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## HAITI: FLOODS

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### In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 12 April to 12 August 2007.

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- CHF 200,000 (USD 164,474 or EUR 123,457) was allocated from the Federation's DREF on 12 April 2007, to respond to the needs of this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population.
- This operation was completed by 12 August 2007.

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- 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.
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## Background and Summary

Since mid March 2007, the regions of Nord-Est, Ouest, Grande-Anse, Nord-Ouest and Nord in Haiti were battered with prolonged heavy rainfall and isolated storms. Road access was limited since floods damaged most in several departments; there was only access by boat. Roads were promptly rehabilitated in the affected areas by the Ministry of Transportation making transportation accessible after a few weeks. Consequently, communication and reporting of the emergency was more easily obtained and more accurate information and data could be obtained.

There were 12 casualties, two people missing, 14 wounded, and more than 3,000 families affected by the severe floods. There were about 270 houses destroyed and other 1,215 houses severely damaged. There were at least 261 families (1,305 people) displaced to temporary shelters.

The Haitian government allocated an emergency fund with approximately CHF 64,962 (USD 54,000) to assist the operation with items such as mattresses and clothes for children. The UN mission office in Haiti (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti - MINUSTAH) took part in the evacuation activities and also provided drinking water to the Nord province. Other UN agencies (WFP, UNDP, etc) as well as international NGO present in the country provided support in the initial relief phase of the emergency.



*The Haitian National Red Cross Society distributing relief items to the affected communities. Source: International Federation.*

## Red Cross action

Since the beginning of the emergency, the Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) activated their Emergency Operation Centre and mobilized emergency response teams (four National Intervention Teams –NITs- and three Equipes D'Intervention Communales - EIC) as well as more than 100 volunteers to the affected areas.

After performing initial needs and damage assessments, the HNRCS distributed non food items such as, blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen kits, jerry cans and buckets for 50 families in Abricots and Bonbon in the province of Grande Anse.

The HNRCS received support from the International Federation in order to carry out the emergency operation

according to the Plan of Action. The Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) provided technical and logistic support to the HNRCS and the Federation Country Delegation.

## Coordination

Since the onset of the emergency the Federation's Country Delegation in Haiti constantly communicated with the Federation's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and received support in the definition of the intervention. A Disaster Management delegate from PADRU was mobilized to Haiti during the emergency phase of the operation, with as a main task to contribute towards the revision of the initial Plan of Action.

The HNRCS coordinated activities with other actors involved in relief actions; in particular, the HNRCS and the Federation, ensuring close liaison with both Partner National Societies (PNS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) which, as the lead agency, holds responsibility for security issues.

The HNRCS and the Federation's Country Delegation in Haiti participated in several inter-agency meetings with the United Nations agencies (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti - MINUSTAH, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Actions - OCHA) and other international organizations present in the country. To avoid the duplication of efforts, it was decided that organizations would cover different sectors of intervention.

The HNRCS and the Federation maintained close contact with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which is the lead agency in the country and is responsible for security matters in Haiti regarding the Movement.



*Distribution activities in Haiti. Source: Haitian National Red Cross Society.*

## Analysis of the operation – achievements and impact

**Objective 1: 1,100 affected families (5,500 persons) in the departments of Grand'Anse, Nord-Est, Ouest, Nord-Ouest and Nord would receive non food items to help them recover from the effects of the floods.**

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

There were 970 families (4,850 beneficiaries) who received humanitarian assistance through the distribution of non-food items.

The distribution phase was completed during May 2007 in four of the five affected provinces and took place as followed:

**Table 1 – Items Distributed**

Items	Beneficiaries (Families)	Unit	Observations	Total Items
Blankets	970	pc	2 pc. per family	1,940 Blankets
Mosquito Nets		pc	2 pc. per family	1,940 Mosquito Nets
Jerry Can (one gallon)		pc	1pc. per family	970 Jerry Cans
Water purification tablets		Box (50 pc)	1 box per family	970 Boxes of Water purification tablets
Family Kit		kits	1 kit per family	970 Family Kits

**Table 2- Relief Distribution**

Area	Beneficiaries (Families)	Location
Grande Anse	170	Bonbon (80 Families), Abricots (80)

		<i>Families) and Jeremie (10 Families)</i>
Nord-Ouest	100	<i>Port-De Paix (51 Families), St. Louis Du Nord (20 Families) and Anse a Foleur (29 Families)</i>
Nord-Est	200	<i>Fort Liberté (55 Families), Ouanaminthe (65 Families) and Ferrier (80 Families)</i>
Ouest	500	<i>Cabaret (250 Families) and Warf Jeremie (250 Families)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>970</b>	

The original distribution plan included distribution of relief items to 1,100 families. The plan to distribute relief items to the 100 families in the Nord Province (Cap Haitien) was delayed since there was a need to carry out a new assessment to check the validity of the original information. Due to the favourable development of the situation it was decided not to carry out relief distributions in this area. In the location of Jeremie (Grande Anse province), the final targeted population was 170 families instead of the 200 originally planned, due to the same situation as in Nord Province. The outstanding relief items will remain in the central warehouse of the HRCNS in Port-au-Prince in order to be distributed in case they are needed.

