

DREF operation



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Nigeria: Civil unrest

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The International Federation's 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 and 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.

CHF 246,829 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to some 7,500 beneficiaries most vulnerable and conduct in-depth assessment. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Violent protests in the northern part of Nigeria following the 16 April 2011 presidential poll have led to the death of hundreds of people with thousands injured while property including buildings and vehicles were damaged. Thousands of



NRCS volunteers assisting displaced population in Kaduna/NRCS

internally displaced persons including women and children are now temporarily sheltered in police and military barracks as well as in homes of traditional chiefs even after security operatives have brought the situation under control. Many of the IDPs could not return to their homes for fear of other attacks while many others have nowhere to return to as their houses have been destroyed by the protesters. The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) through its teams of volunteers in the affected state branches has been assisting the affected persons with first aid services, evacuation and distribution of some basic food and non food relief materials. To further scale up its humanitarian assistance to the affected communities, the NRCS with technical support from the West Coast Regional Representation of the International Federation has developed a plan of action to assist additional 1,500 most affected vulnerable families with non-food basic relief items like blankets, tarpaulins, water purification items, shelter kits, mosquito nets among others in the most affected states of Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe. The planned intervention will be supported by the International Federation through its DREF and the deployment of NDRT members whose presence are also expected to enhance the capacity of the affected branches of the National Society in emergency relief activities, especially in assessment.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 5 August 2011. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (31 August 2011).

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The situation

Nigeria's presidential election conducted on 16 April 2011 turned violent as a result of the results that started coming out on 17 April, 2011. Violent protests were recorded mostly in the northern part of Nigeria where some of the main presidential contenders originate from. Supporters of different candidates took to major streets in the north, especially in Kano, Kaduna, Bauchi, Gombe, Niger and Borno States, protesting the outcome of the election. Property including houses and vehicles was burnt while many lives were lost. However, the intervention of security operatives (including military personnel) deployed in the troubled areas and imposition of a curfew brought the situation under control after 3 days of protests. According to the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), initially more than 75,000 people were displaced, 288 died and 452 injured. Some of them were assisted by volunteers of the Nigerian Red Cross in the affected states. By 29 April 2011 the number of deaths was 294, injured 516 and 37,266 IDPs. The displaced people are currently being sheltered in military and police barracks and homes of traditional chiefs in the affected states. Although the situation was brought under control, there is still apprehension and fear amongst the population as the elections for governorship and state houses of assembly were scheduled to be held on 26 April 2011. The build up of political tension continued in states already affected, resulting in reports of bomb blasts in Borno and Kaduna. Meanwhile, the 26 April elections have been conducted in most states in the north except in Kaduna and Bauchi where elections were held on 28 April 2011.

Thousands of displaced vulnerable people are still sheltered in various temporary sites and in need of relief food and non-food items such as blankets, mats, kitchen sets and children clothes. There is also the fear of spread of epidemics such as cholera earlier reported in some of the affected states.

Coordination and Partnerships

The NRCS branches have been collaborating with the State and National Emergency Management Agencies (S/NEMA) in the provision of some wet ration food, non-food items and medical supplies to the affected population. States disaster management committees in which the NRCS branches are also members have been meeting under the leadership of SEMA. The National Society has also collaborated with the ICRC in providing relief items to the affected persons in some of the affected states and engaging in reuniting of family links (RFL) and tracing.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The National Headquarters of the NRCS has been monitoring the activities of the local branches during the elections. Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) and National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) across the country were deployed based on needs in the affected states during the elections. These teams are now responding to post-election violence in the affected states by providing first aid services and evacuation of victims. The IFRC West Coast Regional Representation in Abuja, Nigeria initially supported the NRCS with first aid kits (type1) and has been monitoring the situation with the National Society.

The Needs

The immediate needs of the affected persons after a preliminary assessment are expressed in terms of relief items (blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, buckets, water treatment tablets, jerry cans, soap, detergents etc.). It was also discovered that emergency shelter is needed for many of the affected families. Two of out the three worst affected states are already experiencing cholera and meningitis outbreaks.

Beneficiary selection:

While a comprehensive report on the assessment is planned, the Red Cross carried out a vulnerability analysis and identified 1,500 most vulnerable families in three worst affected states. The criteria in the selection include those who lost their houses and belongings, pregnant women/lactating mothers and families with children under 5 years old.

