

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HAITI: FLOODS

The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

THIS APPEAL SEEKS, AS PER THE REVISION OF ITS PLAN OF ACTION, CHF 418,715 (USD 344,060 OR EUR 261,299) IN CASH, KIND, OR SERVICES TO ASSIST 11,845 BENEFICIARIES (2,369 BENEFICIARY FAMILIES) FOR 4 MONTHS

Operations Update no. 1; Period covered: 5 December to 18 December 2006; Appeal coverage: 10.66%; Outstanding needs: CHF 374,050 (USD 307,346 or EUR 233,436)

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Appeal history:

- Launched on 1 December 2006 for CHF 624,500 (USD 522,799 or EUR 392,6333) for 4 months to assist 17,500 beneficiaries (3,500 beneficiary families)
- Final Report is due on 4 July 2007
- CHF 80,000 (USD 64,000 or EUR 50,315) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 30 November 2006 to respond to the needs in this operation

Operational Summary: Between 23 and 28 November 2006 Haiti endured extreme weather that affected several areas of the country and caused serious flooding in Grande-Anse, Nippes and the North-West region. As a result, more than 4,000 families (approximately 20,000 persons) were affected and over 325 families (1,625 persons) were displaced.

Based on initial assessments done by the relief directors of the Haitian National Red Cross Society, and in coordination with the Federation's Disaster Management delegate, a Plan of Action was designed to respond to the needs identified at that time, and CHF 80,000 were immediately allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) under the framework of an International Emergency Appeal in order to start the operation.

Since then, more accurate figures have replaced the initial statistics and Red Cross actions have been further coordinated with other humanitarian actors and government entities, which has led to a revision of the Plan of Action and the budget amount.

This operation update details the objectives under Emergency Relief and Water and Sanitation which seek to reach a total of 2,369 families – instead of the initial 3,500 – with non-food items, hygiene and Water and Sanitation awareness raising activities. 309 of these families have already received non-food items. Under this revised plan, two hospitals – one in Jérémie and one in Port-de-Paix, will benefit from non-food items

and disinfectant with an aim to help them replenish lost items and restore proper hygiene.

Selection of beneficiary families was based upon the level of damages suffered, paying particular attention to the elderly, single mothers, children, and persons with disabilities, extent of loss, and/or the degree of difficulty for them to cope with and recover from the situation.

All actions carried out by the Haitian National Red Cross Society with the support of the International Federation are coordinated with the United Nation's Office for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – coordinator of international humanitarian response - and with the Ministry of the Interior – coordinator of governmental response.

This operation seeks to reach vulnerable people affected by this disaster that has not received much media coverage.

The International Federation undertakes activities that 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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Background

Since 23 November 2006 Haiti has experienced extreme weather in the regions of Grande-Anse and Nippes as well as in the Southern, Western and North-Western regions of the country. Unusually heavy rainfall between 23 and 28 November caused serious flooding in Grande-Anse, Nippes and in the North-West region, affecting more than 4,000 families (approximately 20,000 persons) and prompting the displacement of over 325 families.

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In the initial days of the emergency, the regional relief directors of the Haitian Red Cross Society (HNRCS) conducted needs assessments within the affected communities and coordinated joint actions with other humanitarian organizations and local authorities present in the affected area.

Based on the assessments, the HNRCS - in coordination with the Federation's Disaster Management delegate based in Port-au-Prince - developed a plan of action to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable, for which CHF 80,000 were immediately allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) within the framework of an International Emergency Appeal.

The following areas were identified as the most affected:

- Grande Anse: Jérémie, Abricots, Bonbon, Anse-du-Clerc, Moron, Roseau, Corail, Pestel, Beaumont.
- Nippes: Miragôane, Baradères, Arnaud, Anse-à-Veau, Plaisance.
- North-Western: Port-de-Paix, Jean-Rabel, Bord-de-Mer de Jean-Rabel, Mare Rouge, Môle Saint-Nicolas, Baie de Henne, Chansolme, Anse-à-Foleur.

More accurate figures have replaced the initial statistics. According to the most recent assessments, seven people have died, ten people have been injured and four are still missing. At least 317 homes were destroyed, whilst over 617 sustained damages. In addition, ten schools, two hospitals, eight water supply systems, stretches of roads and large areas of farmland were spoiled. Consequently, actions are mostly required in sanitation, housing, infrastructure, schools and agriculture.

