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DREF final report

Gabon: Violent wind and 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 Red Crescent response to emergencies. 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.

Summary: CHF 96,960 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 17 January, 2011 to support the Gabonese Red Cross National Society (GRCS) in delivering assistance to some 203 families, i.e. 1,015 beneficiaries.

In early January 2011, the localities of Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele experienced serious torrential rains and violent winds, affecting 353 families, i.e. 1,765 people and killing 1.

Volunteers of the Gabonese Red Cross conducted an emergency assessment of the situation and identified 203 vulnerable families, i.e. 1,015 people, who had lost their homes and property and were living without shelter even as it continued to rain.



In March 2011, the Gabonese Red Cross assisted victims of violent wind with materials to help rehabilitate their houses. IFRC

Thanks to the DREF allocation, the GRCS, supported by IFRC, has distributed non-food items to the 203 families (80 families in Tchibanga, 22 in Franceville, 45 in Dzenzele and 56 in Mimongo) and assisted them in rebuilding or rehabilitating their houses. Red Cross volunteers also distributed insecticide-treated bed nets, carried out sanitation activities and raised awareness about hygiene promotion. The beneficiaries are now back home and the operation is completed.

The Netherland Red Cross/Government contributed CHF 31,658 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The major donors and partners of DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the U.S.A., as well as DG-ECHO, the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, thanks all for their generous contributions.

Details of contributions to DREF are found at: www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2010.pdf for 2010, and at: www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf for 2011.

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The situation

Beginning the last week of December 2010, several localities of the Republic of Gabon faced violent winds and torrential rains. The situation deteriorated in early January 2011 as the localities of Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele experienced serious torrential rains and violent wind, leading to destruction of houses and other serious damages. The disaster affected 353 families, i.e. 1,765 people, claimed one life in Tchimbanga and wounded many in all four localities affected. In Tchimbanga, the violent wind took away the roofs of the local Government technical secondary school, the Nazaire Boulingui General secondary school, the professional training centre, and the Saint Joseph catholic primary school.

Called into action by the scope of the disaster, the volunteers of the Gabonese Red Cross conducted an emergency assessment of the situation and identified 203 vulnerable families, i.e. 1,015 people, who had been left homeless, with no household property. They were living in the open air under extremely precarious conditions as it continued to rain.

Thanks to the DREF allocation, the GRCS, supported by IFRC Central Africa Regional Representation (CARREP) assisted the most vulnerable 1,015 people affected by the disaster. Red Cross volunteers distributed non-food items to the 203 families (80 families in Tchibanga, 22 in Franceville, 45 in Dzenzele and 56 in Mimongo) and assisted them in rebuilding or rehabilitating their houses. Red Cross volunteers also carried out sanitation activities in the affected localities, and raised awareness about hygiene promotion.

An institutional crisis occurred at Gabonese Red Cross, leading to the suspension of the governing board of the NS by the President of the Republic. This made it very complicated to produce the final report of this operation; even though almost all activities had been carried out before the start of the institutional crisis.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

At the onset of the disaster, government and private services in charge of disaster management conducted a field assessment mission. Such services included social services, the Risk Prevention Department, and the GRCS. The Government local authorities in the affected localities assisted the National Society (NS) during the launching of Red Cross response operation.

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: To contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable 203 families (1,015 people) affected by violent wing and floods in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele.	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most vulnerable 203 families (1,015 people) have actually received the planned non-food items, and these have contributed to improving their living conditions following the disaster. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase and transport 406 mats, 406 blankets, 203 cooking kits, 203 hygiene kits, 1,015 buckets, 1,015 pieces of soap of 250 g each, and 406 tarpaulins to the affected localities Train/retrain Red Cross volunteers on distribution techniques and methods Prepare distribution tools using the list of the beneficiaries targeted Distribute the non-food items to the targeted beneficiaries Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on distribution activities

Impact: IFRC CARREP purchased and transported 406 mats, 406 blankets, 203 cooking kits, 203 hygiene kits, and 1,015 buckets, 1,015 pieces of soap of 250 g each, and 406 tarpaulins, as well as 609 insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITMN) to Libreville. From there, all items were transported to Tchibanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele.

The RDRT member that was deployed to Gabon for the operation has trained 27 Red Cross volunteers on distribution and sensitization techniques, specifically seven each in Tchibanga, Mimongo, and Dzenzele and six in Franceville. After the training, the RDRT member developed a distribution plan in close collaboration with the trained volunteers. The plan explained how to package the items for each family of beneficiaries, prepare distribution lists and organize waiting lines.

After this preparatory work, the Governor of the Nyanga province proceeded to the official launching of Red Cross assistance. Red Cross volunteers then started distributing the items to families. Each pack contained three ITMN, two blankets, three mats, one cooking kit, one jerry can, one hygiene kit for women, two tarpaulins, one shelter kit, 15 pieces of soap of 250 g each, and a financial support of CFA F 15,480 (about CHF 30) as Red Cross contribution for rehabilitating or rebuilding houses. All targeted 203 families actually benefited from the distributions; and this enabled them to start rehabilitating their houses and stay away from bad weather.

Challenges:

The major challenge was the fact that some families that had not been classified as most vulnerable complained and also wanted to benefit from the distributions. The Red Cross team discussed with them, explaining how limited the available resources were, the vulnerability criteria employed, and how those targeted actually needed more assistance than the others did.

