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DREF operation update

Zimbabwe: Floods

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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:
17 April to 30 May 2013

CHF 266,514 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 7 February 2013 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to 700 flood affected households or 3,500 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary:

Continuous heavy rains across the country since February have resulted in floods and subsequent large-scale destruction of properties and infrastructure, badly affecting Matebeleland South, Matebeleland North, Midlands, Masvingo, Mashonaland Central and

Manicaland. Up to 125 people died in the floods and storms and an estimated 9,700 persons were affected, around half of which require urgent humanitarian assistance.



IFRC/ZRCS provided emergency shelter to communities affected by the floods in Zimbabwe. Photo: ZRCS

This DREF operation was launched on 7 February to assist up to 700 displaced families (3,500 people) with temporary shelter and basic household items. ZRCS, with support from IFRC, complemented the emergency shelter and non-food items' assistance with emergency health, water and sanitation and hygiene promotion activities, to help reduce health risks for affected families. While distributions were underway, it was learned that an originally targeted district was subsequently supported with similar items by other organizations in the area, resulting in 183 non-food item packages being freed up and undistributed.

During the course of the operational timeframe, a hailstorm hit Mberengwa district, affecting some 581 families. Unusually large hailstones hit this non-traditional risk prone area, killing two children, injuring others and leaving homes, livelihoods and infrastructure destroyed. ZRCS, using the procured but undistributed non-food items allocated under this DREF operation, were able to respond quickly to the disaster and support 180 of the most vulnerable families affected.

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and will be completed by 7 June 2013; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 7 September 2013).

The Belgian Red Cross/ Belgian government and Netherlands Red Cross/ Netherlands government 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. Details of DREF contributions are found on: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

IFRC, on behalf of ZRCS, would like to extend its thanks to all for their generous contributions.

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The situation

Heavy rains caused flooding in the provinces of Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, Midlands, Masvingo, Mashonaland Central and Manicaland, resulting in damage to infrastructure, crops, livestock, shelter and loss of lives. The heavy rains also destroyed schools, clinics, bridges and roads. At time of reporting, the rains have since stopped and the floods have receded.

On 3 April, a severe hailstorm hit Mberengwa district. While hailstorms are experienced regularly in isolated areas of Zimbabwe, this was the first occurrence in Mberengwa. Firsthand accounts were of giant hail stones, in some instances as large a person's head rained down across affected communities. In some instances these hail stones took days to melt. Fortunately the storm happened at night, when most people were in their houses, however two children died and several injuries were reported.

Coordination and partnerships

There has been increased coordination of relief efforts by all agencies in most affected areas. At national level, the National Civil Protection Organisation (NCPO) has been coordinating response efforts as part of their mandate and the ZRCS has been actively involved. The ZRCS has attended meetings which were platforms for information sharing and coordination. The NCPC have requested ZRCS to provide emergency relief items to the most affected households.

In Mberengwa, assistance has been provided by IOM, World Vision International and the Civil Protection Committee. These stakeholders are coordinated by the District Administrator, through the District Disaster Relief Committee. Information is feed from the District level to the Provincial level and from there the Civil Protection Unit at the national level.

The ZRCS works closely with the IFRC's Zimbabwe Country Office and draws upon its support and resources in terms of finance, planning, monitoring, evaluations and reporting (PMER) and logistics.

Partner National Societies (PNSs) active in the country includes Norwegian Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, American Red Cross and the Netherlands Red Cross. They are involved in programmes including community-based health and first aid in action, and community-based disaster risk reduction. Through the trained volunteers in the areas affected, the National Society has had more presence and has been able to get information very quickly, enabling a quick response with the available resources. In-country partners including the ICRC meet monthly for a movement coordination meeting to discuss in-country operations (development and emergencies) and support ZRCS.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The current DREF operation is now in the final stages of implementation. Response in some of the areas selected in the initial DREF bulletin have been reduced as they have already received assistance from other actors in the field and to distribute again would duplicate efforts.

