

Operations update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

West Africa: Floods

Focus on Togo

Emergency Appeal no. MDR61002

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Period covered: 18 September to 7 October 2007;

Appeal target (revised): CHF 3,922,365 (USD 3.2m or EUR 2.3m) for the entire appeal; the initial Togo budget component of this appeal was CHF 1,043,123; with this Ops Update no. 1 the Togo component is being revised (decreased) to a total of CHF 971,643 (USD 767,032 or EUR 543,022).

[<Click here to view the revised appeal budget component for Togo, or here to view the consolidated revised appeal>](#)

Appeal coverage: 44% for the entire appeal, 6% coverage for the Togo component; **Remaining needs for Togo:** CHF 923,643

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Beneficiaries: 30,000 persons (in Togo).

Appeal history: the Revised Preliminary Emergency Appeal was initially issued on 18 September 2007. While the Federation's appeal strategy is regional in nature, the reporting is country specific.

Summary: The Togo Red Cross Society (TRCS), with the support of the International Federation, is managing this flood relief operation. Assessments have been undertaken, resulting in this revised operational plan. The National Society is carrying out relief activities with partner agencies (WFP for food), and focused on implementing the training component of the appeal strategy.

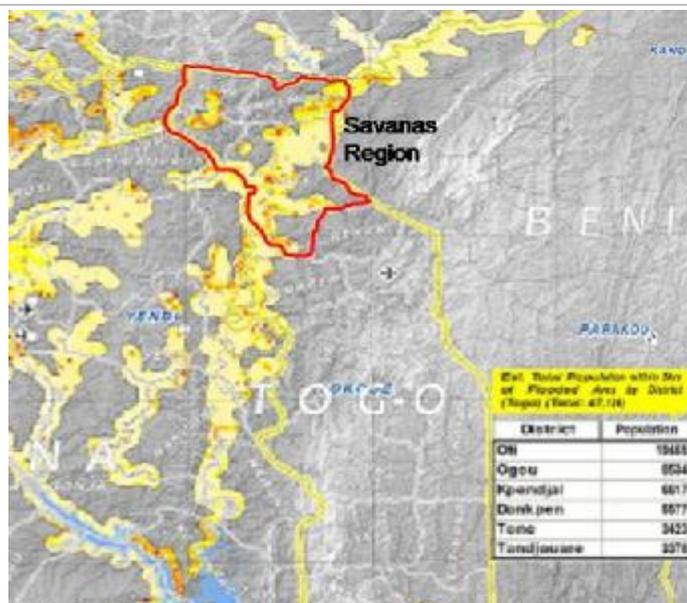


Flooded fields and road to the town of Mango, in Togo's Savanes Region

The situation

Map source: http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/fullMaps_Af.nsf/luFullMap/

During the last week of August and the beginning of September 2007 the West Africa region has been affected by heavy rains, resulting in serious flooding. In Togo, the floods mainly affected the Savanes Region in the north, and Maritime and Plateaux regions in the south). The northern Oti valley is covered in this operation (see yellow-marked portion in the map below).



According to official figures, in the northern Savanes region, some 130,000 persons (out of an estimated total population of 542,000) have been affected and are considered vulnerable (this reflects villages in which more than 50% of the housing is destroyed or partly destroyed). Vulnerability of some 20% is common during the rainy season, and this can usually be covered by the communities coping mechanisms. The planned interventions will provide assistance to about 90 villages for 30,000 people (some 5,000 households).

According to various sources, malnutrition rates in the Savanes region are high, with some 62.7 percent of people without access to adequate food. Ninety per cent the rural population reportedly subsist on surface water, and with the recent floods the normal water sources are affected, resulting in a high incidence of diarrhoea and other water related illnesses. Linked to this is a lack of appropriate sanitation, including the use of pit latrines. There are concerns that the floods will increase the risk of further malnutrition and potential epidemics.

Inundated roads have made overland transport nearly impossible. Many of the affected families have lost part of their farm buildings and the harvest of this season. There are very few international humanitarian organizations present in Togo. The main humanitarian actors are the Red Cross, WFP, UNICEF and Caritas.

