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West Africa: Floods

Focus on Burkina Faso

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This Emergency Appeal has been revised, and now seeks a total of CHF 2,934,182 (USD 2,505,706 or EUR 1,767,580) in cash, kind, or services to assist 94,825 beneficiaries in Burkina Faso, Ghana and Togo for 6 months.

[Preliminary Emergency Appeal](#) for Ghana was launched on 17 September 2007 for CHF 1.47 million for 6 months to assist 60,000 people.

[Revised Preliminary Emergency Appeal](#) was issued on 18 September 2007 for CHF 2.5 million to assist some 82,000 people in Ghana and Togo for 6 months.

Given the regional scope of the disaster, the Federation has adjusted this appeal based on a West Africa regional approach. This Appeal Revision focuses on and provides the response plan for Burkina Faso. Other affected countries will be incorporated depending on the extent of needs. Country-specific updates will be made available shortly.

Total Disaster Relief Emergency Funds allocated: CHF 226,065 (CHF 126,065 for Burkina Faso and CHF 100,000 for Ghana).

[<Click here to view the attached Revised Appeal budget>](#)

[<Click here to link to a map of the affected area in Burkina Faso>](#)

The situation

Burkina Faso, like several other African countries, has been hard hit by flooding following heavy rains since the beginning of August 2007. The Government has reported that almost 40,000 people have been severely affected and are living in vulnerable conditions. There have been considerable losses as houses and household items have been destroyed, crops washed away and food stocks destroyed. Unconfirmed reports estimate that up to 33 people may have been killed and 8,412 houses destroyed.



The Red Cross has conducted rapid assessments in several flood-affected areas of Burkina. Detailed assessments are ongoing.

According to findings of a joint assessment conducted by the World Food Programme (WFP) and Burkina Faso's National Agricultural Statistics and Forecasting Service (DGPSA) from 28 August to 2 September 2007, more than 22,212 hectares of farmland have been washed away in the regions of Haut Bassin, Mouhoun, Cascades, North and Central-East. In Nahouri Province, 11,263 hectares of farmland are reported to have been affected. Crop losses in Mouhoun and Cascades are estimated at 2,300 tonnes.

The results of joint assessments by WFP, DGPSA and the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS) local committees on livestock losses indicated that 3,980 poultry and 537 heads of cattle and sheep perished in the floods. However, the crop and livestock loss assessment was not exhaustive as some areas are yet to be reached.

Nevertheless, from preliminary findings, a period of food insecurity is foreseen in the affected localities for the following reasons:

- The months of August and September usually coincide with low food stocks;
- The period is favourable to malaria and diarrhoea diseases (food production activities may be affected);
- The new school year begins between 15 September and 1 October;
- It will take time for the saturated land in affected areas to dry and food production activities to resume.

Additionally, the most affected regions are the main food production areas in the country. As such, poor or low yields can have a great impact on other localities. About 90 per cent of the affected populations are farmers who rely on their harvests to meet most needs, such as their families' staple diet, their children's school fees, medical care, socio-cultural activities and family events (funerals, wedding, etc.). Because food production is normally augmented by cattle breeding, the combination of crop/harvest and livestock losses, in addition to the destruction caused to houses, has inevitably increased the vulnerability of the populations.

Responding to a request from the National Society, the Federation is revising this Emergency Appeal to include support for activities in Burkina Faso. The situation is evolving, and the BRCS and the Federation will provide updates shortly that reflect the situation in the country.

Table 1: Overview of affected households, by province

Provinces	No. of people affected	No. of household affected
Houet*	9,800	780
Nahouri*	10,901	3,300
Lorum*	5,500	650
Kourittenga*	5,290	621
Soum+	2,559	232
Léraba*	2,085	460
Banwa*	5,562	740
Sanguié+	1,333	721
Zandoma+	736	32
Total	43,766	7,536

*Source: Burkinabe Red Cross Society. Red Cross volunteers are conducting assessments in order to confirm figures.

+Source: National Committee for Emergency and Rehabilitation Assistance (CONASUR¹)

¹ In French: Comité National de Secours d'Urgence et de Réhabilitation (CONASUR)

The needs

Immediate needs include:

- Kitchen sets;
- Hygiene kits;
- Complementary food;
- Hygiene and health education, including malaria prevention activities.

