

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

BURKINA FASO: FLOODS

DREF operation n° MDRBF002

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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 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: CHF 59,111 (USD 55,394 or EUR 38,996) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 19 August 2006 to support the Burkinabe Red Cross Society (BRCS) in delivering assistance to some 6,000 beneficiaries.

After a delay in rains in most Sahel countries, unexpected torrential rains caused flooding in the northern part of Burkina Faso, leaving thousands of families homeless after their houses were washed away. The floods which occurred on 9 August, 2006 also washed away many crops, food reserves and personal belongings of poor farming communities. With the support of the Federation, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society and other partners assisted 200 families with food, and non-food items (sleeping mats and impregnated mosquito nets). About 100 volunteers were mobilized, trained, and equipped to carry out sensitization and distribution activities. This assistance improved the life of affected people and increased Red Cross visibility within the affected region as well as the volunteers' capacity in disaster management.

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (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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The situation

The Northern Burkina Faso is a pastoral and agricultural area with intensive cropping activities during the raining season. Three provinces (Oudalan, Seum and Yatenga), mainly arid but containing many seasonal rivers and water ponds, received more than 136 mm of rains during that period. The torrential rains caused flooding in the northern part of Burkina Faso, leaving thousands of families homeless after their houses were washed away. They hit a region that has endured 30 years of successive droughts, locust invasions and loss of grain to birds.

With the floods washing away crops, food insecurity loomed up, hence the need for an immediate intervention. The 2004-2005 agricultural production in this area was far below average due to lack of rains that resulted in severe drought conditions. The town of Gorom-Gorom (close to the Niger and Mali border) – 270 km north of the capital city Ouagadougou together with some neighbouring villages, registered around 6,000 people seeking temporary shelter in strong structured schools and town halls. The National Society, in close collaboration with the local authorities and partners organized assistance for the most vulnerable people affected in the northern part of the country.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective: To contribute to the relief of the populations affected by floods in Northern Burkina Faso within 45 days.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 10 metric tons (MT) of food are distributed to people affected by floods; • 800 impregnated mosquito nets are distributed to families with children aged under five years; • At least 400 of the most vulnerable families receive sleeping mats; • 100 volunteers are mobilized, trained and equipped to implement sensitization and distribution activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of food items such as cereals, beans, sugar, salt and oil (one-month ration for 400 families); • Distribution of sanitation materials; • Organizing household distributions of non-food items such as impregnated mosquito nets and sleeping mats.

Impact:

Immediately after the floods were announced, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society mobilized an assessment team in the region and deployed the National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) to support the local branches in assisting the affected people. Despite difficulties in accessing the affected areas, the team came up with a good picture of the situation. The 100 trained Red Cross volunteers worked closely with the local authorities in assisting homeless families; the local branches of Oudalan, Seum and Yatenga provinces were represented in their respective Provincial Council of Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (COPROSUR).

To avoid outbreaks of waterborne diseases, some water and sanitation (watsan) sensitization activities were conducted in the affected areas alongside relief distribution targeting families with children under five years, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. The operation was a good opportunity for the National Society to engage a dialogue with local authorities on the preparedness programme at community level. At least, 210 metric tons (MT) of food were distributed to the people affected by floods. The table below shows the quantity of food distributed by region:

Villages targeted	Djibo	Gorom-Gorom	Ouahigouya	Kongoussi
Quantity of food distributed	30 MT	120 MT	40 MT	20MT

Other items were also distributed: 880 sleeping mats; and 1,300 mosquito nets were distributed.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion	
Objective: To prevent outbreak of water born diseases and other epidemics in the affected neighbourhoods.	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 volunteers are mobilized, trained and equipped to implement sensitization and distribution activities; • Populations in the affected zones are reached with messages on proper hygiene practices and sanitation; • Families from the flooded zones are sensitized to adopt positive attitudes towards water related diseases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing sensitization activities with populations, especially the displaced ones, to promote proper hygiene and sanitation; • Carrying out sensitization and promotion of hygiene practices to the benefit of the population affected by floods; • Conducting house-to-house sensitization campaigns, targeting mothers; • Mobilizing authorities to promote hygiene and to prevent outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting behavioural change communication (BCC) activities in public places (markets, bus stations and mosques).
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Impact:

The volunteers treated two polluted water points in Gorom-Gorom to supply affected people with clean water. Prior to distribution, communities were sensitized to hygiene and sanitation rules. Some 46 sensitization sessions were conducted in 56 neighbourhoods of Yatenga, Oudalan and Seum provinces, reaching over 22,100 persons. Populations were also sensitized on methods to obtain potable water during emergencies like flooding, in order to avoid water borne diseases.

This operation provided an opportunity to verify that the Burkinabe Red Cross branches are capable of managing several situations at the same time. This is a sign of their increasing capacity as well as the volunteers' increasing experience in water and sanitation management during emergency.

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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MDRBF002 - Burkina Faso: Floods

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/8-2007/6
Budget Timeframe	2006/8-2006/12
Appeal	MDRBF002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	59,111					59,111
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DREF</i>	56,166					56,166
C1. Cash contributions	56,166					56,166
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	56,166					56,166
D. Total Funding = B + C	56,166					56,166
Appeal Coverage	95%					95%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	56,166					56,166
E. Expenditure	-56,166					-56,166
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		59,111					59,111	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	4,000						4,000	
Clothing & textiles		14,662				14,662	-14,662	
Food	15,390	17,688				17,688	-2,298	
Water & Sanitation	4,950	3,600				3,600	1,350	
Medical & First Aid	11,308						11,308	
Total Supplies	35,648	35,950				35,950	-302	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring		419				419	-419	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,147	5,965				5,965	-1,818	
Total Transport & Storage	4,147	6,385				6,385	-2,238	
Personnel								
National Staff	6,720						6,720	
National Society Staff	360	6,974				6,974	-6,614	
Total Personnel	7,080	6,974				6,974	106	
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,286						2,286	
Information & Public Relation		113				113	-113	
Office Costs		2,173				2,173	-2,173	
Communications		872				872	-872	
Financial Charges		4				4	-4	
Other General Expenses	6,108	45				45	6,063	
Total General Expenditure	8,394	3,207				3,207	5,187	
Programme Support								
Program Support	3,842	3,651				3,651	191	
Total Programme Support	3,842	3,651				3,651	191	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	59,111	56,166				56,166	2,945	
VARIANCE (C - D)		2,945				2,945		