A health and hygiene promotion program based on the existing TRCS watsan project is planned to start with volunteers. Training for volunteers and outreach material are needed as the watsan project is covering only a part of the affected villages. To support the agents of the sanitation service refresher, training in Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) will be carried out for staff and volunteers. Special emphasis will be given to epidemic preparedness, surveillance and response of water related diseases (malaria, diarrhoea, cholera, ARI, etc.) and malnutrition.

WFP plans to release some 2,800 tons of food in October and November 2007 (number to be confirmed) to support the affected communities in Togo. The Togolese Red Cross Society (TRCS) will distribute 50% and Caritas 50%. UNICEF plans to provide 10,000 mosquito nets, with distribution carried out by the TRCS.

A food for work programme for the rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure is intended to assist the affected families to survive until the next harvest in 2008.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies deployed a joint Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) and a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) to support the TRCS to assess the needs, distribute relief items, train staff and volunteers, and develop a realistic and relevant action plan. The team arrived in mid-September 2007, and together with the TRCS, conducted needs assessments in the affected areas. The Federation team have been working in close cooperation with WFP and UNICEF to exchange views and ideas regarding the affected areas, and to develop collaborative strategies.

A health and hygiene promotion training activity, based on an extension of the TRCS watsan project, started with a first training of 20 volunteers. Further trainings for volunteers and the distribution of outreach material is planned.

Objectives, progress, impact, and challenges

WFP plans to provide food that will be partly distributed by the Togo Red Cross Society, supported by the Federation (primarily in the form of logistics support). By agreement with the

TRCS, the Federation will also concentrate its efforts on non-food items and water sanitation activities.

The proposed Plan of Action

Volunteer training in hygiene and health promotion needs to be intensified. Outreach material is being printed, and tools are being purchased (for rehabilitation projects). Wells will be cleaned with rented pumps and disinfected (planned for October). Hygiene and health promotion activities will be enlarged to the 90 affected villages (planned for November). A food-for-work program will start in October and will be ongoing until the next farming season (March) when people have to prepare their fields.

Emergency relief (food and basic non-food items)

Shelter

Objective: To provide relief items for 5,000 flood-affected families in 90 villages.

Activities planned: procure, transport and distribute shelter items, 1,000 pieces of tarpaulin, 5,000 buckets, 10,000 covers, 15,000 sleeping mats, and 150 bales of used clothes.

Expected results: 5,000 flood-affected displaced households have basic protection from the affects of the environment and basic household items are replenished.

Distributions will be carried out by the TRCS, with the national society responsible for selection and registration of beneficiaries. The TRCS will be supported by the Federation's West and Central Africa Zone located in Dakar.

Health and Care

The common peak of malaria usually occurs in the third quarter of the year, and the incidence of diarrhoea is highest in the fourth quarter of the year. The high rate of malnutrition and the low rate of access to drinking water (10%) and basic sanitation make the delivery of health and watsan awareness crucial to reduce the risk of epidemics and death by malnutrition of children less then 5 years.

Objective: prevent the outbreak of epidemics and water borne diseases in 90 villages.

Activities planned: procure, airlift, transport and distribute 5,000 jerry cans, water purification tablets, 40,000 pieces of soap (250 g per person per month), 10,000 treated bed nets (provided by UNICEF), and other basic relief items. Train a further 70 volunteers and sanitation agents on community-based health and hygiene promotion and reproduce outreach material for the health and hygiene promotion (based on Togo Red Cross watsan project) for 90 villages and the volunteers.

TRCS volunteers and sanitation service sensitize 90 villages for health and hygiene promotion, with a special emphasis on epidemic preparedness (also drinking water chlorination), surveillance and response of water related diseases (malaria, diarrhoea, cholera, ARI, etc.) and malnutrition. Wells will be emptied by rented pumps and chlorinated in participatory training with the communities. ORS distribution will be organised in case epidemic outbreak for the case of epidemic outbreak. Radio broadcasting for health and hygiene promotion messages will be carried out.

