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TANZANIA : FLOODING IN ZANZIBAR

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In Brief

Minor Emergency history:

- Launched on 12 May 2005 for 3 months to assist 6,000 beneficiaries¹.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 110,000.

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Note: The flooding in Zanzibar was initially reported on via Information Bulletin no. 1 dated 22 April 2005 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts05/tz050422.pdf.

Background

The Tanzanian island of Zanzibar experienced very heavy rainfall in April 2005 in what is considered to have been the worst downpour in 40 years. This unprecedented rainfall, which lasted 36 hours and measured 149+ millimeters, took place between 15 and 17 April 2005. According to a government assessment report which was released following these rains, 10,000 households lost their homes, over a 10,000 others and property was destroyed and one person was killed as a result of the subsequent flooding.

¹Tanzania: Flooding in Zanzibar- http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05ME02501.pdf

The Zanzibar branch of the Tanzania Red Cross Society² effectively participated in the initial government assessment as well as the regional disaster response team (RDRT) assessment coordinated by the Federation's regional delegation in Nairobi. The assessments sought to determine the requirements for a possible health, water and sanitation, and relief operation. Subsequently, the Federation allocated CHF 110,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to the Tanzania Red Cross Society to support its relief operation. The national was able to provide non-food relief items as well as water treatment chemicals to flood-affected communities, train volunteers in disaster preparedness and response, conduct community awareness and sensitization campaigns, and hygiene education campaigns.

Coordination

All relief activities at the national level were coordinated by the Office of the Chief Minister, which ensured that efforts were not duplicated. A relief committee was also set up with members drawn from communication, health, agriculture, and education ministries together with the armed forces. The Tanzania Red Cross Society is part of the relief committee, and also closely coordinated its activities at regional and national level with UN agencies. Sector sub-committees were also established.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) provided food, sanitation facilities, mosquito nets, water and water treatment chemicals to the families accommodated in the schools; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assigned a disaster management specialist to assist in strengthening the assessment capacity of the Office of the Chief Minister. Care International supported the affected people in the camps with mosquito nets and gave a cash donation of USD 5,000. The Aga Khan Foundation contributed USD 21,000 to the government's appeal for Zanzibar flood victims. Local businessmen also extended their support to the call for assistance, mostly in the form of cash.

Analysis of the operation - objectives, achievements and impact

Goal: To provide non-food relief items to flood-affected communities and contribute to reducing morbidity linked to poor sanitation and lack of access to clear water.

Objective 1: To provide bed nets, cooking utensils and blankets to 1,000 families (approximately 6,000 beneficiaries).

The Tanzania Red Cross Society's Zanzibar branch trained 25 volunteers on the community-based targeting system and the criteria to be applied for identifying the most affected persons in the communities.

As an exit strategy, 30 volunteers were trained- from 15 to 19 August 2005- in Zanzibar to strengthen the community's capacity in disaster preparedness and response.

From 1 May to 15 May 2005, volunteers distributed non-food relief items as tabulated below.

Ward	Village	Households	Blankets	Kitchen sets	Bed nets	Soap	Jerry cans
Magomeni	Nyerere camp	196	392	196	392	196	196
	Kwa Wazee	92	184	92	184	92	92
	Mzalendo	35	70	35	70	35	35
Raha leo	Miembeni camp	5	10	5	10	5	5
Amani	Sebuleni	132	264	132	264	132	132

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² Tanzania Red Cross Society- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=189>

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Ward	Village	Households	Blankets	Kitchen sets	Bed nets	Soap	Jerry cans
Muembe Makumbi	Karakana	173	346	173	346	173	173
Kwahani	Kwa Alinato	28	56	28	56	28	28
Mwera	Meli nne	26	52	26	52	26	26
Kisima Majongoo	Gongoni	32	64	32	64	32	32
Jang'ombe	Bint Amran	21	42	21	42	21	21
	Migombani	45	90	45	90	45	45
	Kaburi Kikombe	82	164	82	164	82	82
	Wawi	63	126	63	126	63	63
	Meya	68	136	68	136	68	68
Totals		998	1,996	998	1,996	998	998

Objective 2: To prevent morbidity and reduce vulnerability from water-related diseases and poor environmental sanitation.

Aqua tablets were distributed to the most affected communities.

Community awareness and sensitization campaigns were conducted jointly with public health staff from the Ministry of Health.

Hygiene education campaigns were conducted including advocating for the use of dust bins and burning of solid waste by households. This was reinforced by using leaflets to emphasize key messages and issues such as drinking boiled water, what to do in the event of suspected cholera among others.

Impact

The release of DREF funds allowed the Zanzibar branch of the Tanzania Red Cross National Society to respond widely and effectively to the identified needs.

The training of volunteers and communities has increased preparedness in the event of future disasters and has contributed to the empowerment of vulnerable communities.

Special note: This Interim Final Report is being issued without the financial report. The latter is expected in early December 2005. The Final Report, comprising of the final financial report and this narrative report, will be issued shortly.

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