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# Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Tanzania: 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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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 203,042 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Tanzania Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 4,000 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Heavy downpours which started on 20 December 2011 have flooded Dar es Salaam City, causing 20 deaths. Over 200 people are injured and approximately 10,000 people (2,000 families) are displaced to evacuation centres. The total number of affected people is estimated at above 50,000 (10,000 families).

The Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) is responding with support from IFRC. TRCS will support people displaced to evacuation centres with first aid and relief in the form of NFIs, including blankets mattresses (2 per family), food, water containers, kitchen sets and soap, as well as mosquito nets (2 per family) targeting 1,000 households. WATSAN activities will target 3,000 households that remain in the flooded areas, and 300 of these will also receive emergency shelter assistance.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by end of March 2012; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by the end of June 2012).

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## The situation

Dar es Salaam city is currently subjected to massive flooding following unprecedented downpours which started in the early morning hours of 20 December 2011. The flood waters have overwhelmed the city's drainage systems resulting in mass displacement of the city residents, particularly those residing around the river Msimbazi basin. Heavily affected areas include Kigogo, Mwananyamala, Tandale, Ubungu and Tabata suburbs. According with Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA), these are the heaviest rains in Tanzania since its independence in 1961.

A rapid assessment of the disaster by the Tanzania Red Cross Society indicates the following estimate statistics: number of injured people is estimated at over 200, with approximately 2,500 people missing, mostly



TRCS Volunteers supporting people displaced by floods at one of the holding centres (Photo: TRCS)

children. As of 22 December 2011, the death toll due to the floods stood at 20, with hundreds of injuries. The total number of people affected by the floods is estimated at over 50,000 (approximately 10,000 families) among which about 10,000 people (approximately 2,000 families) have been displaced and are accommodated in the temporary displacement/holding centres.

Property and infrastructure damage is massive. Several main roads that link the centre to the suburbs are flooded and some bridges have been destroyed. Personal belongings of the affected households have been washed away by flood waters taking the meandering river course into the Indian Ocean. Accessibility to the city centre has been impaired as several bridges connecting the city centre with its suburbs have been damaged or flooded.

As reports by the Tanzania Meteorological Agency indicated that the rains would continue for several more days, the government has ordered all people residing on low land to vacate immediately.

## Coordination and partnerships

**Immediate Action by the Government:** The government authorities, the police force and fire brigade have been leading the search and rescue operation. The police force has deployed its helicopter for monitoring the search and rescue operation.

The government has established temporary displacement camps/centres, mostly at schools and open higher and safer grounds. So far, 11 displacement centres have been set up. These are: Mchikichini, Uhuru Mchanganyiko, Azania Secondary School, Tabata Primary School, Hananasif Secondary School, Kiburugwa, Vingunguti, Msimbazi Center, Magomeni Secondary School, Yanga Sports Club building (Jangwani) and Rutihinda Primary School.

The Dar es Salaam Government Regional Authorities have been convening emergency coordination meetings involving different stakeholder including the Red Cross to review the evolving situation and to mobilize resources for the affected people. The Government provided hot meals to the displaced population at the temporary displacement/holding camps/centres.

**Action by Other Organizations:** So far, there is limited intervention from other local or international NGOs. However, a number of private companies and individual well wishers have supported the affected people with sundry items.

TRCS is working closely with the Dar es Salaam regional administration and the Government Disaster Management department to provide basic assistance and life saving support to the flood affected people. Dar es Salaam regional administration under the Regional Commissioner is coordinating with TRCS and other humanitarian actors.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

A total of 5 TRCS senior staff and 30 volunteers were deployed to provide the following services:

- Tracing for misplaced children
- First Aid to the injured.
- Ambulance services.
- Transportation of the affected to the identified assembly points.
- Supply and distribution of key non-food items e.g. buoys, life jackets, tents, blankets, long-lasting insecticidal mosquito nets (LLINs) and soap.

