

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## NAMIBIA: CAPRIVI FLOODS

Appeal MDRNA003  
(Glide no. FL-2007-000030-NAM)  
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### In Brief

Appeal no. MDRNA003; Operations Update no. 2; Period covered: 23 April to 20 June 2007; Appeal coverage: 49%; ([Click here to go directly to the financial report, also available on the website.](#))

#### Appeal history:

- Launched on 22 March 2007 for CHF 877,479 (USD or EUR) for 6 months to assist 15,000 beneficiaries.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 112, 877.

Outstanding needs: CHF 443,110 (USD 358,218 or EUR 260,635)

**Operational Summary:** The Caprivi region in Namibia has experienced one of its worst floods in over 50 years. The floods affected four constituencies of Kabbe, Katima rural, Linyanti and Kongola where many villages, fields, cattle and boreholes were submerged in water. At least nine people have been reported dead since the floods started. Pupils from 11 schools were relocated on higher ground, while some affected communities were also relocated to four camps namely Lusese, Kabbe, Impalila and Schuckmansburg. The relocated population was provided with shelter, food, health and water and sanitation services through joint efforts of Namibia Red Cross Society (NRCS), Federation and Namibia government. The following beneficiaries have been assisted:

No. of households	Total beneficiaries	>18	Elderly	Pregnant Women	Disabled Persons	Adult	
						Male	Female
2,400	8,100	60%	4%	2%	1%	17%	16%

This operation is 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.

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### Operational developments

Some of the beneficiaries in relocation camps have started moving back to their villages, but an estimated 5,000 beneficiaries are still to benefit from the planned NRCS activities until September 2007. Selection of beneficiaries was based on the level of damage to property and losses. Particular focus was on the elderly, disabled, pregnant women and children and the vulnerability of the affected households. Over 3,000 families were affected.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress and impact

**Overall objective: Provision of relief assistance of shelter, water and sanitation, health promotion and distribution of non-food items to 3,000 affected household.**

#### Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

**Distribution of non-food items:** NRCS distributed non-food items to over 8,000 beneficiaries consisting of jerry cans, tents, mosquito nets, blankets and tarpaulins.

**Table 1: Distribution of Relief items**

Camp	HH	Total Ben.	Tents	P.Sheet (rolls)	Tarps	Blankets	Jerry cans	Mos-nets	Bar Soaps	Water makers
Lusese Camp A & B	486	1,707	15	476	657	758	416	66	56.25	276
Kabbe Camp C	236	1,077	0	240	450	241	246	102	0	8,000
Schuckmansburg Camp	348	1,509	10	492	491	987	334	107	158	38,520
Kabbe Camp D	17	36		21	85	391	31		97.5	3,211
Impalila	84	329	0	30	0	81	67	15	0	3,880
Office Distribution	1,450	4,968	14	84	67	518	36	93	127	59,837
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>9,626</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>438.8</b>	<b>11,3724</b>

**Constraints:** Computers at the NRCS regional office in Caprivi were all affected by a virus, which affected processing of information and communication with headquarters, government, Federation and other partners. Federation Operational Zone for Southern Africa provided technical support and the computers were cleaned and updated with AVG antivirus programme. A small computer network was setup to enable user on the Local Area Network (LAN) to share the available printers.

**Promotion of health and hygiene practices in the four relocation sites:** A total of 20 Red Cross volunteers from the affected areas were trained on health and hygiene promotion and are actively involved with daily activities in the relocation camps. The Federation Operational Zone for Southern Africa deployed the regional health officer

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for two weeks to assist with the training and implementation of health activities. SPHERE minimum standards had been applied throughout the activities of the operation.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is providing all curative services at clinics near the relocation sites. Health and hygiene education is done by Red Cross volunteers and includes the following issues:

- Solid waste control.
- Clearing of stagnant waters to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Promotion of proper use of latrines.
- Education on health, hygiene practices.
- Supporting HBC clients through care facilitators.

No disease outbreak has been reported at the relocation sites or the affected area.

**Constraints:** the NRCS does not have a health officer to continue with the health and care activities at all levels.

### **Provision of temporary shelter to 3,000 households in the relocated sites.**

Tarpaulins and plastic sheeting were used to provide temporary shelters to 3,000 households. Half of the plastic sheeting was procured by the REMU. The 40 tents available were distributed to elderly people.

**Constraints:** The procurement of materials for shelter by the REMU was slow due to limited financial and transportation resources. Continued rainfall collapsed some of the temporary shelters, which were immediately re-enforced by the Red Cross volunteers.