Emergency health	
Objective: To contribute to preventing and reducing the risk of floods and weather-related diseases in the localities affected by floods and violent wind (Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele).	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gabonese Red Cross has made a contribution to ensure that the most vulnerable 203 families are free from floods and weather-related diseases. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase 609 insecticide-treated mosquito nets and distribute to the 203 most vulnerable families Provide five water purification tablets for 30 days to the 203 most vulnerable families Train 50 Red Cross volunteers in key malaria messages and hanging up and the proper use of bed nets Train the 203 families on how to install and use the insecticide-treated mosquito nets Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on emergency health activities

Impact: Twenty seven Red Cross volunteers were trained in key malaria messages as well as on hanging up and the proper use of bed nets. These trained volunteers then distributed 3 ITMN to each of the 203 targeted most vulnerable families. After the distribution, they also trained the beneficiaries on how to install and use the ITMN as a means of preventing malaria. So far, Red Cross volunteers have trained 30 families out of the 80 targeted in Tchibanga. This activity was pursued throughout the sensitization period, i.e. until the end of the operation. In order to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases, chlorine was purchased and put at the disposal of Red Cross local committees. The committees provided proper training to the populations and volunteers before using it for water purification. No case of water borne disease was registered during the timeframe of the operation.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion	
Objective: To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to malaria among all the families affected by floods and violent wind in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele.	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures are taken to ensure that all the families affected by violent wind and floods in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele live in a healthy environment. All affected families are aware of key hygiene 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase 15 sanitation kits, each comprising shovels, racks, raincoats, boots, gloves, mufflers, etc. Organize sanitation and hygiene promotion campaigns in Tchimbanga, Franceville,

<p>promotion messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outbreak of water and sanitation related diseases is prevented 	<p>Mimongo and Dzenzele</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitize the population on hygiene rules using leaflets Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities
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Impact: With the support of the RDRT member deployed to Gabon for the operation, Red Cross volunteers organized sanitation and hygiene promotion campaigns in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele. During these campaigns, the volunteers used the 15 sanitation kits purchased for the operation. They also used the leaflets that were produced to promote hygiene and sanitation rules.

Emergency shelter

<p>Objective: Contribute to giving back at least a temporary shelter to the most vulnerable 203 families affected by floods and violent wind in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele.</p>	
<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most vulnerable 203 families affected by floods and violent wind in Tchimbanga, Franceville, Mimongo and Dzenzele are sheltered, at least on a temporary basis. 	<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase and distribute tarpaulins to the families whose houses have been destroyed completely or partially Provide financial support for the most vulnerable 203 families to help them rebuild their houses Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on shelter activities

Impact: Shelter kits were purchased as planned and distributed to the most vulnerable 203 families. Each shelter kit was composed of two tarpaulins, spade, hammer, saw, machete, pair of pliers, roll of iron wire, clothesline, hoe and one kilo of sheet metal nails and one kilo of 8cm nails. Red Cross volunteers then assisted the 203 targeted families in rehabilitating or building their houses. The beneficiaries are now back home.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 17 January 2011 for CHF 96,960 for three months to assist 1,015 beneficiaries.
 - A DREF operation update was issued on 14 April.
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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 (NGOs) 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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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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/1-2011/10
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/4
Appeal	MDRGA005
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	96,960					96,960
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	96,857					96,857
C4. Other Income	96,857					96,857
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	96,857					96,857
D. Total Funding = B + C	96,857					96,857
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	96,857					96,857
E. Expenditure	-96,857					-96,857
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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Appeal Launch Date: 14 jan 11

Appeal Timeframe: 14 jan 11 to 14 apr 11

Final Report

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		96,960					96,960	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	20,471						20,471	
Clothing & Textiles	7,911	1,820				1,820	6,091	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	914	10,413				10,413	-9,500	
Medical & First Aid	999	1,839				1,839	-840	
Teaching Materials	5,200	224				224	4,976	
Utensils & Tools	6,090						6,090	
Other Supplies & Services	8,120						8,120	
Cash Disbursement		7,121				7,121	-7,121	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	49,704	21,418				21,418	28,287	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,938	8,437				8,437	-6,499	
Distribution & Monitoring	22,000	11,985				11,985	10,015	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	1,200	2,004				2,004	-804	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	25,138	22,426				22,426	2,712	
Personnel								
International Staff	6,050	5,399				5,399	651	
National Staff	1,200	15,214				15,214	-14,014	
National Society Staff	5,200	2,630				2,630	2,570	
Volunteers		4,754				4,754	-4,754	
Total Personnel	12,450	27,997				27,997	-15,547	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training		736				736	-736	
Total Workshops & Training		736				736	-736	
General Expenditure								
Travel		10,872				10,872	-10,872	
Information & Public Relations	1,250	713				713	537	
Office Costs	500	2,182				2,182	-1,682	
Communications	1,500	2,925				2,925	-1,425	
Financial Charges	500	1,132				1,132	-632	
Other General Expenses		522				522	-522	
Total General Expenditure	3,750	18,346				18,346	-14,596	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	5,918	5,936				5,936	-18	
Total Indirect Costs	5,918	5,936				5,936	-18	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	96,960	96,857				96,857	103	
VARIANCE (C - D)		103				103		