Other needs are:

- Rebuilding destroyed houses;
- Agricultural kits (seeds and fertilizers) for out-of-season cultivations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society, through its local committees, began its response in some of the affected areas in late August 2007. To date, the National Society has provided support to local authorities in carrying out preliminary assessments and providing prompt assistance to affected people. As floodwaters recede from houses in some areas, it is becoming apparent that previous assessments underestimated the scale of damage. The BRCS has thus recommended that its local committees conduct new assessments in areas which were previously inaccessible.

Immediately after the first spate of flooding occurred, the BRCS mobilized volunteers and first-aid workers – through its provincial committees – to support the government in responding to the needs of flood affected people in Houet and Nahouri provinces. At least 50 Red Cross volunteers were mobilized to assist in the evacuation of casualties and creating awareness on water and sanitation (Watsan) issues. The Federation allocated CHF 126,065 (USD 104,705 or EUR 76,403) from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable the National Society to respond to initial needs in this operation.

The financial support from the Federation's DREF has enabled the National Society to provide assistance to 1,004 flood affected households in the provinces of Houet, Comoe and Leraba. This assistance consists of essential non-food items (2,820 sleeping mats, 2,820 blankets and 45 bales of second-hand clothes), 3,000 hygiene kits (towels, dust clothes, soap, detergent, sponge towels and 1,860 15-litre buckets) and hygiene and health sensitization material.

Additionally, with support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the BRCS is assisting displaced persons from Zounwéogo with kits which comprise of essential non-food items (sleeping mats, blankets, tarpaulins, soap and kitchen sets). This assistance will benefit communities which have been affected by violence between farmers and cattle breeders (approximately 350 households in Zounwéogo Province) and flood affected people in Nahouri Province (more than 1,500 households). The National Society's local committee has also assisted 150 flood affected people in Kourittenga Province with essential non-food items (sleeping mats and blankets) and food items (millet).

Coordination and partnerships

An inter-agency assessment mission was organized on 21-23 September 2007.

Government

The Government of Burkina Faso has mainly provided food items and non-food relief items (from 15 August to 15 September 2007). Though the government's assistance covers almost all affected provinces, it has not been adequate to meet the needs of all affected people. According to Red Cross estimates, government assistance has reached only 18.8 per cent of the affected populations. For instance, beneficiaries of food distributions conducted in Dakola, Nahouri Province, received 6.9 kg of cereals each due to the limited resources of the government.

The government has benefited from a 400 family tents donation by the Moroccan Government – through bilateral cooperation – and non-food items estimated at more than XOF 98 million from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), including impregnated bed nets.

United Nations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society is working closely with WFP, OXFAM and UNICEF to implement a joint project which encompasses food distribution, distribution of impregnated bed nets and implementation of WatSan-related activities. The coordination aims at ensuring efficiency in the provision of humanitarian assistance, minimizing/eliminating waste of resources and avoiding overlapping.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) is assessing the agricultural situation with a view of providing support to farmers and helping them to catch up with the next planting season.

The proposed operation

The Red Cross intervention is intended to assist 2,565 flood affected families.

Beneficiary selection criteria

Red Cross activities are directed to the following beneficiaries as a priority group:

- Pregnant women, breastfeeding women, children aged under 16 years, persons with disabilities and the elderly;
- Widows and/or women headed households;
- Households whose houses have been destroyed;
- People whose farms have been destroyed.

Objectives and activities planned

Emergency relief

Objective 1: To provide essential non-food relief items to 2,565 vulnerable flood-affected households in Burkina Faso.

Expected Result: 2,565 flood affected households have adequate items to prepare food as well as appropriate material to live decently.

Activity: Procure, airlift, transport and distribute 7,695 buckets; 7,695 blankets; 7,695 sleeping mats, 2,565 kitchen sets and other basic relief items.

Health

Objective 2: To prevent water and vector borne diseases.

Expected results:

- Improved hygiene practices amongst the target population;
- Increased awareness of water and vector borne disease prevention and control;
- Reduced risk of water and vector borne diseases in the target areas.