### **Provision of safe drinking water and sanitation at all sites; Provision of water purification sachets for 3,000 non -relocated households**



*Pit latrines at Lusese Camp*

The assessment of the relocation sites had revealed that there was a lack basic sanitation facilities and access to safe drinking water at all sites. All the relocation sites had existing boreholes, which were rehabilitated to provide safe potable water. A total of 67 pit latrines were constructed and beneficiaries are educated on how to utilise the facilities and to dig holes for the removal of rubbish. The latrines are disinfected on a regular basis with chloride.

At Schuckmansburg, the supply of water has improved after a 10,000 litre and 5,000 litre water tanks were installed. A generator was added to increase to flow of water into the tanks. The boreholes at Lusese camps A and B have been equipped with submersible pumps and engines and 10,000 litre water tanks each. Camp C at Kabbe is equipped with an additional 2 x 5,000 litre water tanks and Schuckmansburg was equipped with an additional 5,000 litre water tank generators. The

additional latrines improved the hygiene situation at the camps and people have access to more than 40 litres of safe water per person per day. Personal hygiene of the beneficiaries has improved.

**Constraints:** Culturally there is poor use of latrines within the Caprivi region, which was evident among the beneficiaries in relocation camp. NRCS therefore increased its efforts on health and hygiene promotion in order to prevent outbreaks of diseases.

**Coordination:** The REMU with support of Directorate of Disaster Management Unit at national level coordinates the operation. Meetings are scheduled three times per week for feedback and planning, attended by NRCS, line ministries, United Nations (UN) – World Food Programme (WFP). Coordination is strengthened and

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this ensures the maximum use of resources to have greater impact on the targeted beneficiaries. The Namibian government has released ten million Namibian dollars (CHF 1.7 million) for the floods operation.

### **Federation Coordination**

In response to the floods, the Federation developed a plan of action and the appeal was launched on March 22, 2007. Federation staff members with technical experience in disaster response, water and sanitation and health were deployed to support the NS in implementing the activities of the operation.

### **National Society Capacity Building**

National Society staffs involved in the operation have increased their capacity in disaster management with the support, learning from the deployed Federation staff. The early warning system among the communities prone to flooding is now strengthened through continued sensitisation activities.

[\*Contributions list below; click here to return to the title page.\*](#)

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Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2007/6
Budget Timeframe	2007/3-2007/9
Appeal	MDRNA003
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		877'479				877'479
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Cash contributions						
Japanese Red Cross		28'819				28'819
Monaco Red Cross		24'600				24'600
Netherlands Red Cross		65'600				65'600
Swedish Red Cross		265'950				265'950
C1. Cash contributions		384'969				384'969
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
British Red Cross		49'400				49'400
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		49'400				49'400
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		434'369				434'369
D. Total Funding = B + C		434'369				434'369

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		434'369				434'369
E. Expenditure		-145'264				-145'264
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		289'106				289'106

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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
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		877'479					<b>877'479</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	67'810						67'810	
Clothing & textiles	97'920		22'878			22'878	75'042	
Water & Sanitation	99'965		7'931			7'931	92'034	
Teaching Materials	7'100						7'100	
Utensils & Tools	45'000		10'487			10'487	34'513	
Other Supplies & Services	57'600						57'600	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>375'395</b>		<b>41'295</b>			<b>41'295</b>	<b>334'100</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	9'240						9'240	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	3'270						3'270	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>12'510</b>						<b>12'510</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	6'538		499			499	6'039	
Distribution & Monitoring	105'000		11'245			11'245	93'755	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	32'750		16'803			16'803	15'947	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>144'288</b>		<b>28'546</b>			<b>28'546</b>	<b>115'742</b>	
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
National Staff			6'204			6'204	-6'204	
National Society Staff	134'200		22'065			22'065	112'135	
Consultants	20'000						20'000	
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>154'200</b>		<b>28'269</b>			<b>28'269</b>	<b>125'931</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	3'500		117			117	3'383	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>3'500</b>		<b>117</b>			<b>117</b>	<b>3'383</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	16'800		8'900			8'900	7'900	
Information & Public Relation	2'500						2'500	
Office Costs	105'000		496			496	104'504	
Communications	3'450		1'173			1'173	2'277	
Professional Fees	1'800						1'800	
Financial Charges	1'000		791			791	209	
Other General Expenses			2'529			2'529	-2'529	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>130'550</b>		<b>13'889</b>			<b>13'889</b>	<b>116'661</b>	
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	57'036		9'442			9'442	47'594	
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>57'036</b>		<b>9'442</b>			<b>9'442</b>	<b>47'594</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			23'706			23'706	-23'706	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>23'706</b>			<b>23'706</b>	<b>-23'706</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>877'479</b>		<b>145'264</b>			<b>145'264</b>	<b>732'216</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>732'216</b>			<b>732'216</b>		