Progress towards outcomes

Temporary shelter and relief distributions (basic non-food items)

Outcome: Living conditions improved for 3,500 people (700 households) whose houses were completely or partially damaged by the floods

Outputs: 700 families have been provided with temporary shelter and basic household items

Activities planned:

- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments in the six affected provinces.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute 575 shelter kits and assist beneficiaries to construct temporary shelters
- Train 60 volunteer in shelter and relief activities (include distribution, erecting shelters and monitoring)
- Procure and distribute non-food items for 700 families, **including 180 families affected by a hailstorm in Mberengwa district** (each family will receive 2 blankets,1 kitchen set, 1 hygiene kit)
- Distribute 175 family tents and replenish those already distributed.
- Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user
- Develop an exit strategy
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Progress

At the onset of the disaster, an initial rapid assessment was carried out by ZRCS, with beneficiary figures reliant upon secondary data from figures compiled by the District Administration Offices. Based on this, a plan to support affected communities with emergency shelter and relief distributions was drawn up, to assist up to 700 households in this sector, and the procurement process for the items began.

Further assessments in the course of initial distributions established that other players were involved in meeting the needs of flood affected communities. In Chiredzi District, ZRCS initially found that 283 households required assistance, however during the course of the response operation, it was found that a number of the target beneficiaries had been reached by

other stakeholders such as IOM, who supported 183 of the affected families. As such, ZRCS revised its response plan accordingly to cover the remaining 100 families, resulting in a balance of stocks for 183 families undistributed. The table below provides some additional detail:



ZRCS provided immediate relief assistance to affected families whose homes were damaged in a severe hailstorm in Mberengwa.

Photo: ZRCS

Table 1: Identified needs and response to date

Province	District	No. of HH identified at the launch of the DREF	No. of HH reached by RC actions	No. of HH reached by other actors	Other actors
Matabeleland South	Beitbridge	95	35		
	Mangwe		60		
	Gwanda		46		
Matabeleland North	Tsholotsho	67	144		
	Binga	15	0	15	
Masvingo	Chivi	35	13		
	Zaka		165		
	Bikita	24	31		
	Chiredzi	283	100	183	IOM

Midlands	Gokwe North	25	50		
Manicaland	Chipinge, Nyanga, Mutare	50 30	360		
Mashonaland Central	Mt. Darwin, Mbire, Muzarabani	76	30		
Total		700 households	1,034 households		

Note: that this table includes stock distributed to flood affected households from ZRCS prepositioned stock, and is not a comprehensive table of other actors' interventions and support.

Meanwhile, a hailstorm struck Mberengwa district, with the number of affected households proportionately higher than the flood affected areas estimated at 581. ZRCS was requested to assist in the response by local authorities. Due to the availability of the undistributed non-food items, ZRCS revised their plan of action (in bold) and responded to the local authorities' request and needs of the community. A part of the 198 undistributed non-food item sets (indicated in the table above) were redirected to Mberengwa and distributed to 180 vulnerable families affected by the storm. ZRCS distributed emergency shelter and non-food items to the 180 families, with 95 families receiving the full shelter and NFI component, including tent, 1 kitchen set, 1 jerry can, 1 bucket, 2 blankets and 2 soap, while 85 of the families receiving 2 blankets and 2 pieces of soap each.

All other activities related to floods operation was carried out as planned. The budget was also not affected with this change to the original plan.

Emergency health

Outcome: Waterborne and communicable diseases have been reduced through increased awareness of 700 families about health risks related to flooding situations, and distribution of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs).

Outputs:

- 700 flood affected families are aware of water borne/related health risks including cholera and malaria and how to prevent these.
- 700 flood affected families are using ITNs correctly.

Activities planned:

- Conduct CBHFA refresher training focusing on epidemic control and PHHE in flood situation to 30 volunteers¹
- Awareness raising of 700 flood affected families how to reduce risks for diseases such as cholera and malaria
- Distribute 1,400 insecticide treated mosquito nets (ITNs) to 700 families (two ITNs per family)
- Monitor and evaluate emergency health activities

Progress

Further information on this line will be shared in the Final Report, due by September 2013.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Improve health and restore dignity by provision of adequate safe water, sanitation, hygiene promotion interventions to 700 households (or 3 500 beneficiaries) in the affected areas in the six affected provinces

Outputs:

- 700 households have access to clean water
- 700 households reached by hygiene promotion activities
- 700 households with improved sanitary conditions.

Activities

- Assess the water and sanitation needs of the affected population
- Support the Construction of 200 pit latrines.
- Conducting hygiene promotion to 700 families (3,500 persons) in the six provinces using the Participatory Health and Hygiene Education (PHHE/PHAST in emergencies methodology)
- Distribute and train households on use of water treatment products (37,800 chlorination tablets and 50

¹ The volunteers being trained under Emergency Health will also receive refresher training on PHHE/PHAST in emergencies in order to carry out a consolidated health and hygiene promotion package to communities.