As of 7 December, the major damages identified are:

	Grande Anse	Nippes	North West	Total
Deaths	3	0	4	7
Missing persons	3	0	1	4
Injured persons	4	0	6	10
Affected families	2,000	240	1,800	4,040
Destroyed homes	142	0	175	317
Damaged homes	515	40	62	617
Damaged hospitals	1	0	1	2
Damaged water systems	4	0	4	8
Damaged schools	6	0	4	10

Source: OCHA SIT Report 12/12/2006

Over 30 "Relais Communautaires" (community volunteers trained by the National Society), eight National Intervention Teams (NITs) - consisting of 14 members – as well as 20 local staff from the National Society - were mobilized to the North West and Grande-Anse regions to support the assessments and relief activities. Beneficiary families were selected based upon the level of damages they or their property sustained, paying particular attention to the elderly, single mothers, children, persons with disabilities, extent of loss, and/or the degree of difficulty for them to cope with and recover from the situation.

According to the most recent information available, the Haitian Government is considering the possibility of providing the most affected families with 2,500 Gourdes (some CHF 81) for those who have lost their homes, and with some 2,000 Gourdes (CHF 65) for those whose homes have been seriously damaged.

To date water levels in the rivers have returned to normal. However, homes and roads remain full of mud, water and garbage, being a potential source of disease in the coming weeks.

Population remains alert, mainly in the North West region, as the rainy season has not finished yet and new floods might occur.

National media coverage has been mainly focused on the local elections, whilst international headlines have been dominated by major disasters in other geographical areas. As a result of this, there has been reduced media coverage for this emergency, which can be considered a *hidden disaster*.

Operational developments

As a result of further and more detailed Damage and Needs Assessments (DANA) carried out by the National Society's local Branches, the Federation's Country Delegation and Partner National Societies, the initial plans to distribute relief items and provide safe water to the vulnerable population had to be revised.

According to the findings of the new evaluations, the situation has considerably changed since the initial emergency phase. The kitchen kits, hygiene kits, jerry cans and water purification tablets are no longer a priority, as opposed to longer term needs reflected in the Appeal.

The immediate needs identified to date are:

- Initiatives to prevent the outbreak of epidemics and vector transmitted diseases.
- Hygiene and sanitation interventions.
- Rehabilitation and re-construction of damaged and/or destroyed homes.
- Rehabilitation of infrastructure such as hospitals and schools.
- Replacement of damaged infrastructure in hospitals and schools.
- Cleaning of drainage systems and removal of stagnant water to avoid further floods in case of new rains.
- Distribution of seeds and agricultural tools.

The Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), as focal point in Haiti for Health and Water and Sanitation, has been working closely with the national authorities and some NGOs based in Haiti in order to evaluate needs in these areas. With the health needs covered by PAHO and the Ministry of Health, efforts were concentrated on ensuring the quality of water in the most affected areas. PAHO's assessment has shown that there are no urgent needs as regards water quality.



Stagnant water and insalubrious conditions were left behind by the floods

The water system supplies of the two hospitals affected by flooding - one in Jérémie and the other one in Port-de-Paix - were immediately repaired and are fully operational; furthermore, the population has access to their usual sources of water. As a result, the Plan of Action has been revised and adjusted to reflect this reality and the mobilization of water purification units has been reconsidered.

The objective which aimed to distribute non-food items to 3,500 was also revised, as other humanitarian actors were appointed by the Civil Protection Department (DPC - Direction de la Protection Civile) – during a meeting held in Port Au Prince on 5 December 2006 to take actions geared towards covering the needs of some of the beneficiaries initially targeted by the National Society. Action Agro Allemande (AAA) and Initiative Développement (ID) were asked to distribute kits donated by UNICEF (700 hygiene kits, 1,000 kitchen kits, 4,000 blankets, 2,000 jerry cans, 313 emergency kits, 500 boxes of water purification tablets, and 220 cooking pots). These developmental organizations are well established in the area of Jean-Rabel (North-Western region), which allows them to integrate these emergency activities into their development projects.