The proposed operation

The Nigerian Red Cross Society through the International Federation DREF support has been in the forefront in helping the affected population with relief assistance. The proposed operation will involve the deployment of NDRT members in Bauchi, Kano and Kaduna States to support these most affected states in assessment and organizing delivery of immediate relief assistance (basic non-food items), health in

emergency and emergency shelter for the displaced population for a period of three months with technical support from the Federation's West Coast Regional Representation.

The NRCS plans to carry out social mobilization campaign on health education against diseases such as malaria, cholera and meningitis in the target communities.

NRCS will invest its network of volunteers under the guidance of the deployed NDRTs for needs assessment, registration of beneficiaries, distribution of non-food items and sanitation equipment. The NRCS plans to support some of the affected families whose houses were destroyed with the construction of temporary shelters.

Relief distributions (Basic non-food items)

Outcome: 1,500 most affected households in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe have received specific quantity and quality of non-food items based on the assessment and selection criteria from Red Cross.

Expected Output

1,500 families are provided with basic non-food items for human dignity through established Red Cross criteria

Activities planned:

- Procure and distribute non-food items (blankets, mats, buckets, kitchen sets etc) at target distribution points
- Mobilize and brief 90 Red Cross volunteers on registration and distribution strategy of the Red Cross;
- Conduct a rapid emergency needs assessment in the target communities;
- Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user;
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide report on distribution of relief items;

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Reduced risks of cholera, malaria and meningitis in target communities in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe States.

Expected Output

Risk of cholera and meningitis is reduced in the camps and health status improved

Activities planned:

- Mobilize and train 90 Red Cross volunteers on good hygiene and health promotion using the ECV training modules;
- Procure 30 first aid kits and provide first aid services in the affected areas;
- Procure and distribute 1,500 pieces of water jerry cans and aqua tabs to 1,500 most affected families;
- Procure and distribute 6,000 bars of soap, 500 kitchen sets and 750 treated mosquito bed nets to the target most affected families; Sensitize the target communities on good hygiene and health practices

Emergency shelter

Outcome: 500 most vulnerable families in the affected communities in Bauchi, Kaduna and Gombe States are provided with emergency shelter.

Expected Output

Emergency shelter materials procured, distributed to most vulnerable families and orientation given on construction.

Activities planned:

- Carry out damage needs assessment in the affected communities;
- Develop beneficiary selection criteria and register beneficiaries;
- Procure and distribute 500 shelter kits and timber to the target beneficiaries in the 3 states;
- Support beneficiaries in emergency shelter construction in the affected communities

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The proposed intervention of the NRCS with support from the West Coast Regional Representation will provide an opportunity for the National Society to demonstrate the added value of its activities to the public. The National Society with technical support from the Regional Representation will ensure adequate and effective national and international coverage of the Red Cross intervention. The International Federation will be assisting the NRCS in enhancing the capacity of its communication team in information sharing and dissemination during emergency with the aim of increased visibility for the Red Cross in Nigeria.

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 \(NGO's\) 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.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