400 chloro-flocs sachets) to 700 households (2 sachets/household/day)

- Procure and distribute 700 buckets (one per family)
- Procure and distribute 700 jerry cans (one per family)
- Monitor and evaluate WatSan and hygiene activities

Progress

Further information on this line will be shared in the Final Report, due by September 2013.

Communications- Advocacy and Public Information

Outcome: The profile and position of the host national society and the IFRC are enhanced, leading to increased availability of funds and other resources to support this and future emergency operations.

Outputs:

- Communications products are made available to media and stakeholders.

Activities

- News releases, fact sheets, photographs/video and interviews with qualified spokespeople are developed and made available to media and key stakeholders.
- Direct outreach will be coordinated with the Host National Society and conducted with national and international media.
- The launch of this DREF and any further appeals will be supported with people-centred, community level diverse content, including web-stories, video footage and photos will be posted to ifrc.org and shared with other global humanitarian web portals and international media
- An IFRC communications officer will be deployed immediately to the affected region, coordinating the gathering and dissemination of communication materials, liaising with and supporting the Host National Society

Progress

The National Society response to the nationwide storm disasters and flooding was well profiled in the print and electronic media. For further details on this, please refer to Zimbabwe: Floods (MDRZW007), DREF Operations Update no. 1.

Logistics

Outcome: Emergency relief non-food items are transported to the affected areas

Activities

- Procurement of non food items for relief, emergency health and water and sanitation activities
- Transporting and prepositioning of response material.
- Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Transportation of staff and volunteers to the affected areas

Progress

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 7 February 2013 for CHF 266,514 for three months to assist 700 households.
- DREF operation update no. 1 was issued to extend the operation for one month to enable the completion of latrine construction.
- This operation update was issued to revise the emergency shelter and non-food items component to recognize the reallocation of some NFI resources to a community affected by a hailstorm in April. The resources were able to be redirected as some items were not distributed due to other actors present in the original targeted area and to avoid duplication of distributions.

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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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

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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Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRZW007 - Zimbabwe - Floods

Timeframe: 07 Feb 13 to 07 Jun 13

Appeal Launch Date: 07 Feb 13

Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2013/2-2013/4	Programme	MDRZW007
Budget Timeframe	2013/2-2013/6	Budget	APPROVED
		Project	*

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		266,514				266,514	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		266,514				266,514	
C4. Other Income		266,514				266,514	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		266,514				266,514	
D. Total Funding = B + C		266,514				266,514	

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		266,514				266,514	
E. Expenditure		-184,918				-184,918	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		81,596				81,596	

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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)			266,514			266,514		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	88,875		73,669			73,669	15,206	
Clothing & Textiles	25,550		19,309			19,309	6,241	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	41,600		32,370			32,370	9,230	
Teaching Materials	1,000						1,000	
Utensils & Tools	18,550		16,568			16,568	1,982	
Other Supplies & Services	7,000						7,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	182,575		141,917			141,917	40,658	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,500		133			133	1,367	
Distribution & Monitoring	6,938		1,810			1,810	5,127	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	18,265		5,739			5,739	12,526	
Logistics Services			5,274			5,274	-5,274	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	26,703		12,956			12,956	13,747	
Personnel								
International Staff	2,550						2,550	
National Staff			38			38	-38	
National Society Staff	14,370		10,033			10,033	4,337	
Volunteers	6,950		1,106			1,106	5,844	
Total Personnel	23,870		11,177			11,177	12,693	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	4,200		5,057			5,057	-857	
Total Workshops & Training	4,200		5,057			5,057	-857	
General Expenditure								
Travel	10,000		1,698			1,698	8,302	
Information & Public Relations	350						350	
Office Costs	750		49			49	701	
Communications	1,050		310			310	740	
Financial Charges	750		44			44	706	
Other General Expenses			424			424	-424	
Total General Expenditure	12,900		2,525			2,525	10,375	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recovt	16,266		11,286			11,286	4,980	
Total Indirect Costs	16,266		11,286			11,286	4,980	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	266,514		184,918			184,918	81,596	
VARIANCE (C - D)			81,596			81,596		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	266,514	0	266,514	266,514	184,918	81,596	
Subtotal BL2	266,514	0	266,514	266,514	184,918	81,596	
GRAND TOTAL	266,514	0	266,514	266,514	184,918	81,596	