A portion of the relief items donated by World Vision will also be distributed by these two organizations in the North-West. The other part of the World Vision donation will be distributed in area of Grande-Anse by the regional and local Branches of the Haitian National Red Cross Society. The items remain in stock at the National Society and will be distributed before the end of December, and consist of:

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- 100 kitchen kits
- 300 bottles of water
- 25 plastic sheets
- 100 blankets
- 250 jerry cans (5 gallons)
- 1,000 water purification tablets
- Clothing (trousers, t-shirts, shorts) and shoes
- 60 standard bed sheets packets
- 2 boxes of toilet paper rolls
- 20 boxes of sanitary napkins – medium
- 20 boxes of sanitary napkins – light

Thanks to the allocation of CHF 80.000 from the Federation’s Disaster Response Emergency Fund at the onset of the emergency, a total of 309 families (1,545 persons) from the North-Western, Port-de Paix and surrounding areas (Baie des Moustiques, Bassin Bleu, Chansolme, Saint Louis du Nord and Ile de la Tortue), have been supported by the HNRCS with non food items. These relief items were pre-positioned in the warehouse of the HNRCS in Port au Prince, which made it possible to provide timely response to the needs of the most vulnerable. In order to face new emergency operations and the sustainability of the relief pre-positioning, the HNRCS will need to replace and restock these relief items.

The HNRCS has participated in several inter-agency coordination meetings in order to avoid duplication of efforts. According to the last information provided by the United Nations’ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), other humanitarian organizations and agencies are implementing relief plans, among them Action Agro Allemande (AAA), Solidarité Internationale, United States Agency for International development (USAID), CARE, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), OXFAM, Action Against Hunger and Churches Together (ACT International),



Children collect water in plastic containers amidst debris and garbage

dispatch reports to the Disaster Management department at National Society headquarters – in spite of communication constraints.

In addition, Branches have taken the following actions:

- Community awareness (with megaphones) in flooded areas promoting the consumption of boiled water.
- Evacuation and assistance of 325 people in Gospel Church (Jérémie) and 27 people in Abricot, in close cooperation with the DPC. Catholic Relief Services’ items such as blankets, plastic cups, toothpaste and soap were distributed.

Red Cross action - objectives, progress, impact

Since the onset of the emergency, the local Branches of the HNRCS, supported by National Intervention Teams (NITs), “Relais Communautaires” and newly-recruited volunteers have provided an initial response to the emergency by supporting activities such as First Aid, emergency care, transportation of the injured to medical facilities, evacuation of families to shelters and emergency needs assessments.

Regional Branches have ensured continuous coordination of assessment activities in collaboration with the decentralized structures of the DPC. Local and regional Branches have been able to quickly

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- Follow up of the situation of the ill in some hospitals (Jérémie).
- Supporting cleaning activities in damaged hospitals, mainly in the Saint Antoine Hospital.
- Participating in all coordination meetings.

Emergency relief

Following the most recent assessments, it has been necessary to revise and adjust the Emergency Relief Objectives in order to reflect the change in needs. Some of the families that were originally identified have already been assisted by other organizations and the two hospitals identified to be assisted under the Water and Sanitation component will be provided with mosquito nets, blankets and disinfectant, as floods have damaged their basic stock of these items.

On 22 December, the French Red Cross (PIRAC) in close coordination with the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) will send 2,700 blankets by plane from Guadeloupe to HNRCS. The remaining amount of blankets (1,900) will be purchased locally to reach the overall goal of assisting 2,069 families with two blankets each and delivering blankets to the two targeted hospitals.

Other non food items (mattresses, mosquito nets and laundry soap) will also be procured locally or transported from other countries in the region, as appropriate. The plan is to first transport items to the Departmental capitals and then to the selected distribution points in the affected areas.

20 HNRCS Relais Communautaires will be mobilized (five in the North West Department and 15 in Grande Anse) and briefed on the planned distributions. Beneficiary selection will take place according to the defined criteria. Distribution cards will be provided to the targeted families which will enable them to collect the relief items at the strategic distribution points.

Objective 1: 2,369 of the most affected families (approximately 11,845 people) receive non-food items which help them to recover rapidly from the effects of the floods.

Initially, the goal was to assist 3,500 families (1,000 North West and 2,500 in Grande Anse). This number has been revised down to 2,369 distributed as follows:

- 309 families in the North-Wester region will receive hygiene kits, kitchen kits, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans and plastic buckets (15 litres).
- 2,060 families in Grande-Anse region will receive blankets (2 per family), mosquito nets (2 per family) and laundry soap (6 bars per family). In addition, 700 of these families will be provided with mattresses (1 per family), as their homes have been destroyed or significantly damaged.