Expected results:

- 80% of the affected population know how to have safe water.
- 75% of the affected villages know how to reduce the risk of infection due to untreated excreta.
- 80% of the mothers of the affected villages know about malnutrition and the use of ORS.
- 80% of the villages have no epidemic outbreak of water related diseases.

Food for work

Objective: To distribute 2,000 tonnes of food for work (WFP-supplied food).

Activities planned: To support the TRCS to:

- Identify beneficiary families.
- identify the infrastructures for rehabilitation.
- Organize rehabilitation sites and provide 100 rehabilitation kits (one wheelbarrow, five shovels, two picks, one rake). The rehabilitation kits will be used by community members to rehabilitate damaged infrastructure (houses, gullies and paths or roads). Such tools will help to restore houses, clean around houses, and improve access to the villages.
- Transport, stock, and distribute food to workers.
- Organize maintenance teams to clear water paths, particularly under bridges.

Expected result: access to the remote areas has been established with small bridges repaired and gullies plugged; 90 villages are cleaned up; bridges are maintained.

In terms of support to the TRCS, three hundred Red Cross bibs (or “dossards”) will be provided to volunteers for visibility purposes, and 50 first-aid kits will be distributed in the Savanes region.

Logistics

The Federation’s logistics resources will provide support to the operation, particularly the delivery of a range of relief items in line with operational priorities. The primary tasks of the logistics team will be to:

- Support the coordinated mobilization of relief goods, including the reception of all incoming goods, warehousing (as required), and the efficient dispatch or transport of items to the final distribution points
- liaise and coordinate actions with other key actors to ensure that the logistics operation is as efficient and effective as possible.
- Develop a detailed and up-to-date mobilization table to make available on the Federation’s Disaster Management Information System (DMIS). The Federation will be working on mobilizing specific relief items to respond to needs in the field and donors are encouraged to coordinate with the Zone and Dubai Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) regarding outstanding needs. Shipping instructions will be provided to donors from Dubai RLU, with a Consignment Tracking Number which issued prior to shipping any goods to the operation.
- Procurement of goods and transport can also be arranged through the Zone and RLU.

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Coordination and partnerships

An operation manager is being recruited to coordinate shelter, watsan, health and food-for-work activities, and to ensure that efforts are not duplicated.

Capacity of the National Society

Despite the magnitude of the disaster, the TRCS has quite an extensive floods-related disaster experience, relief operations and social mobilization for health hazards. However this is not the case in the currently affected areas where the TRCS has requested the support of the Federation due to its limited capacity. At headquarters a programme coordinator oversees TRCS activities countrywide and the disaster management coordinator is leading the assessment and response

activities together with the regional programme coordinator. Meanwhile, the national society has a good network of volunteers managing community healthcare programmes.

Capacity of the Federation

The Federation has no representation within the country but has a sub-regional office in Lagos and the Zone office in Dakar with the required technical staff to support an emergency operation. From its pool of technicians, disaster response skills (through the RDRT and ERU tools) are available. This includes public health (including Watsan) as well as health in emergencies, relief and shelter, IT & telecom, logistics, finance and communication.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The TRCS flood response and recovery activity provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the added value of the Red Cross and Red Crescent to the public, particularly in the region. The TRCS has requested the Federation's zonal office to assist in strengthening their ability to disseminate and communicate Red Cross activities. The Federation's Zone information delegate together with the regional information officer will continue to assist their counterparts in formulating strategies to address the public and media.

The TRCS information officer will continue to profile and increase the visibility of the Togo Red Cross Society by travelling to the affected area, documenting the distribution process, witnessing the interaction between Red Cross staff and volunteers and beneficiaries, and producing relevant articles and photographs.

