

# DREF final report

## Central African Republic: Floods

**DREF operation n° MDRCF016**  
**GLIDE n° FL-2013-000112-CAF**  
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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: CHF120,702 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Central African Republic Red Cross (CAR Red Cross) to provide immediate assistance to 1,785 beneficiaries (337 families). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

On 3 and 4 September 2013, the neighbourhoods of Issongo, Bea-Rex Makambo, Sara Banga-2-Gbaya Dombia, Bibalé, Souma Poto Poto, Fondo Yakite and Sara-Dah in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision of Bangui were flooded, following heavy rains that resulted in significant damage. Seventy-five (75) volunteers from the local Red Cross committee conducted a rapid assessment of the situation and identified 337 severely affected families in 10

neighbourhoods. The total number of people whose homes were either completely or partially damaged stood at 1,785, including 716 children, 612 women (15 pregnant women) and 457 men. CAR Red Cross volunteers also discovered that almost all wells and latrines in these areas had been damaged by floodwaters.

This DREF operation was implemented by CAR Red Cross volunteers, under the supervision of the national Disaster Management Coordinator, with support from a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) member deployed in Bangui. Activities conducted helped to improve the living conditions of families, reduce immediate health risks on selected families, reduce risk of floods and water-related diseases in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub-division of Bangui, improve access to safe water and latrines for the most vulnerable families and to prevent and reduce risks of floods through media awareness campaigns targeting people in risky and affected areas.

This operation was planned to last 3 months, and to end on 17 December 2013. Delays in the supply of NFI stocks necessitated the extension of the DREF operation to 31 January 2014. .

Details of all DREF donors can be found on: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MDR00001.pdf>

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Distribution of NFIs to flood victims in Bangui / Photo: IFRC

## The situation

On 3 and 4 September 2013, the neighbourhoods of Issongo, Bea-Rex Makambo, Banga Sara-2-Gbaya Dombia, Bibalé, Yakite, Fondo and Sara-Dah, Souma Poto Poto in the 3rd Subdivision of Bangui in the Central African Republic were ravaged by floods, following heavy rains that lasted for hours, resulting in significant damage in these localities.

Of a total population of 90,000 people that make up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision, about 32,993 people were affected by the floods, with 337 families (1,875 people) identified as most vulnerable, since their homes were either completely destroyed or partially damaged. Also, other damage recorded included the destruction of wells and latrines.

The 337 most vulnerable families of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision each received material for the reconstruction of their partially destroyed homes. Those who had abandoned their homes and sought refuge in host families were able to construct temporary shelter in which they lived, while waiting for the dry season to start the reconstruction of their destroyed homes. The 1785 most vulnerable persons were sensitized on hygiene rules and disease prevention, and according to a field trip conducted by the CAR Red Cross, these rules are being put into practice. They were all given Aquatabs for water treatment at home, for a period of 75 days (2.5 months) and all wells (424 wells) in affected neighbourhoods were treated. The population of the 10 affected neighbourhoods now has access to safe water.

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## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

All activities were carried out by 45 CARRC volunteers who were trained in distribution methods and techniques. They were supervised in the field by five specialized National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members who all worked under the coordination of the Disaster Management Coordinator of the CARRC.

NFIs were transported from Yaounde to Bangui by the IFRC Central Africa Representation. The CARRC mobilized five pickup trucks to transport them from warehouses to distribution sites. An IFRC vehicle was also provided to transport the RDRT member during the monitoring of activities throughout his stay in Bangui.

### Achievements against outcomes

Emergency shelter and non-food items	
Outcome: To contribute to improving the living conditions of 337 families (1,785 people).	
Output (Expect Results)	Planned activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>337 vulnerable families (1,785 people) identified receive assistance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase and transport 674 tarpaulins and fixings (including rope and poles) 674 blankets, 892 mats, 337 cooking kits, 1685 pieces of soap, 1,011 mosquito nets, 337 buckets (17 litre), 337 jerry cans (20 litre), and 612 toiletry kits.</li> <li>Brief 45 volunteers on methods and techniques distribution.</li> <li>Package the items according to the list of beneficiaries, with the following breakdown: tarpaulins (2 per family), rope (30 metres per family), poles (6 x 5metres per family), mats (1 for every 2 people), covers (1 for every 2 people), and kitchen kits (1 per family)</li> <li>Distribute the non-food items in the ten districts of the third district of Bangui.</li> <li>Ensure monitoring, evaluation and reporting on activities</li> </ul>

**Impact:**

Those who had abandoned their homes and sought refuge in host families received building material and constructed temporary shelters in which they lived, while waiting for the dry season, to start the reconstruction of their destroyed homes.