Activities:

- Train Red Cross volunteers, opinion leaders and groups of flood and violence affected people on hygiene promotion and health education;
- Conduct hygiene and health education activities (as part of the NFI distributions);
- Procure and distribute 8,002 hygiene kits;

- Procure and distribute 4,000 impregnated bed nets, demonstrated their use, register and follow-up that their use is appropriate (the Red Cross will cover gaps; a donation of 2,000 bed nets to the government – by UNICEF – has partially covered the needs).

Logistics

A detailed and up-to-date mobilization table is available on the Federation's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) [<Click here to view the attached latest mobilization table>](#). The Federation will be working on the mobilization of specific relief items to respond to needs in the field; donors are encouraged to coordinate with the Dubai Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) regarding outstanding needs. Shipping instructions will be provided to donors with a commodity tracking number issued prior to shipping any goods to the operation area. Procurement of goods and transport can also be arranged through the RLU.

The Federation's West and Central Africa logistic unit in Dakar, Senegal, is providing support to the Burkinabe Red Cross Society and coordinating regional support with the RLU in Dubai and partners such as UNICEF, WFP and other NGOs.

The RLU aims at ensuring coordinated mobilization of relief goods, coordinated reception of all incoming goods, coordinated warehousing (as required), and coordinated and efficient dispatch of goods to final distribution points.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The BRCS's flood response activities provide an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the added value of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to the public. The BRCS has requested the Federation's Zone office in Dakar to assist in strengthening her ability to disseminate and communicate Red Cross activities. The Federation's Zone information delegate, together with the regional information officer, will continue to assist the National Society in formulating strategies to address the public and media, documenting the distribution process, witnessing the interaction between Red Cross staff and volunteers and beneficiaries, and producing relevant articles and photographs.

Capacity of the National Society

The BRCS has quite an extensive experience in responding to flood-related disasters, relief operations and social mobilization during health epidemics. However it is difficult for the National Society to cope with the situation in the flood affected areas due to its limited capacity. The BRCS has, thus, requested the support of the Federation. Meanwhile, the National Society has a good network of volunteers who help to manage community healthcare programmes.

Capacity of the Federation

The Federation has no representation within Burkina Faso but has a Zone office in Dakar, Senegal. The Zone office has technical staff required to support an emergency operation. From its pool of technicians, disaster response skills (through the RDRT and ERU tools) are available at the Zone office. They include public health (including Watsan), emergency health, relief and shelter, IT and telecoms, logistics, finance, reporting and communications.

Revised Appeal budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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How we work

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.

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The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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.

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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