The National Society has so far distributed: 20 First Aid kits, 400 life jackets, 100 buoys, 600 blankets, 1,000 water buckets, and 800 mosquito nets. In addition, 50 cartons of soap (1,000 bars) were distributed to support the displaced people. A total of 20 cartons of Water Guard purification tablets (1,440 sachets) were distributed. TRCS will be covering gaps in humanitarian needs that are not covered by the Government response.

## The needs

**Selection of people to be reached:** The criteria for selection of beneficiaries was based on partial or complete damage to property (houses and household items) as well as those who were not reached by Government response. TRCS will support people displaced to evacuation centres with first aid, and relief in the form of NFIs, including blankets mattresses (2 per family), food, mosquito nets (2 per family), water

containers, kitchen sets and soap, targeting 1,000 households. WATSAN activities will target 3,000 households that remain in the flooded areas, and 300 of these will also receive emergency shelter assistance.

## The proposed operation

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Outcome: The immediate needs of 1,000 families affected by floods in Tanzania (Dar es salaam) are met**

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct rapid emergency needs, and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies to 1,000 families and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. Relief supplies include blankets Cooking set and Mosquito nets (2/family)
- Distribution of mattress at the evacuation centres, according with identified needs.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

### Emergency health

**Outcome: Immediate assistance is provided to the people injured during the floods;**

**Activities planned:**

- Procurement and distribution of stretchers, 100 First Aid kits and personal protective equipment for staff and volunteers for use during response.
- Provide First Aid to injured people in the temporary centres.

**Outcome: Households are better protected against malaria and other insect vector-borne diseases**

**Activities planned:**

- Procure and distribute 2,000 LLIN bed nets( 2/family).
- Carry out awareness campaign on proper hanging and use of bed nets.

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases among 3,000 families is reduced through provision of safe water and hygiene awareness**

**Activities planned:**

- Procure and distribute 100,000 water treatment tablets to affected families.
- Procure and distribute bars of laundry soap to affected families.
- Procure and distribute buckets to affected families.
- Conduct hygiene awareness activities in affected areas and in the temporary relocation centres.

### Emergency shelter

**Objective: The immediate shelter and settlement needs of the 300 families are met.**

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct rapid damage assessment and identify number in need of shelter
- Provide emergency shelter through distribution of tarpaulins and shelter kits to 300 families
- Carry out shelter kit training

