provision of safe water to communities in the region.

Progress towards outcomes

Shelter, settlement and non-food items
<p>Outcome: The vulnerability of 2,000 flood-affected families is reduced through the provision of basic household and emergency shelter items.</p>
<p>Output: Up to 2,000 families receive non-food items including kitchen sets, shelter tool kits and tarpaulins according to assessment and selection criteria.</p>
<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train 200 volunteers for assessment and distribution • Conduct needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Distribute relief supplies to 2,000 families and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. • Monitor and evaluate the distribution activities and report on these distributions. • Develop an exit strategy.

Progress:

Needs assessments were completed in the districts of Toliary I, Toliary II, Sakaraha and Morombe. A total of 200 MRCS volunteers were trained on relief and distribution in this reporting period. The volunteers distributed 1,500 toolkits and 3,000 tarpaulins to 2,000 families in Sakaraha, Toliary 1, Toliary 2 and Morombe, in coordination with other actors to minimize duplication. A more detailed distribution table will be made available in the next report.

At time of reporting, the budget line for the procurement of non-food items was reduced in this reporting period by approximately CHF 26,000, with the items distributed funded by the French Red Cross/ PIROI and its partners. As a result of this, the funds were reallocated to the water and sanitation sector to address a continued need for emergency sanitation and hygiene and sanitation awareness in the communities to reduce possible outbreaks of diseases. More information on the revision is available under that sector.

Emergency health and care
<p>Outcome: The health risks related to cyclone and flooding is reduced through community-based referral and sensitization activities for 2,000 families in 5 areas for 4 months</p>
<p>Out puts: 2,000 families (10,000 people) have been reached through sensitization campaign Adequate first aid and referral has been provided in the targeted areas. Vulnerable groups and individuals have received support in physical access to health services.</p>
<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction/refresher for 200 volunteers in basic first aid and health education. • Community based health and flood risk awareness campaign in villages and makeshift camps. • Support evacuation of population in high risk areas. • Accompany pregnant and lactating women to safe areas in camps and affected areas. • Monitor health situation in affected areas and refer cases to health facilities when necessary. • Assist existing health facilities in affected areas.

Progress:

MRCS volunteers managed the temporary internally-displaced persons' camp in the affected zones and sensitized populations on health, especially on diarrhoea and respiratory infections. At the same time, with the support of local partners, CRM has done a mass medical consultation and referral activities. This decision was taken because of the lack of doctors and medicines in the zone. A total of 11 mobile clinics with MRCS doctors volunteers participated in this activity in Sakaraha, Toliary 1 and Toliary 2. In this reporting period, CRM volunteers assisted families to return to their homes once the flood waters receded.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water-related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water and hygiene promotion to 2,000 families in 5 areas for 4 months.

Outputs and activities planned:

- Conduct training for Red Cross volunteers on hygiene promotion and the safe use of water treatment products
- Assess the existing coverage with a view of ensuring availability of an adequate water supply
- Conduct hygiene promotion in five regions including training/information on use of water treatment products and safe water storage and handling.
- Identify and repair 20 damaged wells.
- Provide safe water to 2,000 families through water treatment

Progress:

To date, training of volunteers and distribution of potable water were completed in Sakaraha, Toliary I, Toliary II and Morombe, and 13 of the targeted 20 wells are cleaned, allowing up to 10,000 families to have access to safe water. Volunteers sensitized populations in the affected zone on hygiene and sanitation. Sanitation is a very big issue in these areas, which MRCS responded to with the sanitation part of the Kit 5 supported and deployed by Norwegian Red Cross.

As mentioned earlier in the report, support from PIROI's back donors enabled MRCS and IFRC to review its current response with partners and plan for activities to meet further emergency gaps identified. Additional funds have been allocated to support an increase in activities around the repair of the 20 damaged wells previously identified. The top-up of funds will be utilized to ensure that the repairs are aligned with the government's response and specifications, especially around the type of pump used and structural repair, to help minimize water-related diseases while also contributing to the longer-term need for sustainable potable water.

An increase in health, hygiene and sanitation promotion activities, utilizing the PHAST¹ methodology, together with the hiring of temporary staff dedicated to this sector, was also included to complement the sanitation activities supported by Norwegian Red Cross with MRCS. The budget to train MRCS volunteers on PHAST was also increased to match the scale up of the activities.

In addition, the budget line for the deployment of regional disaster response team members to assist the National Society in managing and implementing the operations has also been increased to enable specialized support in water and sanitation for a total of two months.

¹ Participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 28 February 2013 for CHF 298,747 for four months to assist 10,000 beneficiaries.
- This DREF operation update was issued to revise the budget lines for well repair/ rehabilitation, hygiene and sanitation promotion activities as well as National Society staff costs and an increase in RDRT support. The operation timeframe was also extended for a month, to be completed by 31 July 2013.



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How we work

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

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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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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DREF OPERATION

29/04/2013

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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	59,195
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	0
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	74,966
Medical & First Aid	0
Teaching Materials	0
Ustensils & Tools	40,000
Other Supplies & Services	0
Emergency Response Units	0
Cash Disbursements	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	174,161
Land & Buildings	0
Vehicles Purchase	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0
Medical Equipment	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	1,600
Distribution & Monitoring	11,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	17,626
Logistics Services	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	30,226
International Staff	10,000
National Staff	1,263
National Society Staff	20,200
Volunteers	35,463
Total PERSONNEL	66,926
Consultants	0
Professional Fees	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	6,200
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	6,200
Travel	0
Information & Public Relations	500
Office Costs	1,200
Communications	1,200
Financial Charges	100
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Support Services	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	3,000
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	18,233
Total INDIRECT COSTS	18,233
TOTAL BUDGET	298,747

Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRMG009 - Madagascar - Tropical Cyclone Haruna

Timeframe: 28 Feb 13 to 30 Jun 13

Appeal Launch Date: 28 Feb 13

Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2013/2-2013/3
Budget Timeframe	2013/2-2013/6
Programme	MDRMG009
Budget	APPROVED

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		298,747				298,747	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		298,747				298,747	
C4. Other Income		298,747				298,747	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		298,747				298,747	
D. Total Funding = B + C		298,747				298,747	

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
C. Income		298,747				298,747	
E. Expenditure		-156,529				-156,529	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		142,218				142,218	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			298,747			298,747		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	85,092						85,092	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	72,070						72,070	
Utensils & Tools	40,000						40,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	197,162						197,162	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,600						1,600	
Distribution & Monitoring	11,000						11,000	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	17,626						17,626	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	30,226						30,226	
Personnel								
International Staff	5,000						5,000	
National Staff	1,263						1,263	
National Society Staff	7,200						7,200	
Volunteers	35,463						35,463	
Total Personnel	48,926						48,926	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	1,200						1,200	
Total Workshops & Training	1,200						1,200	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relations	500						500	
Office Costs	1,200						1,200	
Communications	1,200						1,200	
Financial Charges	100						100	
Total General Expenditure	3,000						3,000	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			146,975			146,975	-146,975	
Total Operational Provisions			146,975			146,975	-146,975	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	18,233		9,553			9,553	8,680	
Total Indirect Costs	18,233		9,553			9,553	8,680	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	298,747		156,529			156,529	142,219	
VARIANCE (C - D)			142,219			142,219		

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IV. Sector breakdown

Sector / Sub-sector	Annual Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
Disaster_Management							
Disaster response	298,747	0	298,747	298,747	156,529	142,218	
Total Disaster_Management	298,747	0	298,747	298,747	-156,529	142,218	
GRAND TOTAL	298,747	0	298,747	298,747	156,529	142,218	