

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Brazil: 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: On 9 April 2010, 20,000 Swiss francs were allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to deploy the IFRC Regional Organizational Development Coordinator and a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member to Brazil to support the Brazilian Red Cross (BRC) response to floods. Floods caused 256 deaths, 403 injured and damages to homes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

After the completion of damage and needs assessments, the Brazilian Red Cross drew up a plan of action to assist 3,000 families (approximately 15,000 people) with relief items. A second allocation of **162,240 Swiss francs** was made available to support the National Society to respond to the needs of vulnerable families in the State of Rio de Janeiro. Thus, the total allocation for this operation was **182,240 Swiss francs**.

Three thousand families (approximately 15,000 people) were reached through the distribution of relief items in 16 communities of the São Gonçalo municipality.

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on:

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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As part of their disaster response plan, the Brazilian Red Cross distributed relief items to affected population. Source: BRC

The situation

During April 2010, the worst rains, floods and mudslides in 44 years severely affected the state of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. On 19 April, the National Civil Defence System reported 256 deaths, 403 injured people, 12,581 people living in collective centres, 7,295 damaged houses and more than 61,954 people living with families or friends. The Brazilian Red Cross, Firefighters Department, the Army and other volunteer organizations proceeded with search and rescue and relief activities. The National Administration declared a State of Emergency and assisted displaced people to relocate by providing financial support to find temporary housing.

The Brazilian health authorities started a vaccination campaign against influenza and tetanus. In addition, hygiene promotion activities against the risk of leptospirosis threatening urban and rural areas were conducted. Two months after the emergency, thousands of persons affected by flooding were not able to return their homes and required further assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Brazilian Red Cross responded to the flooding in two phases: The first phase involved search and rescue activities and relief distribution. The operation was facilitated by the cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), municipalities, the Firefighters Department, Boy Scouts volunteers and personnel from other institutions summing up to 566 people. The media gave great coverage to the emergency, which prompted generous donations from various institutions. More than 4,000 individuals made in-kind donations that allowed the distribution of 51,100 individual food parcels, 4,470 mattresses, 8,300 blankets, 110 tons of clothing and 15,000 litres of water to the flood-affected population. The second phase of the BRC operation focused on the activities detailed below to provide support to 3,000 families living under poor living conditions in the affected municipality of São Gonçalo.

The IFRC, through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) in Panama and the Regional Representation for the Southern Cone and Brazil in Buenos Aires, maintained fluid communication with the National Society. Furthermore, a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) and the Regional Organizational Development Coordinator for the Southern Cone and Brazil were deployed to assist the BRC in conducting the preliminary assessments, drafting and implementing the plan of action.

Achievements against outcomes

Damage and need assessments

Outcome: The Brazilian Red Cross has increased capacity to perform damage and needs assessments through the deployment of an IFRC staff and a RIT member to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable people affected by the floods and mudslides.

Activities planned:

- Conduct emergency damage and needs assessments.
- Develop a plan of action.

Impact: Responding to the request from the National Society, the IFRC deployed to the country its Regional Organizational Development Coordinator and a RIT member to facilitate rapid assessments and to evaluate the situation. After the completion of damage and needs assessments, a plan of action was drafted including the distribution of food and non-food relief items and strengthening the National Society in the following areas: relief distributions, communications and volunteer management. The plan of action led the Brazilian Red Cross to establish agreements with the Civil Defence System that will ensure a more structured intervention in the event of future disasters and to carry out volunteer training courses to build the capacity of the Brazilian Red Cross.

Assessments' results showed that the São Gonçalo Municipality was one of the worst affected areas and that have received little to no assistance from other organizations or institutions. Therefore, the Brazilian Red Cross decided to focus its relief efforts in this municipality targeting 3,000 families. The relief distributions were implemented with the support of DREF funds. The beneficiary targeting strategy was developed in agreement with local authorities and leaders and it included the following criteria:

- Affected families from the Municipality of São Gonçalo who have not received assistance through other organizations.
- Affected families with a large number of children.
- Single-parent families with children.
- Families with elderly persons.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Humanitarian aid will be provided to 3,000 families (approximately 15,000 people) in the São Gonçalo Municipality to improve the lives of people who have been affected by the disaster. Three thousand kitchen kits and 1,000 cleaning kits will be distributed to the selected families.

Activities planned:

- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Procure relief items
- Prepare cleaning kits
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end-user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Impact: The operation had the objective of providing humanitarian assistance of non-food items (NFIs) to 3,000 families (15,000 people) affected by the heavy rainfall which caused flash floods. As a result of the generous donations from the civil population and IFRC support, the Brazilian Red Cross also provided food parcels to 450 families and 2,000 cleaning kits in the targeted municipality of São Gonçalo.

