

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Tanzania: Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDRTZ005

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Operations Update no. 2

Period covered: 18 September to 31 December 2007

Appeal target: CHF 969,519 (USD 797,302 or EUR 598,469)

Appeal coverage: 20%;

Outstanding needs: CHF 776,938 (USD 722,552 or EUR 481,702)

A total of CHF 93,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) for the recovery assessment and immediate response.



Red Cross volunteers during community-based First Aid training.

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Summary: The affected communities in Shinyanga and Dodoma have continued recovering and rebuilding their homes. Rift Valley Fever outbreaks have not been reported since April 2007. The economic and social condition of the communities has to some extent improved through the selling of livestock and harvesting of agricultural crops such as rice and maize. This has in turn reduced the impact of the floods that these communities had experienced.

Preparation for training on CBFA and promotion of hygiene and sanitation education was conducted using the cascade methodology of reaching out to communities. The first level was to train the trainers (ToT) who will disseminate appropriate messages and skills to other volunteers and community members. With support from Tanzania Red Cross National Society Headquarters, the facilitation of the trainings has been done by the Red Cross Regional Coordinator in Shinyanga, Red Cross volunteers CBFA trainers in Dodoma and Tanzania Government regional health officers from Shinyanga and Dodoma regions.

The situation

Torrential rains that started in October 2006 resulted to several lakes and rivers bursting their banks and flooding large territories in the south, north, west, central and eastern regions of Tanzania. Due to the combined effects of heavy rains and rising levels of water, regions of Shinyanga, Mwanza, Tabora, Dodoma and Iringa experienced floods which displaced several families and destroyed field crop, roads and left some villages marooned and isolated from basic facilities. More than 2,787 households have been affected. The effects of the Rift Valley Fever (RVF) also resulted into health concerns lasting for at least seven months until the epidemic was brought in control. Overall, assessments conducted by the National Society in four regions indicated that at least 14,000 people were in need of immediate humanitarian assistance.

A report from the Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) on the country's seasonal rainfall outlook for the period between September and December 2007 had indicated that some areas like the regions in Lake Victoria Basin and Northern highlands would be receiving rains above normal. On 27 November 2007, heavy rains hit the town of Sumbawanga on the south western part of Tanzania. This resulted in the death of a four year old child and the destruction of 26 houses, rendering several people homeless. On December 2007, heavy rainfall was experienced in Kizungu village, Lyabukande ward in Shinyanga rural. A total of 49 houses were destroyed and about 200 people were rendered homeless. In addition, an unidentified number of poultry and livestock died.

A threat of cholera outbreak occurred in Morogoro Region in December 2007. The Red Cross branch in the region has been closely monitoring this situation. In Uganda, cases of Ebola are significant and this has caused rising fears among communities living near the Tanzania-Uganda border, particularly in Kagera Region. The Government has already alerted people to take precautions and is also monitoring the disease. At the same time, the National Society, through its branches in Kagera, is scaling up surveillance on the disease.

An earthquake affected Morogoro region on 9 and 10 December 2007 leaving a total of 39 houses completely destroyed. The walls of 26 houses collapsed and the walls of another 249 houses cracked including a primary school. The most affected areas include Kisasi, Gomero and Nyarutanga villages, which lie on the Rift Valley on the slopes of the Great Uluguru Mountains. A total of 26 families were left homeless and two people out of 19 injured were admitted at Saint Francis Hospital.

Despite constant disruptions from harsh climatic conditions and earthquakes, the affected communities in Shinyanga and Dodoma have continued to recover by rebuilding their homes. Their socio-economic conditions have also improved to some extent during the reporting period. Selling of livestock and harvesting of agricultural produce such as rice and maize has reduced the impact of the food insecurity experienced as a result of the floods.

Coordination and partnerships

The Tanzania Red Cross National Society (TRCNS) has been working in collaboration with government and health authorities at the regional and district levels, as well as Red Cross branches and volunteers in the implementation of the relief activities. The Federation's Eastern Africa Zone office in Kenya supported the National Society in drafting the plan of action and budget.

The Africa Inland Church Tanzania has been supporting HIV and AIDS affected families in the Shinyanga region. The church has identified that households were especially vulnerable due to food insecurity and has requested for assistance. Some vulnerable households have been assisted with food items to ensure that HIV and AIDS affected families, many of whom are from farming households with depleted stock and flood-affected crops, will have adequate food over the following months.

National Society Capacity Building

The Red Cross Branches in Dodoma and Shinyanga have recruited a total of 160 volunteers and trained them on Community-Based First Aid (CBFA). The volunteers have also been provided with information, education and communication (IEC) materials for conducting health education. Distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs) to the flood-affected families has increased the image of the Red Cross and ultimately attracted new members and volunteers in the respective branches. This will in turn strengthen community preparedness and future potential emergencies.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

During the CBFA training in Dodoma and Shinyanga regions, volunteers and community members were sensitized on the role of the Red Cross Movement, its activities and principles. Women volunteers were encouraged to participate in the distribution of IEC Materials. All organized trainings in Dodoma and Shinyanga spared some time for HIV and AIDS dissemination through plenary discussions.

