

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Rwanda: Population Movement

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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 119,274 (USD 113,595 or EUR 72,951) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 2,500 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The refugee population in Rwanda is growing as a result of renewed fighting in the Eastern Province of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Rebel forces are advancing from the north and have approached the provincial capital of Goma. Goma is bordered on the south by Lake Kivu and on the east by Gisenyi town in Rwanda. Presently those fleeing the fighting are crossing over into Rwanda seeking humanitarian assistance.

A prolonged conflict will result in a worsening situation that will lead to increased population movement into Rwanda. The only avenue for direct humanitarian assistance to those fleeing Goma is through Rubavu District in Rwanda. Any escalation of hostilities will result in the mass movement of refugees into Rubavu district and urgent humanitarian intervention will be required to address the emergency needs of the refugees.

Recognizing that there is a need for an intervention to address the imminent crisis, the Rwandan Red Cross (RRC) has requested this DREF to support the pre-positioning of non-food items, hygiene promotion activities and emergency sheltering. The National Society is working in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) who are supporting the RRC in setting up systems for restoring family links (RFL); the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) which is currently relocating refugees to Nkamira Camp and providing coordination assistance and the Government of Rwanda which is developing contingency plans should current sheltering capacity become exhausted.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 10 February 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 10 May 2009). RRC will continue to monitor the situation and launch an appeal if need be.

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The situation

Renewed fighting in the strife-ridden Eastern Province of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo between the Congolese army and rebels has led to nearly 250,000 people fleeing their homes. The fighting

has approached Goma, which shares a border with Gisenyi town in Rwanda, this has led to movement of refugees from DRC into Rwanda. There continues to be conflicting figures on the actual numbers of the refugees that have entered the country but preliminary figures indicate that 1,200 refugees have gathered at the border.

Informal interviews conducted by the Red Cross Branch in Rubavu District with the refugees at the border suggest that a number of refugees wish to remain at the border at present due to hope that violence will reduce and allow them to return to the DRC. The current fragile ceasefire is holding but should the fighting resume, the situation will deteriorate rapidly and present an increased humanitarian crisis with the potential of mass influx of refugees across the border into Rwanda.

Coordination and partnerships

The International Committee of the Red Cross is supporting the RRC in setting up systems for restoring family links and carrying out tracing needs. The UNHCR has mobilized trucks to transport refugees arriving to Nkamira Transit Camp located 20 kilometres from Gisenyi town. Nkamira Camp has hosted displaced persons in the region for many of the conflicts over the last decade. The RRC has met with the refugees and pledged assistance. World Food Programme (WFP) Rwanda, has pre-positioned enough food for a total of 2,000 people at the Nkamira Camp; included in the food are BP5 high-energy biscuits for a total of 1,000 people.

The Government of Rwanda and its Disaster Management Task Force held a crisis meeting with UN Agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other humanitarian agencies to exchange information on the situation. The Government of Rwanda is also prepared to accommodate additional refugees if the situation worsens.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The RRC continues to monitor the situation and coordinate with other humanitarian organizations. Rwandan Red Cross volunteers are collaborating with the UNHCR in relocating the refugees to Nkamira Transit Camp. Primary focus is on pre-positioning of resources and preparation for action to deal with potential mass movement into Rwanda. The deployment and training of Red Cross volunteers, as well as pre-positioning of resources to respond to additional refugees arriving is on-going. Secondary relocations in Nyabihu and Musanze districts have been identified for contingency planning.

The needs

Beneficiary selection: A planning figure of 500 families (2,500 beneficiaries) is being used. The figure will likely increase if fighting resumes.

The following areas need support in order to adequately respond to the needs of the beneficiaries:

- **Distribution of non-food items (NFI).** Most refugees are arriving without essential household items and have no NFIs such as tarpaulins, cooking sets and blankets.
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion.** Risk of cholera remains extremely high. Significant efforts are needed to reduce the infection rate and prevent further outbreaks. Soap, jerry cans, water treatment tablets and latrine facilities will be needed for distribution.
- **Emergency shelter.** The majority of the refugee population will be transferred to the camp but they will need temporary shelter to protect them from adverse weather conditions.

The proposed operation

The Rwanda Red Cross, with support from the IFRC, proposes to make the following interventions based on needs identified above.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To establish distribution systems and provide essential relief items.

Activities planned

- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Store and 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.
- Develop an exit strategy.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

To reduce the risk of waterborne and water related diseases through provision of safe drinking water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion.

Activities planned

- Assess the existing coverage with a view of ensuring availability of adequate water supply.
- Provide potable water, appropriate sanitation and hygiene promotion for beneficiaries.
- Conduct training and/or information programmes for Red Cross volunteers and beneficiaries, focusing on hygiene promotion and the safe use of water treatment products such as chlorination tablets.

Emergency shelter and protection

Objective: To provide refugees with adequate and dignified emergency shelters and immediate relocation services to appropriate camps.

Activities planned

- Pre-positioning and distribution of plastic sheeting.
- Continued coordination with UNHCR, ensuring that refugees are registered and transported to camps.
- Monitor camp capacity and develop surge contingency plan.
- Continued collaboration with ICRC on restoring family links.