Even though, the National Society experienced delays to clear custom relief items sent by the IFRC's Regional Logistics Unit, the operation completed relief distributions between June and early July 2010. Three thousand families (100 per cent of the planned outcome) from 16 communities in the São Gonçalo municipality received support to recover from the emergency and restart their daily activities. Three thousand families received a kitchen kit containing 1 pot, 1 frying pan, 1 pot with cover, 5 bowls, 5 plates, 5 pitchers, cutlery and scouring pad; 2,000 families received a cleaning kit containing 1 broom, 1 mop, 2 jerrycans, 1 dust pan and 1 bucket; and 450 families received food parcels. DREF funds covered the costs of 3,000 kitchen kits and 1,000 cleaning kits. The food items and remaining cleaning kits were covered through the generous donations from the population collected by the National Society.

The BRC volunteers were essential to the success of the effectiveness and efficiency of the response efforts starting for the initial damage and needs assessments to the relief distributions. The following table details the families reached per community in the São Gonçalo municipality:

Community/ Collective Centre	N° of Families that received a kitchen kit	N° of Families that received a cleaning kit	N° of Families that received a food parcel
Novo Mexico	201	200	-
Nova Grecia	148	148	-
Ipuca (J.CATARINA)	146	150	-
Centro Comunitário de Jardim Catarina Collective Centre	100	100	-
J.Catarina Neighborhood Association	124	124	-
J. Catarina V Neighborhood Association	305	170	-
Beira Rio do Vista Alegre	267	280	-
Bairro das Palmeiras Neighborhoo (conj. PM)	465	328	-
Bairro das Palmeiras (Conj. Marinha)	351	100	450
Salgueiro	35	-	-
3 Campos Trindade	200	200	-
Beira Rio Avenue. Trindade	102	-	-
Av São Paulo Trindade	76		
Guaxindiba. (families from the Novo Mexico community sheltered in Guaxindiba)	68	-	-
Casa Verde Faz.dos Mineiros	212	-	-
Itaoca	200	200	-

Totals	3,000 families	2,000 families	450 families
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All the planned activities were completed within the three-month implementation period of this DREF operation. Additionally, this DREF allocation covered costs related to the effectiveness of this operation. Funds were used for personal protection kits for volunteers, gloves, 82 overalls, two laptops, shipping transport and custom fees of relief items, distribution and transport of food items and kits, volunteers' accommodation and incentives, salary for one local BRC coordinator, maintenance and fuel for vehicles, accommodation and per diem of the RIT member deployed in this emergency.

The inter-institutional coordination mechanisms and Red Cross visibility contributed to guaranteeing a successful and timely emergency response. The operation also covered cost of banners, magnets, for Brazilian Red Cross visibility during the emergency response. The National Society ensured emblems were placed on food parcels and kits, volunteer uniforms and vehicles and banners used during assessments and distributions.

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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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/04-2010/10
Budget Timeframe	2010/04-2010/07
Appeal	MDRBR005
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	182,240					182,240
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	151,580					151,580
C6. Other Income	151,580					151,580
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	151,580					151,580
D. Total Funding = B + C	151,580					151,580
Appeal Coverage	83%					83%

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	151,580					151,580
E. Expenditure	-151,580					-151,580
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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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)		182,240					182,240	
Supplies								
Utensils & Tools	88,740	74,880				74,880	13,860	
Other Supplies & Services	23,967	24,379				24,379	-413	
Total Supplies	112,707	99,259				99,259	13,447	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	3,600	1,718				1,718	1,882	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	3,600	1,718				1,718	1,882	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	528	134				134	394	
Distribution & Monitoring	4,200	2,581				2,581	1,619	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,557	466				466	5,091	
Total Transport & Storage	10,285	3,182				3,182	7,103	
Personnel								
Regionally Deployed Staff	11,094	7,720				7,720	3,374	
National Society Staff	7,238	10,480				10,480	-3,242	
Consultants		1,170				1,170	-1,170	
Total Personnel	18,332	19,369				19,369	-1,037	
General Expenditure								
Travel	13,937	10,688				10,688	3,249	
Information & Public Relation	850	1,035				1,035	-185	
Office Costs	634	1,227				1,227	-593	
Communications	792	4,616				4,616	-3,824	
Professional Fees	3,170						3,170	
Financial Charges	2,811	-2,813				-2,813	5,624	
Total General Expenditure	22,194	14,752				14,752	7,441	
Programme Support								
Program Support	11,123	9,251				9,251	1,871	
Total Programme Support	11,123	9,251				9,251	1,871	
Services								
Services & Recoveries	4,000	4,048				4,048	-48	
Total Services	4,000	4,048				4,048	-48	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	182,240	151,580				151,580	30,660	
VARIANCE (C - D)		30,660				30,660		