Progress/Achievements

A first distribution of non food items for the 309 families took place on 10 - 14 December in the North West region:

Date	Location	Beneficiary families	Items distributed	Comments
10 December 2006	Port –de-Paix	192	192 Hygiene kits 192 kitchen kits 384 blankets 384 mosquito nets 192 jerry cans 192 plastic buckets (15 litres)	2 households of 1 person
13 December 2006	Saint Louis du Nord	30	30 Hygiene kits 30 kitchen kits	

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			60 blankets 60 mosquito nets 30 jerry cans 30 plastic buckets (15 litres)	
13 December 2006	Bassin-Bleu	30	30 Hygiene kits 30 kitchen kits 60 blankets 60 mosquito nets 30 jerry cans 30 plastic buckets (15 litres)	
14 December 2006	Baie des Moustiques	27	27 Hygiene kits 27 kitchen kits 27 blankets 27 mosquito nets 27 jerry cans 27 plastic buckets (15 litres)	7 households of 1 person
14 December 2006	Anse a Foleur	30	30 Hygiene kits 30 kitchen kits 30 blankets 30 mosquito nets 30 jerry cans 30 plastic buckets (15 litres)	

A total of 309 families were assisted with hygiene kits, kitchen kits, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans and plastic buckets. Some 15 HNRCS volunteers were mobilized to support the relief distributions. The humanitarian aid was distributed to strategic distribution points such as schools, Red Cross offices, community leaders' offices, etc., where it was easier for beneficiary families to collect the relief items.

The water purification tablets were provided to AAA and ID in order to include them in the relief distribution to the North West region.

The new needs assessment has proved that blankets, mattresses, mosquito nets and laundry soap remain a priority for many of the affected families. Before the end of December, the relief items donated by World Vision that were entrusted to the National Society will be distributed.

Impact

Targeted families will benefit from the distribution of non food items to assist them to recover from the effects of the floods.

Constraints

Due to the fact that the situation has considerably changed since the first phase of the emergency and that the items donated by UNICEF items and World Vision will be distributed by AAA and ID, it has been necessary to adjust the Plan of Action, thus reducing the area of action of the Haitian National Red Cross Society. Distribution actions are therefore being coordinated by the National Society with these two agencies.

Objective 2: Two hospitals affected by flooding, one in Jérémie and one in Port-de-Paix, benefit from non-food items which help them resume their activities by replenishing lost items and restoring appropriate sanitary conditions that were affected by the floods.

- Jérémie Hospital will be provided with 280 mosquito nets, 280 blankets and 10 boxes of disinfectant.
- Port-de-Paix Hospital will be provided with 200 mosquito nets, 200 blankets and 10 boxes of disinfectant.

Activities planned:

- Purchase and transportation of relief items to the Departmental capitals/stocking.

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- Mobilization and orientation of volunteers.
- Registration and verification of beneficiaries.
- Community mobilization for relief distribution.
- Transportation and receipt of relief items (to distribution points).
- Distribution of non-food items.
- Reporting on activities.

Water and Sanitation

The initial Plan of Action included the provision of potable water to two hospitals that were affected- one in Jérémie and another one in Port-de-Paix. Both water system supplies were rapidly repaired and are fully operational and there is no longer a need to mobilize the water purification units.

More in-depth assessments carried out in the flooded regions have proved that sanitation activities have become a mayor concern for the population. The informal, marginalized and chaotic neighbourhoods that were affected lack basic sanitation planning and structure. In this insalubrious and poorly equipped context, homes, roads and canals remain full of mud and garbage. There are still stagnant waters throughout the affected areas, posing a permanent risk in case of new rains and providing breeding ground for vector borne diseases. In order to respond to the needs, and in line with the initiation of a rehabilitation phase, the HNRCS supported by Federation DM delegates has decided to adjust Water and Sanitation objectives as follows:

Objective 1: The population of the departments of North West and Grande-Anse will benefit from a basic sanitation programme consisting of the provision of cleaning materials and a hygiene promotion campaign in 39 affected neighbourhoods.