### **Impact:**

The most immediate impact of this objective is that 970 of the most affected families (approximately 4,850 people) saw their basic needs met through the distribution of relief items in order to recover from the effects of the floods and to resume their daily lives.

### **Constraints:**

There were delays in supply distribution by local HNRCS branches. In addition, internal constraints in Red Cross procedures to mobilize human and material resources also caused some delay within the operation. Fortunately, relief distributions were carried out as planned.

### **Objective 2: The HNRCS maintains its existing relief stock in the warehouses through the replenishment of relief supplies used in this operation.**

Haiti is very vulnerable and prone to disasters of great potential impact. Floods, landslides and hurricanes are a threat to Haiti during most of the year. In order to provide a timely and effective emergency response, it is extremely important to maintain the current relief supplies stock level. The HNRCS owns three warehouses with an existing capacity to deliver relief goods to more than 2,000 families when the necessity occurs. In order to maintain this pre-positioned stock, humanitarian relief supply for 1,100 families has been replenished with the following items:

***Table 3 – HNRCS Stock Replenishment Plan***

<i>Item</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Observations</i>
<i>Blankets</i>	<i>1,100 families</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>RLU procurement</i>
<i>Hygiene Material*</i>		<i>1,100</i>	<i>Local procurement</i>
<i>Kitchen Sets</i>		<i>1,100</i>	<i>RLU procurement</i>
<i>Jerry Can (10 l. / collapsible)</i>		<i>2,200</i>	
<i>Mosquito Nets</i>		<i>2,200</i>	<i>Local procurement</i>
<i>Water purification tablets</i>		<i>2,200</i>	

*\*Hygiene material: 3 types of soap and Clorox for cleaning purposes*

### **Impact:**

The HNRCS was provided with necessary relief items which replenished their warehouses and as a result they are better prepared for responding to future emergencies.

**Constraints:**

The customs procedures for the clearance of the containers were excessively long and difficult. This procedure took about two months, which delayed the replenishment activities.

**Water and Sanitation**

**Objective 1: Affected communities benefit from raised awareness in environmental health and sanitation topics as a result of talks given by Red Cross volunteers during the operation.**

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

Due to the situation of the HNRCS regarding the Disaster Management department, all sanitation activities were cancelled. Their sanitation conditions improved after the floods but it is still a challenge in the entire country. This could eventually cause further problems like spread of disease amongst the people living in these areas.

**Impact**

The situation in Port du Paix in the province of Nord Ouest improved considerably since local authorities performed waste collection and clean up activities throughout the affected areas.

**Constraints**

The closing of the Country Delegation of the Federation in Haiti in the midst of the operation affected the overall monitoring, recovery and coordinating activities. The Disaster Management Department, who were initially in charge of the operation, was closed down. This severely affected the implementation of the sanitation activities.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/4-2008/5
Budget Timeframe	2007/4-2008/5
Appeal	MDRHT003
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
<b>A. Budget</b>		200,003				200,003
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		164,600				164,600
<b>C5. Other Income</b>		164,600				164,600
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>		164,600				164,600
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		164,600				164,600
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>		82%				82%

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>C. Income</b>		164,600				164,600
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-164,600				-164,600
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		0				0

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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>		<b>200,003</b>					<b>200,003</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	21,830		32,399			32,399	-10,570	
Water & Sanitation	10,567		8,535			8,535	2,032	
Utensils & Tools	30,390		36,907			36,907	-6,516	
Other Supplies & Services	24,812		11,277			11,277	13,535	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>87,599</b>		<b>89,118</b>			<b>89,118</b>	<b>-1,519</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	19,210		3,458			3,458	15,752	
Distribution & Monitoring			10,844			10,844	-10,844	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	12,232		2,374			2,374	9,858	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>31,442</b>		<b>16,677</b>			<b>16,677</b>	<b>14,765</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	15,200		14,130			14,130	1,070	
Regionally Deployed Staff	9,728						9,728	
National Staff			727			727	-727	
National Society Staff			9,812			9,812	-9,812	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>24,928</b>		<b>24,669</b>			<b>24,669</b>	<b>259</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	27,168		8,693			8,693	18,475	
Information & Public Relation	12,320		3,690			3,690	8,630	
Office Costs	3,546		3,192			3,192	354	
Communications			1,014			1,014	-1,014	
Professional Fees			795			795	-795	
Financial Charges			6,057			6,057	-6,057	
Other General Expenses			-3			-3	3	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>43,034</b>		<b>23,437</b>			<b>23,437</b>	<b>19,597</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	13,000		10,699			10,699	2,301	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>13,000</b>		<b>10,699</b>			<b>10,699</b>	<b>2,301</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>200,003</b>		<b>164,600</b>			<b>164,600</b>	<b>35,403</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>35,403</b>			<b>35,403</b>		