How we work	
<p>All International Federation 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 is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.</p> <p>For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at http://www.ifrc.org</p>	
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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

WEST AFRICA FLOODS - TOTAL BY COUNTRY**MDR61002**

	GHANA	TOGO	BURKINA FASO	TOTAL
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>				
Shelter	1,020,000	47,070	0	1,067,070
Construction Materials	0	0	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0	226,250	131,730	357,980
Food	0	0	0	0
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	30,698	22,420	0	53,118
Medical & First Aid	12,112	16,385	0	28,497
Teaching Materials	0	660	0	660
Utensils & Tools	580,000	89,240	56,430	725,670
Other Supplies & Services	0	45,000	40,015	85,015
Total Relief Needs	1,642,810	447,025	228,175	2,318,010
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>				
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0
Vehicles Purchase	63,200	26,000	0	89,200
Computers & Telecom Equipment	38,194	16,343	567	55,104
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	0	2,758	0	2,758
Medical Equipment	0	0	0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	2,000	0	0	2,000
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>				
Storage - Warehouse	10,000	35,802	0	45,802
Distribution & Monitoring	60,000	34,100	40,500	134,600
Transport & Vehicles Costs	70,044	44,459	4,713	119,216
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
International Staff	200,590	172,727	18,175	391,492
Regionally Deployed Staff	56,000	10,695	0	66,695
National Staff	19,187	12,567	21,276	53,030
National Society Staff	3,900	28,410	68,970	101,280
Consultants	15,300	0	0	15,300
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>				
Workshops & Training	18,000	0	5,150	23,150
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>				
Travel	70,971	21,178	2,836	94,985
Information & Public Relations	2,000	13,890	0	15,890
Office running costs	28,974	15,232	3,982	48,188
Communication Costs	21,708	11,511	2,441	35,660
Professional Fees	4,472	7,439	794	12,705
Financial Charges	500	366	0	866
Other General Expenses	15,000	7,986	18,495	41,481
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>				
Programme Support - PSR	162,872	63,157	28,925	254,954
Total Operational Needs	862,912	524,618	216,825	1,604,355
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	2,505,722	971,643	445,000	3,922,365
Available Ressources				
Net Request	2,505,722	971,643	445,000	3,922,365

APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 2

WEST AFRICA FLOODS**MDR61002**

	ORIGINAL	REVISED	VARIANCE
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>			
Shelter	766,185	1,067,070	-300,885
Construction Materials	25,000	0	25,000
Clothing & Textiles	166,520	357,980	-191,460
Food	0	0	0
Seeds & Plants	80,000	0	80,000
Water & Sanitation	198,240	53,118	145,122
Medical & First Aid	124,000	28,497	95,503
Teaching Materials	17,000	660	16,340
Utensils & Tools	234,000	725,670	-491,670
Other Supplies & Services	315,000	85,015	229,985
Total Relief Needs	1,925,945	2,318,010	-392,065
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>			
Land & Buildings	0	0	0
Vehicles Purchase	35,000	89,200	-54,200
Computers & Telecom Equipment	46,200	55,104	-8,904
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	8,000	2,758	5,242
Medical Equipment	0	0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	2,000	-2,000
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>			
Storage - Warehouse	50,000	45,802	4,198
Distribution & Monitoring	59,500	134,600	-75,100
Transport & Vehicles Costs	128,350	119,216	9,134
<u>PERSONNEL</u>			
International Staff	130,000	391,492	-261,492
Regionally Deployed Staff	72,600	66,695	5,905
National Staff	15,750	53,030	-37,280
National Society Staff	142,720	101,280	41,440
Consultants	0	15,300	-15,300
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>			
Workshops & Training	11,150	23,150	-12,000
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>			
Travel	18,000	94,985	-76,985
Information & Public Relations	30,000	15,890	14,110
Office running costs	28,995	48,188	-19,193
Communication Costs	19,250	35,660	-16,410
Professional Fees	0	12,705	-12,705
Financial Charges	2,000	866	1,134
Other General Expenses	20,000	41,481	-21,481
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>			
Programme Support - PSR	190,722	254,954	-64,232
Total Operational Needs	1,008,237	1,604,355	-596,119
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	2,934,182	3,922,365	-988,183
Available Ressources			
Net Request	2,934,182	3,922,365	-988,183