- At least 3,000 families (15,000 people) from 17 neighbourhoods in the North West department will benefit from cleaning materials and sensitization programmes carried out by the local (three) and regional (one) committees of the HNRCS.
- At least 4,000 families (20,000 people) from 22 neighbourhoods in the Grande-Anse Department will benefit from cleaning materials and sensitization programmes carried out by the local (four) and regional (one) committees of the HNRCS.

Department	Town	N° of affected Neighbourhoods
North West	Port-de-Paix	10
	Bassin Bleu	2
	Chansolme	2
	Baie des Moustiques	1
	St Louis du Nord	1
	Anse a Foleur	1
		17
Grande Anse	Jérémie	18
	Abricot	2
	Bonbon	2
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Activities planned:

Purchase of cleaning tools. Each regional committee will receive the following materials:

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Items	Grande-Anse	North West	Total
Wheelbarrows	110	85	195
Shovels	220	170	390
Mattocks	110	85	195
Masks	11,000	8,500	19,500
Gloves	440	340	780
Boots	440	340	780
Forks	220	170	390

The regional HNRCS Branches will distribute these items to their local Branches according to the concrete needs in each of the affected communities. Local Branches will make available this material to the population, which will be a task managed through Relais Communautaires and community brigades. HNRCS Branches will keep some basic cleaning materials that will be available for the use of affected communities in future emergencies.

In addition, and in order to increase awareness of unsuitable sanitation practices within households, local Branches will conduct basic sensitization and training on community sanitation with the support of five community coordinators and the local leaders of each neighbourhood. To achieve this objective, the National Society will identify the most affected and vulnerable neighbourhoods and will prepare a plan of action in close coordination with community leaders. In order to reach a maximum number of people, community radio spots and séances will be considered.

The HNRCS and the Federation staff in the country are aware of the technical expertise and resources required to develop a complete and integral sanitation programme. It has been decided that under the framework of this appeal the response will be to the most immediate needs of the affected population. Sand, rocks and garbage that were transported by the floods and are now piled up need to be urgently removed from homes, roads and water sewage channels. Subsequently, more in-depth water and sanitation development activities should be considered in order to reduce the risk of communities in case of new floods.

Federation Coordination

OCHA representation in Haiti ensures sharing of information and coordination of all humanitarian interventions on behalf of the United Nations System and in support of the National Risk and Disaster Management System and is coordinating international humanitarian actions in response to this emergency. The HNRCS, with support from Federation representatives, continues to participate in meetings that are attended also by Government representatives, NGOs, other UN agencies and other humanitarian actors.

The Civil Protection Department (DPC-Direction pour la Protection Civile) leads the coordination of the different Ministries and shares damage and needs information regularly. The Ministry of the Interior has mobilized some 1,300,000 Gourdes (CHF 48,500) from governmental emergency funds. According to the DPC, a total 3,187,172 Gourdes (CHF 103,000) from a number of government institutions have gone to assist the affected population. However, due to lack of coordination and information sharing, the HNRCS was designated to act in a geographical area in the North West Department where other NGOs were already responding. In order to avoid duplicity of actions, the HNRCS decided to revise its plan of action and focus its relief operations in the non-assisted localities of the North West and those initially considered in Grande-Anse.

The HNRCS and the Federation are maintaining close liaison with the PNS present in the country and the ICRC, which holds responsibility for security issues as the lead agency of the Movement.

Organizations that have been involved in - and have coordinated - the response to this emergency are: the Haitian National Red Cross Society, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), OCHA, the DCP, Initiative au Développement (ID), Care, OXFAM and Caritas. UNICEF has made an in-kind donation of hygiene kits, kitchen kits, blankets, jerry cans and water purification tablets to the Appeal. In addition, World Vision has made an in-kind donation with an estimated value of USD 40,000.

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Since the onset of the disaster, the Haiti Country Delegation has been in communication with the Federation's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and has received support in the definition of the intervention. A Disaster Management delegate from PADRU has been mobilized to Haiti to support the HNRCS and Federation Country Delegation in the revision of the Plan of Action and coordination of activities. A Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member will be mobilized to support the HNRCS in the implementation of its Plan of Action. In addition, the French Red Cross American-Caribbean Intervention Platform (PIRAC), in coordination with PADRU and the Country delegation, will support the purchase and transport of blankets from the island of Guadeloupe to Port au Prince.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement -- Principles and initiatives

The Federation is working with the HNRCS to assist the most vulnerable. In the planned operation, the activities to be carried out in relief assistance and sanitation are based upon the principle of humanity. Beneficiary selection criteria focus on the level of vulnerability of those affected, respect of the culture and ensuring gender sensitivity.