Progress towards objectives

Goal: To improve the health and well-being of the most vulnerable people in Tanzania affected by a succession of devastating floods and health epidemics

Shelter

Objective: To restore shelter conditions of 600 displaced households (3,000 persons) in Dodoma and Shinyanga regions.

Progress

Apart from the 400 galvanized iron sheets distributed in Dodoma and Shinyanga from the TRCNS disaster preparedness stocks, no other activities have been carried out during this reporting period due to limited funding. More information will be provided in the next update.

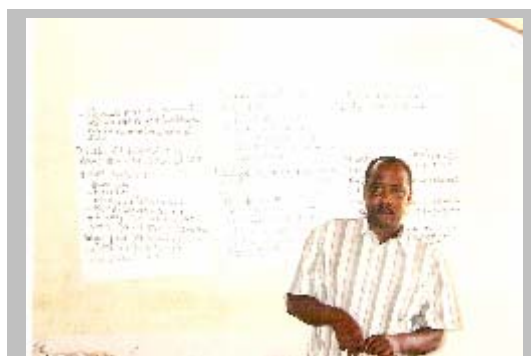
Health

Objective 2: To reduce vulnerability of 10,000 households (50,000 people) in Dodoma and Shinyanga to Rift Valley Fever (RVF) and other epidemics.

Progress

A total of 160 volunteers have been trained on CBFA and prevention/control of Rift Valley Fever (RVF), diarrhoea and malaria in Shinyanga and Dodoma regions. The training was facilitated by the Red Cross Regional Coordinator, National Society Headquarters staff and Government Regional Health Officers from both regions.

One day of training on malaria, diarrhoea, and RVF has been conducted in the target communities. The main focus has been to equip volunteers with knowledge on disease transmission, appropriate first aid measures, treatment and prevention. Volunteers have also been trained on use and promotion of ITNs and use of key educational leaflets during community mobilization and sensitization.



Government Health Officer facilitating RVF, Malaria and Diarrhoea training

A total of 15,000 IEC materials have been produced and the 160 trained volunteers are disseminating them to their respective communities in Shinyanga, Dodoma and Mwanza regions. Volunteers are currently conducting community health education in their respective villages in Shinyanga and Dodoma regions.

As at 15 December 2007, 1,700 households in Dodoma, 1,950 in Shinyanga and 1,717 in Mwanza have been reached with health education messages, with the support of IEC materials. In addition, 6,000 ITNs have been procured and delivered to households in affected areas of Shinyanga and Dodoma regions.

Challenges

By end December 2007, not all the expected funds had been secured. Thus, the Tanzania Red Cross National Society had not fully implemented the mentioned activities. It is hoped that the

response to the appeal improved in 2008, particularly the shelter support to the most vulnerable households. A final report will be issued in July 2008, giving the results and progress of implementation.

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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Interim Report 2007

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2007/12
Budget Timeframe	2007/1-2007/12
Appeal	MDRTZ005
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
A. Budget		969,519				969,519
B. Opening Balance		-109				-109
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		32,349				32,349
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>		16,500				16,500
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>		88,650				88,650
<i>United Arab Emirates Red Crescent</i>		12,082				12,082
C1. Cash contributions		149,581				149,581
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		149,581				149,581
D. Total Funding = B + C		149,472				149,472
Appeal Coverage		15%				15%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		-109				-109
C. Income		149,581				149,581
E. Expenditure		-135,284				-135,284
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		14,188				14,188

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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	
BUDGET (C)		969,519					969,519	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	480,000							480,000
Clothing & textiles	57,000		13,254				13,254	43,746
Food			5,990				5,990	-5,990
Water & Sanitation	15,000		4,696				4,696	10,304
Teaching Materials	12,500							12,500
Utensils & Tools			42,108				42,108	-42,108
Other Supplies & Services			290				290	-290
Total Supplies	564,500		66,338				66,338	498,162
Transport & Storage								
Storage	50,000		119				119	49,881
Transport & Vehicle Costs	20,000		1,561				1,561	18,439
Total Transport & Storage	70,000		1,680				1,680	68,320
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits			970				970	-970
Regionally Deployed Staff	5,000							5,000
National Staff	57,750		1,420				1,420	56,330
Total Personnel	62,750		2,390				2,390	60,360
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	95,500		1,389				1,389	94,111
Total Workshops & Training	95,500		1,389				1,389	94,111
General Expenditure								
Travel			6,668				6,668	-6,668
Information & Public Relation	48,750		293				293	48,457
Office Costs	45,000		8,434				8,434	36,566
Communications	20,000		38				38	19,962
Financial Charges			262				262	-262
Other General Expenses	0							0
Total General Expenditure	113,750		15,695				15,695	98,055
Programme Support								
Program Support	63,019		8,793				8,793	54,225
Total Programme Support	63,019		8,793				8,793	54,225
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			38,998				38,998	-38,998
Total Operational Provisions			38,998				38,998	-38,998
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	969,519		135,284				135,284	834,235
VARIANCE (C - D)			834,235				834,235	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Disaster Management							
PTZ008	Tanzania Floods Dec 06	-109	149,581	-135,284	14,188	969,519	834,235
PTZ009	Floods -March 2007	0	0		0	0	0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		-109	149,581	-135,284	14,188	969,519	834,235
Total	Tanzania - Floods	-109	149,581	-135,284	14,188	969,519	834,235