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  2. Enable healthy and safe living.
  3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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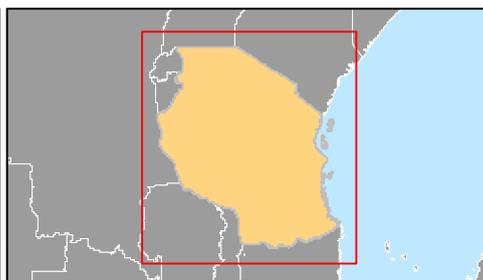
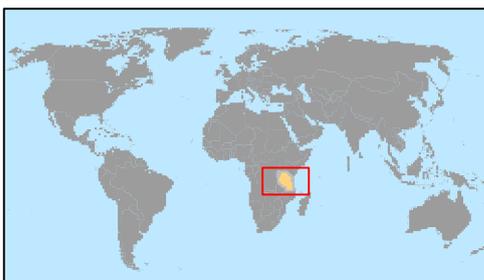
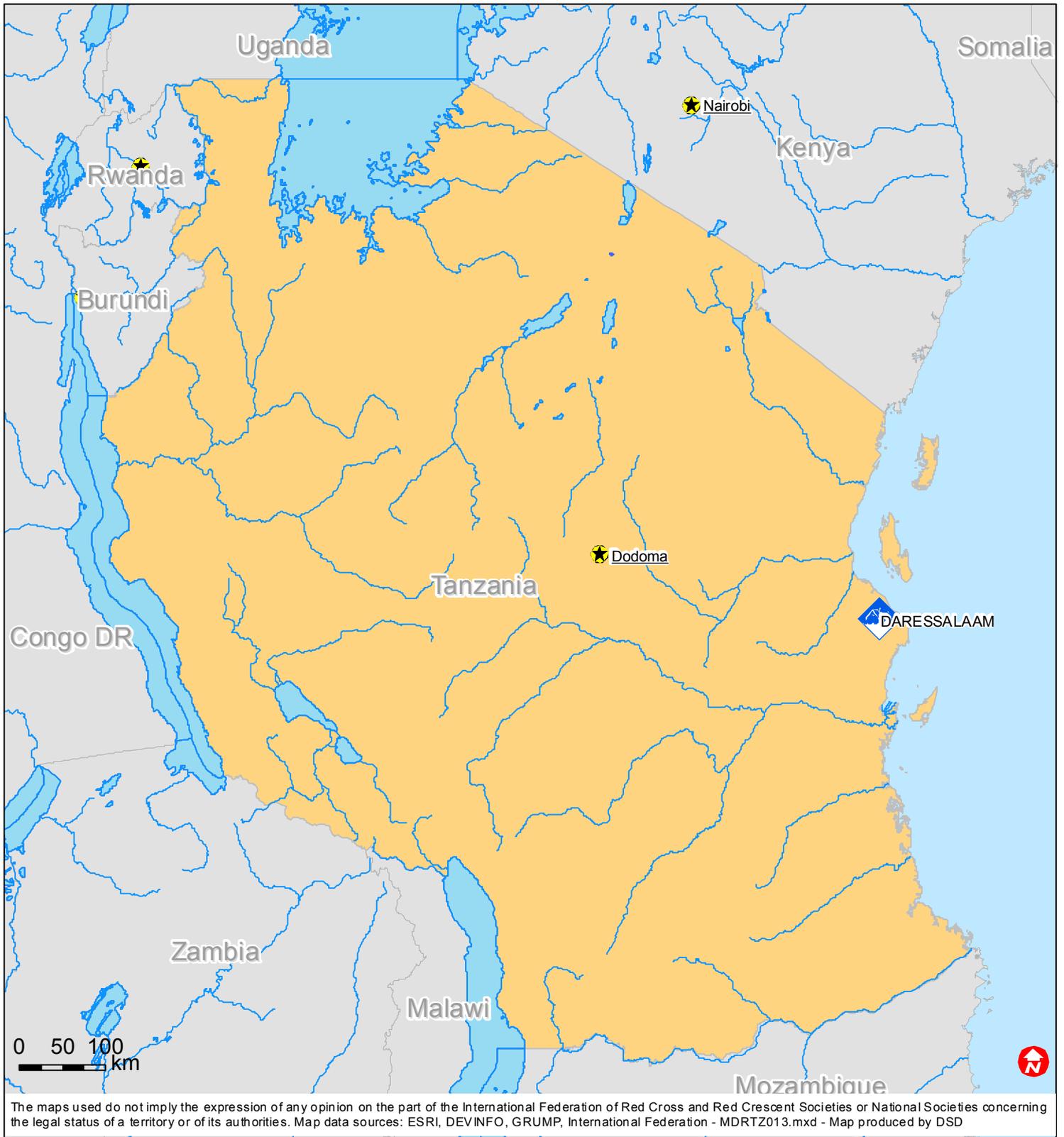
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## Tanzania: Floods (MDRTZ013)

<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	35,100
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	44,500
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	22,200
Medical & First Aid	10,000
Teaching Materials	10,000
Utensils & Tools	30,000
Other Supplies & Services	
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>151,800</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	10,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,000
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>15,000</b>
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	3,000
Volunteers	100
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>3,100</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	15,250
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>15,250</b>
Travel	1,500
Information & Public Relations	2,000
Office Costs	
Communications	1,500
Financial Charges	500
Other General Expenses	
Shared Support Services	
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,500</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	12,392
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>12,392</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>203,042</b>



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Floods in Dar El Salaam