Assessments conducted in affected communities

Activities planned for this appeal are based on the SPHERE project humanitarian charter and the code of conduct for emergency response. The operation will ensure transparency through the drawing up and dissemination of narrative and financial reports. All objectives put forward in the appeal are in line with Strategy 2010, as well as the Strategy for the Movement and the Principles and Rules of the Movement.

National Society Capacity Building

The Haiti National Red Cross Society has eight NITs who are available in any of the affected regions (14 volunteers trained in search and rescue techniques, damage and needs assessment, emergency logistics and relief). These teams have emergency equipment made up of picks, shovels, flashlights, radios, wheelbarrows, saws, security helmets, aprons and mobile telephones with credit available for making calls. In addition, 33 volunteers and HNRCS staff have been trained in PIRAC in areas such as relief, water and sanitation or health in emergencies, being part of the regional response system.

200 "Relais Communautaires" have been trained and have worked for six months in the disaster preparedness programme, particularly in community awareness-raising in order to better prepare vulnerable populations for disasters. Although their main tasks involve disaster preparedness, the "Relais" also work during disaster situations to provide support to NITs in assessments, evacuations, first aid and shelter management.

The Haitian National Red Cross Society has a Disaster Management Department and an Emergency Operations Centre equipped for the coordination of emergency activities and operations in the field. The Emergency Operations Committee has been activated on several occasions and has resulted in more efficient response in emergency situations on the part of the HNRCS.

In addition to the above, the HNRCS has an ambulance fleet which – although quite old – helps HNRCS Branches in the evacuation of the injured.

Without a doubt, the most important asset of the National Society is its volunteers, who are motivated and dedicated to the humanitarian cause and to the Principles and Values of the Movement.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Since the onset of this emergency, the Federation has continuously provided donors and the general public with current information through its situation updates. A DREF Bulletin on humanitarian assistance to assist those affected by the floods was issued on 1 December 2006 and an International Appeal was launched on 4 December. Information on the operation is available on the global Federation website www.ifrc.org and the regional websites www.cruzroja.org and www.caribbeanredcross.org

Two articles related to this emergency have been published in local media with an aim to raise awareness and generate interest in this “forgotten emergency”, as the headlines have been dominated by news about the general elections in the country and natural disasters in other parts of the world. Response to this appeal has set off slowly perhaps as a result of this. However, the Federation trusts that the Haitian National Red Cross Society will receive the support needed to carry out the planned activities under this Emergency Appeal, reaching the lives of many vulnerable people.

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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

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	ORIGINAL	REVISED	VARIANCE
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>			
Shelter			0
Construction Materials			0
Clothing & Textiles	66,000	107,000	-41,000
Food			0
Seeds & Plants			0
Water & Sanitation	61,000	56,000	5,000
Medical & First Aid			0
Teaching Materials			0
Utensils & Tools	97,000	35,000	62,000
Other Supplies & Services	79,000	31,500	47,500
Total Relief Needs	303,000	229,500	73,500
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>			
Land & Buildings			0
Vehicles Purchase			0
Computers & Telecom Equipment			0
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.			0
Medical Equipment			0
Other Machinery & Equipment			0
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>			
Storage - Warehouse			0
Distribution & Monitoring	101,500	15,500	86,001
Transport & Vehicles Costs	18,500	13,000	5,500
<u>PERSONNEL</u>			
International Staff	58,000	44,000	14,000
Regionally Deployed Staff		4,500	-4,500
National Staff	70,000	4,000	66,000
National Society Staff		30,500	-30,500
Consultants			0
<u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u>			
Workshops & Training		8,000	-8,000
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>			
Travel	16,000	17,000	-1,000
Information & Public Relations	1,500	15,500	-14,000
Office running costs	13,000	6,500	6,500
Communication Costs	2,000	3,500	-1,500
Professional Fees			0
Financial Charges			0
Other General Expenses			0
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>			
Programme Support - PSR	41,000	27,216	13,784
Total Operational Needs	321,500	189,215	132,285
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	624,500	418,715	205,785