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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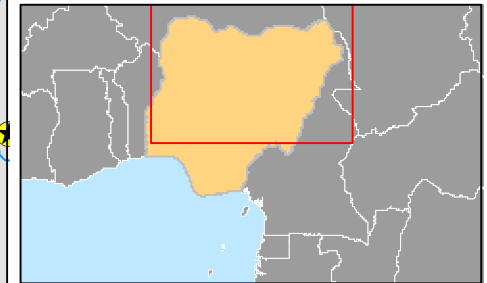
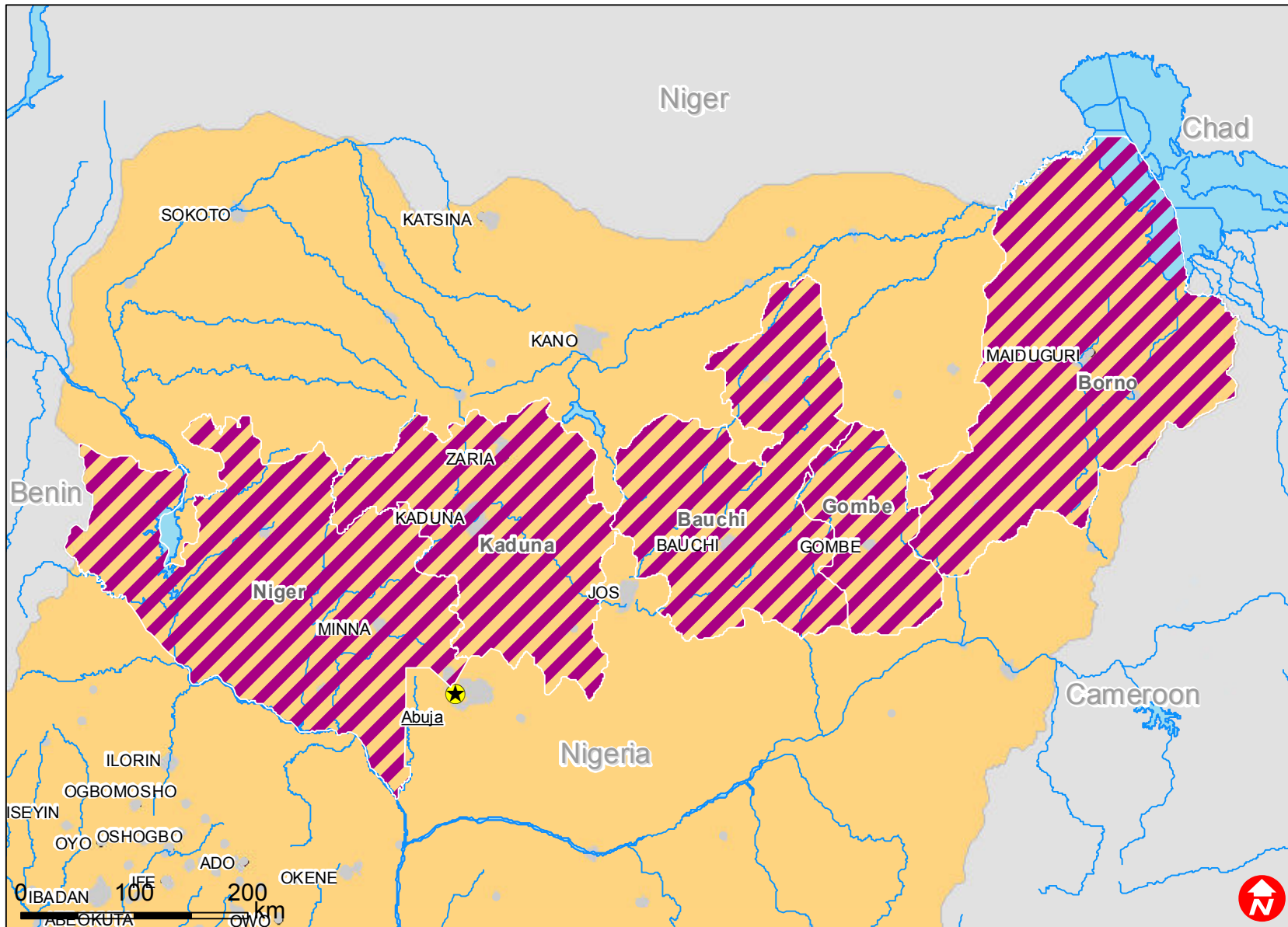
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	54,585	54,585
Shelter - Transitional	0	0
Construction - Housing	0	0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure	0	0
Construction - Materials	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	24,258	24,258
Food	0	0
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water & Sanitation	22,200	22,200
Medical & First Aid	9,842	9,842
Teaching Materials	1,280	1,280
Ustensils & Tools	24,245	24,245
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total Supplies	136,410	136,410
Land & Buildings	0	0
Vehicles	0	0
Computer & Telecom	3,080	3,080
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0
Medical Equipment	0	0
Other Machiney & Equipment	0	0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	3,080	3,080
Storage	1,744	1,744
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	24,974	24,974
Total Transport & Storage	26,718	26,718
International Staff	0	0
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0
National Staff	7,713	7,713
National Society Staff	36,977	36,977
Other Staff benefits	0	0
Consultants	0	0
Total Personnel	44,690	44,690
Workshops & Training	7,120	7,120
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Travel	0	0
Information & Public Relation	0	0
Office Costs	2,550	2,550
Communications	3,594	3,594
Professional Fees	0	0
Financial Charges	0	0
Other General Expenses	6,750	6,750
Total General Expenditure	12,895	12,895
Cash Transfers to National Societies	200	200
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties	651	651
Total Contributions & Transfers	851	851
Program Support	15,065	15,065
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Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	246,829	246,829



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