How we work

All International Federation 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 is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

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BUDGET CHF

RELIEF NEEDS

500	Shelter	18,750
505	Construction Materials	
510	Clothing and Textiles	11,458
520	Food	5,208
523	Seeds and Plants	
530	Water and Sanitation	42,082
540	Medical and First Aid	
550	Teaching Materials	
560	Utensils and Tools	7,605
570	Other Supplies and Services	

Total Relief Needs **85,103**

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

580	Land and Buildings	
581	Vehicles Purchase	
582	Computers and Telecom Equipment	
584	Office/Household Furniture and Equip.	521
587	Medical Equipment	
589	Other Machinery and Equipment	

TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND VEHICLES

590	Storage - Warehouse	
592	Distribution and Monitoring	
593	Transport and Vehicles Costs	7,375

PERSONNEL

600	International Staff	
640	Regionally Deployed Staff	
661	National Staff	
662	National Society Staff	11,688
670	Consultants	

WORKSHOPS and TRAINING

680	Workshops and Training	4,688
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GENERAL EXPENSES

700	Travel	
710	Information and Public Relations	
730	Office running costs	
740	Communication Costs	208
750	Professional Fees	
760	Financial Charges	63
790	Other General Expenses	1,875

SERVICE FEES

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PROGRAMME SUPPORT

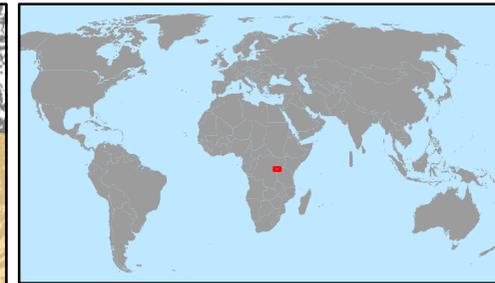
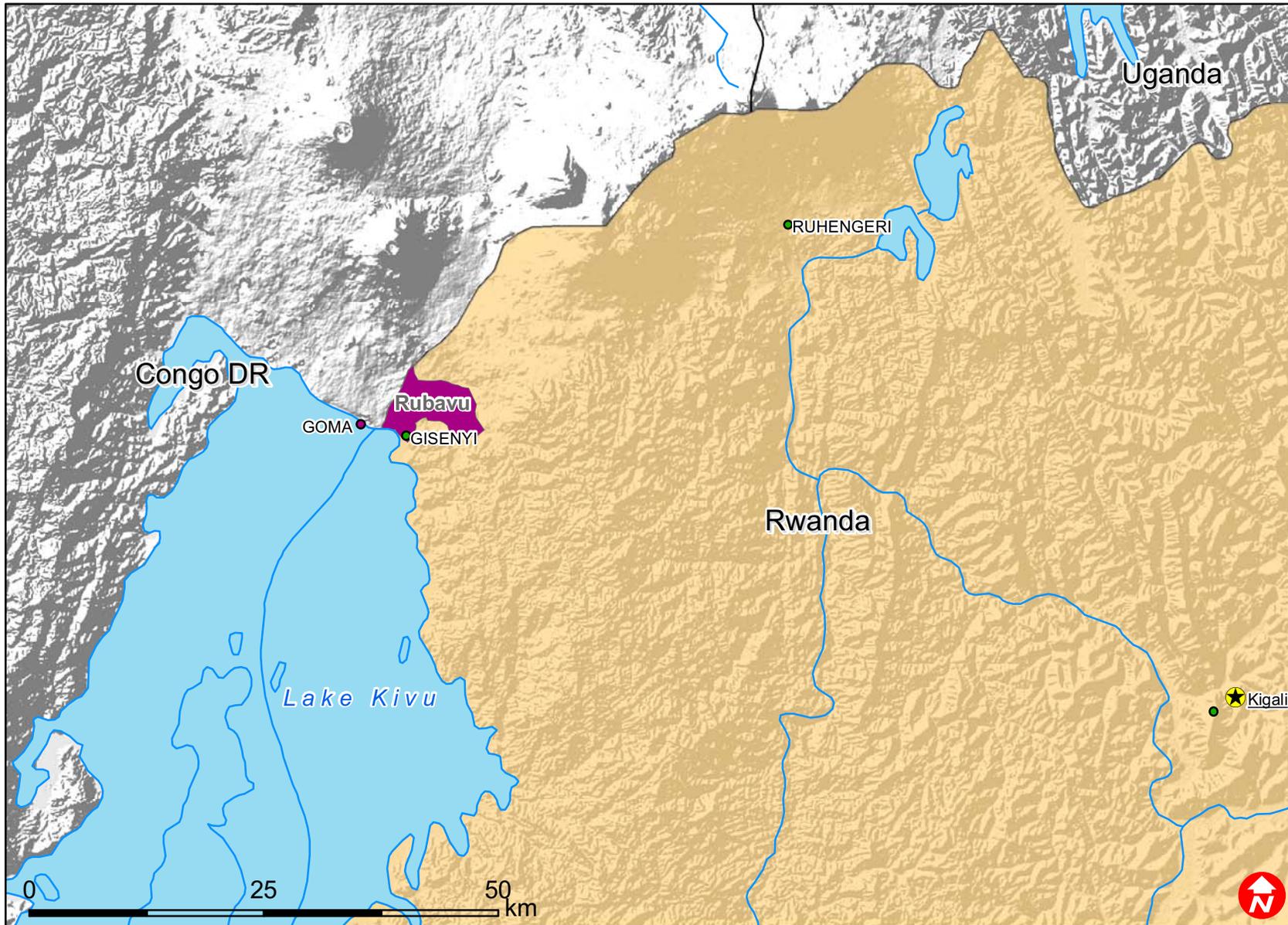
599	Programme Support - PSR	7,753
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Total Operational Needs **34,171**

DREF ALLOCATION **119,274**



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 Rubavu district