



CAMEROON: POPULATION MOVEMENT IN CENTRAL AFRICA

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 185 countries.

In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 28 April to 26 July 2006.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 35,000 was allocated from the Federations DREF on 24 April 2006 to respond to the needs of this operation – <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRCM001.pdf>.
- DREF Update – <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRCM00101.pdf> – extended the operation's time frame for one month until 26 July 2006.

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This operation was aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

Background and summary

Since 2005, the political situation and security issues have been of great concern in Chad and Central African Republic (CAR). The dissolution of the presidential guard in Chad caused unrest and rebellion in the country. There was fear that the socio-political situation was going to deteriorate, leading to armed conflicts and consequently, massive population displacements. Mindful of this possibility, the Cameroon Red Cross Society (CRCS) embarked on an exercise aimed at preparing divisional committees from the far North and East provinces on management of population movements. To ensure that the national society attains this, the Federation allocated CHF 35,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) to support the training.

The presidential elections in Chad went on in a rather calm atmosphere and some Chadians who had run into Cameroon have now returned home. Unfortunately, the situation in CAR is deteriorating. A significant number of people, especially the Fulani who live in the North and North West of CAR, are constantly running into Cameroon. Evaluations conducted in the field have revealed that about 10,000 people (women, children, single persons and families) have found refuge in localities along the border of Cameroon and CAR.

Coordination

With funding from DREF, the Federation supported training while the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) provided basic equipment for the trained brigades. The Kousseri focal point of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) facilitated the training. The Federation's Central Africa sub-regional office (CASRO) took measures to get the CRCS volunteers and first aid workers ready to manage population movements. In collaboration with the ICRC delegation for Central Africa, CASRO supported the national society in implementing other routine activities.

Analysis of the operation - objectives, achievements and impact

Objective: To build the operational capacities of the Far North and East provinces divisional committees of Cameroon Red Cross Society to respond to population movements from Chad and Central African Republic.

Achievements

Based on the evaluation and assessment done by CRCS volunteers, the following localities were identified as likely to have population displacements:

Along the borders of Cameroon and Chad	Along the borders of Cameroon and CAR
Kousseri (Logone and Chari Division)	Garoua-Boulai and Bertoua (Lom and Djerem Division)
Maroua (Diamaré Division)	Yokadouma and Gari Gombo (Boumba and Ngoko Division)
Kaélé (Mayo-Kani Division)	Kentzou and Batouri (Kadey Division)
Mora (Mayo Sava Division)	Meingaga (Mbéré Division, Adamaoua Province)
Yagoua (Mayo Danay Division)	Toubouro (Mayo Rey Division, North Province).
Mokolo (Mayo Tsanaga Division)	

Leaders, volunteers and first aid workers of the above-mentioned committees conducted sensitization activities in their respective administrative and traditional localities. On 25 May 2006, volunteers from local and divisional committees of the CRCS in the Far North and East provinces of Cameroon were trained on population movement management, with support of the ICRC. During the training, presentations and practical exercises were carried out to prepare the trainees to go to the field. The Kousseri focal point of the UNHCR facilitated the training, while coordination was assured with a UNHCR representative in Yaoundé. The training was extended to the East Province of Cameroon in June 2006, for 15 Red Cross volunteers and first aid workers of local committees located along the border of Cameroon and CAR. The various points through which refugees could enter Cameroon were identified and focal points appointed to follow up the situation on a daily basis, in collaboration with UNHCR.

The situation along the borders of Cameroon and Chad is presently calm. However, measures have been taken to ensure rapid intervention when needed. This precaution is justified by the fact that actions of rebels in eastern Chad are likely to have an impact on N'Djamena, which shares boundaries with Kousseri (Cameroon). CAR refugees, mostly nomads, continue to enter Cameroon in large numbers and on a daily basis. Upon their arrival, they are welcomed and identified by Red Cross volunteers as well as local and administrative authorities. Some of them occupy the spaces provided, whereas others simply vanish into the bush, thereby making their management very complicated.

Impact

The above-mentioned activities have so far contributed to building the operational capacities of the CRCS at local branches level along the borders and to strengthening the visibility of the national society before the population as well as the administrative and local authorities.

Lessons learned

The ever increasing insecurity in CAR makes it a necessity to closely monitor the situation. In fact, new population movements could occur at any time should the situation deteriorate.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/11
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Appeal	MDRCM001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		0				0
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
DREF		35'000				35'000
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		35'000				35'000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		35'000				35'000
D. Total Funding = B + C		35'000				35'000

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		35'000				35'000
E. Expenditure		-35'000				-35'000
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		0					0	
Supplies								
Medical & First Aid			3'317				3'317	-3'317
Other Supplies & Services			3'989				3'989	-3'989
Total Supplies			7'306				7'306	-7'306
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs			983				983	-983
Total Transport & Storage			983				983	-983
Personnel Expenditures								
Regionally Deployed Staff			2'450				2'450	-2'450
National Staff			1'256				1'256	-1'256
National Society Staff			2'928				2'928	-2'928
Total Personnel Expenditures			6'635				6'635	-6'635
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training			13'681				13'681	-13'681
Total Workshops & Training			13'681				13'681	-13'681
General Expenditure								
Travel			2'734				2'734	-2'734
Office Costs			435				435	-435
Communications			951				951	-951
Total General Expenditure			4'121				4'121	-4'121
Program Support								
Program Support			2'275				2'275	-2'275
Total Program Support			2'275				2'275	-2'275
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)			35'000				35'000	-35'000
VARIANCE (C - D)			-35'000				-35'000	