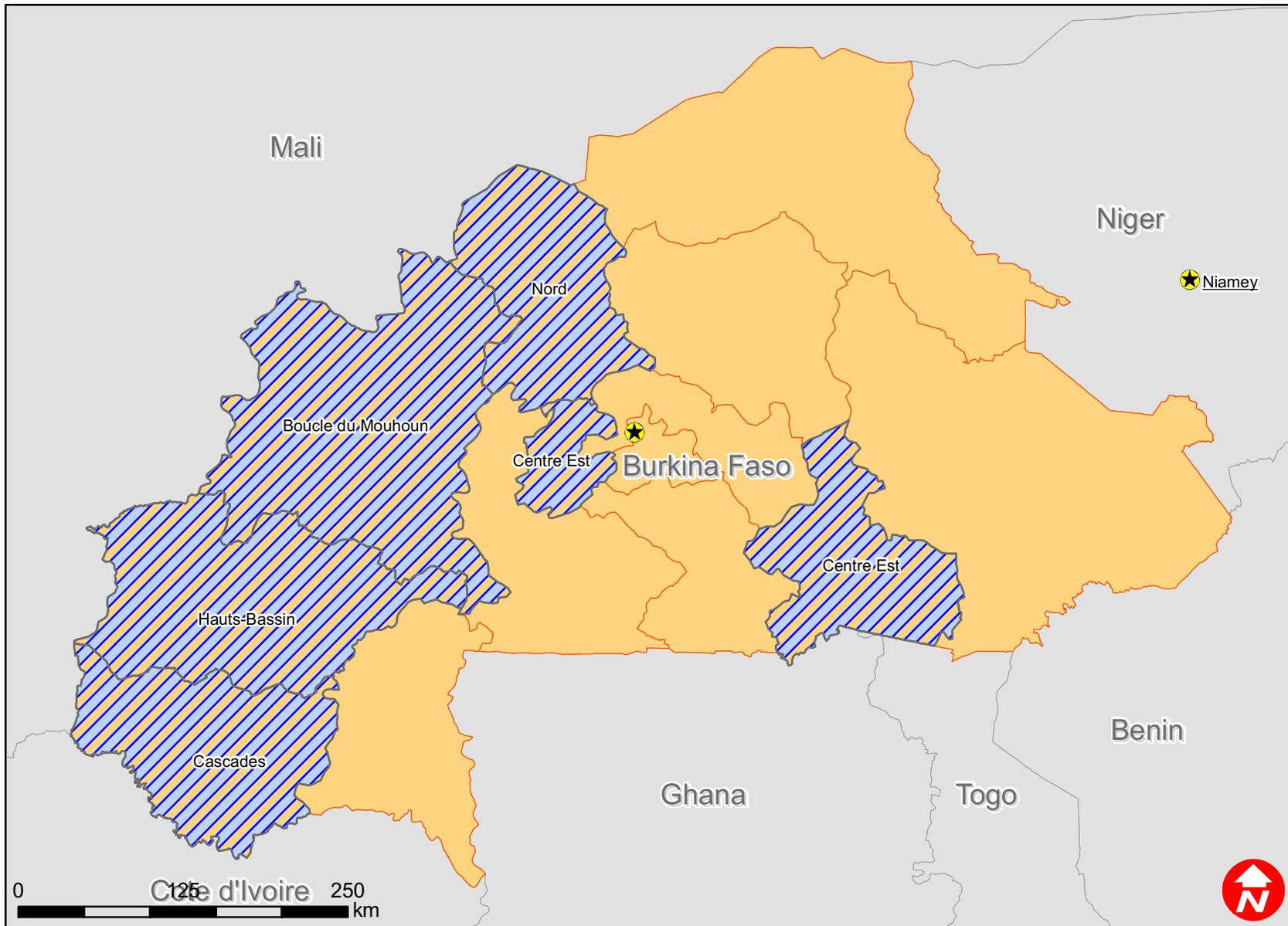
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	Ghana	Togo	Burkina Faso	Revised total
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>				
Shelter	549,000	91,500	125,685	766,185
Construction Materials		25,000	0	25,000
Clothing & Textiles	75,000	67,520	24,000	166,520
Food		0	0	0
Seeds & Plants	40,000	40,000	0	80,000
Water & Sanitation	93,750	26,000	78,490	198,240
Medical & First Aid	50,000	74,000	0	124,000
Teaching Materials	5,000	12,000	0	17,000
Utensils & Tools	160,000	74,000	0	234,000
Other Supplies & Services	220,000	95,000	0	315,000
Total Relief Needs	1,192,750	505,020	228,175	1,925,945
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>				
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0
Vehicles Purchase	0	35,000	0	35,000
Computers & Telecom Equipment	10,000	36,200	0	46,200
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	0	8,000	0	8,000
Medical Equipment	0	0	0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0	0	0
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>				
Storage - Warehouse	30,000	20,000	0	50,000
Distribution & Monitoring	20,000	38,000	1,500	59,500
Transport & Vehicles Costs	30,000	55,000	43,350	128,350
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
International Staff	30,000	100,000	0	130,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	30,000	22,600	20,000	72,600
National Staff		15,750	0	15,750
National Society Staff	10,000	63,750	68,970	142,720
Consultants		0	0	0
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>				
Workshops & Training		6,000	5,150	11,150
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>				
Travel	10,000	8,000	0	18,000
Information & Public Relations	10,000	20,000	0	30,000
Administration costs	5,000	4,000	19,995	28,995
Communication Costs	2,000	16,000	1,250	19,250
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0
Financial Charges	0	2,000	0	2,000
Other General Expenses		20,000	0	20,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>				
Programme Support - PSR	95,918	67,803	27,000	190,722
Total Operational Needs	282,918	538,103	187,215	1,008,237
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	1,475,668	1,043,123	415,390	2,934,182
Available Resources**	998,487	50,021	33,346	1,081,854
Net Request	477,181	993,102	382,044	1,852,328



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