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In Brief

Interim Final Report; Period covered: 13 November 2006 to 5 February 2007.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 30,470 was allocated from the Federation's DREF on 6 November, 2006 to respond to the needs of this operation. (Refer to the [DREF Bulletin](#) for more information).
- This operation was implemented over 3 months, and was completed 5 February 2007.

This operation was aligned with the International Federation's 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.

Background and Summary

Approximately 500 families were left homeless after their houses were destroyed following several hours of heavy rains and strong winds on 28 October 2006 in Kigoma region, western Tanzania bordering Lake Tanganyika. Twenty eight people were injured and admitted at the government's regional hospital while several others suffered minor bruises. A school and a church were amongst the buildings that were damaged during the downpour. Household property and food stocks were also destroyed. The two worst affected suburbs in Kigoma Urban District were Kibirizi and Burarangabo, situated some five kilometers from Kigoma town, with a total population of about 15,000 people (approximately 2,000 households). An assessment by the Tanzania Red Cross National Society (TRCNS) indicated an urgent need for food, non-food items



TRCNS staff lowering roofing timber from a lorry for distribution.

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(NFIs) such as blankets, plastic sheets for temporary shelter, cooking sets, long lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLITNs), buckets, soap and roofing materials (iron sheets, timber and nails).

In response to government appeals for assistance from humanitarian agencies, the TRCNS branch staff and volunteers distributed NFIs including cooking sets, buckets, blankets, LLITNs and soap to 500 most affected families in Kigoma region. They also provided roofing timbers and nails for reconstruction of houses. The TRCNS head office provided logistical support during the purchase of LLITNs, cooking sets and water buckets, and supported the Kigoma branch in the supervision and overall management of the intervention.

Coordination

With the Federation's support, the TRCNS conducted procurement of relief items, transportation and distribution to beneficiaries. A team involving United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), government agencies and the TRCNS conducted a joint field trip to assess the situation in the affected areas. The Red Cross Kigoma branch also worked closely with the local government authorities and the communities of Kigoma during distribution and handing over of the relief items. Tents and blankets were also provided by UNHCR following the Tanzanian government requests. Joint deployments were undertaken between the local authorities and the TRCNS including a total of 50 volunteers to assist the floods victims during the rapid intervention and distribution phases of the operation. Regular taskforce meetings were convened in Kigoma for information sharing, feedback on resources mobilized and distribution plans.

Analysis of the operation - objectives, achievements and impact

The International Federation allocated CHF 30,470 to the TRCNS on 6 November 2006 to facilitate the provision of assistance to the 500 affected households in Kigoma region through emergency relief, health and shelter interventions for three months. The operation was successful and contributed towards improving the living conditions of the affected households in Kigoma. In addition, 50 of these households and a school benefited from reconstruction of their houses and school structures.

Goal: To alleviate the suffering of households affected by heavy rains in Kigoma Region.

Emergency relief

Objective: To improve the living conditions of 500 affected households in Kigoma Region through provision of essential non-food items (NFIs) for three months.

Five hundred targeted households and a school in Kigoma's Kibirizi and Kalalangabo sections were reached and assisted with cooking sets, blankets, LLITNs, buckets and soap as indicated in the table below. These relief items ensured that the vulnerable households' immediate requirements were met. In all the distribution sites, each of the affected households was able to receive one cooking set and at least three bars of soap. The TRCNS further provided community education on the use of LLITNs.

Table 1: Non Food Items Distribution in Kibirizi

Location	Cooking Sets	Blankets	Buckets	Soap bars
Kibirizi A	158	306	306	457
Kibirizi B	126	247	247	366
Kibirizi Rasini	216	447	447	677
Total distribution	500	1,000	1,000	1,500

Health

Objective: To safeguard health and promote hygiene awareness among the population affected by heavy rains.

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Achievements

Using mass campaigns through organized street meetings and house visits, 25 Tanzania Red Cross National Society volunteers provided community education on proper usage of insecticide treated bed nets and prevention of diarrhoea and cholera. During the reporting period, a total of 1,000 insecticide treated nets were distributed to the affected communities. Out of these, 306 were distributed in Kibirizi A, 247 in Kibirizi B and 447 in Kibirizi Rasini. The provision of these bed nets will minimize the risk of malaria among pregnant mothers and their unborn children.

Shelter

Objective: To support the reconstruction of 50 houses and a school in Kigoma Urban District.

Achievements

The TRCNS procured and distributed 1,500 pieces of timber and 250 kilogrammes of nails to assist in the reconstruction of Kibirizi B Primary School and houses damaged by floods in Kibirizi Rainy and Kibirizi A and B. The completion of the houses has enabled the affected households to have access to shelter. It is hoped that this achievement will further ease the burden of rehabilitation of those affected.

Lessons Learnt

- Lack of relief stockpiles prevented rapid response to the affected families. This challenge was met by using 300 cooking sets from the National Society's refugee programme stocks to support these families.
- Due to reasonable prices, the TRCNS was able to purchase 550 cooking sets up from 500 planned for in the budget. Furthermore, 1,060 LLITNs were also procured which was 60 more than the planned procurement. The surplus of 50 cooking sets and 60 LLITNs were kept as disaster preparedness stock.

Special note: This Interim Final Report is being issued without an interim financial report. A Final Report, comprising of the final financial report and this narrative, will be issued in due course.

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