Following the excellent distribution of NFIs, the then CAR Minister for Social Affairs was so impressed that she decided that henceforth, the CAR Red Cross would be invited to train her staff in distribution techniques, and in case of further distribution activities, the CAR Red Cross will also be called upon to do same. Thus, the perception, popularity and visibility of the CAR Red Cross have been greatly enhanced.

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**Emergency health**

<b>Outcome: The immediate risks to the health of the 337 selected families are reduced</b>	
<b>Outputs (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The health situation and immediate risks to malaria in the aftermath of the floods are assessed and responded to;</li> <li>• Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to the target population;</li> <li>• Epidemic prevention and control measures are carried out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure first aid kits.</li> <li>• Provide first aid to people who are injured.</li> <li>• Provide referrals for affected people to health centres.</li> <li>• Encourage pregnant women to consult health centres for antenatal care.</li> <li>• Train 45 volunteers on the installation and use of treated mosquito nets as well as epidemic control for volunteers (ECV)</li> <li>• Purchase 1,011 nets and distribute 3 per family to 337 families identified.</li> <li>• Sensitize the 337 families targeted in on how to install and use mosquito nets.</li> <li>• Sensitize communities on the risks of malaria and relevant prevention.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the activities.</li> </ul>

**Impact:**

The 1785 most vulnerable persons were sensitized on hygiene rules and disease prevention, and according to a field trip conducted by the CAR Red Cross, these rules were being put into practice. They were all given Aquatabs for water treatment at home, for a period of 75 days (2.5 months) and all wells (424 wells) in affected neighbourhoods were treated. The population of the 10 affected neighbourhoods now has access to safe water.

**Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion**

<b>Outcome 1: The floods risk and water-related diseases in the third district of Bangui are reduced.</b>	
<b>Outputs (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures are taken to ensure that all families affected by floods in the third arrondissement of Bangui live in a healthy environment.</li> <li>• Affected families are informed of key messages to reduce the risk of flooding.</li> <li>• Risk of diseases related to water and sanitation are reduced in the ten districts of the third district of Bangui</li> <li>• Red Cross Central has contributed to capacity building for vulnerable families in the ten</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase leaflets, posters and flipcharts with related hygiene promotion messages</li> <li>• Organize and carry out a sensitization campaign to reduce flood risk and improve sanitation and hygiene promotion in the 3rd district of Bangui.</li> <li>• Train 45 volunteers on technical awareness and hygiene promotion.</li> <li>• Raise awareness of flood risk and hygiene using leaflets, posters and boxes images.</li> </ul>

districts of the third district of Bangui for the prevention of water-related diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor, evaluate and report on water, sanitation and hygiene activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome 2: Access to drinking water and sanitation facilities for the 337 most vulnerable families are improved</b>	
<b>Outputs (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 337 families have access to drinking water and sanitation facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase and distribute chlorine tablets for household water treatment and demonstrate usage.</li> <li>Purchase chlorine for the treatment of contaminated wells.</li> <li>Purchase and distribute family buckets (1 17-litre bucket per family), jerry cans (1 20-litre jerry can per family), soap (5 pieces of 250gms each per family) and a hygiene/ toiletries kit per woman (612 in total).</li> <li>Disinfect contaminated latrines.</li> <li>Clean contaminated wells.</li> <li>Monitor, evaluate and report on the activities related to facilitating access to safe drinking water and disinfection of latrines.</li> </ul>

### Impact

After the implementation of the project in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision of Bangui, the journalist of *Radio centrafricaine* interviewed some beneficiaries (two women and a man), who declared that they were satisfied with the work done by the Central African Red Cross. They even thanked the Central African Red Cross and its partners for the assistance that were brought to them. Today, they still consume water from their wells which were completely contaminated with dirty water from the flood. All the wells were treated and are ready to be used. Apart from the wells that were treated, all the 337 affected families have received Aquatabs tablets for water treatment in households and training in how to use the tablets. The number of tablets given to them was useful for two and a half months. As concerns the latrines, all the identified latrines were disinfected and cleaned. Today, access to the latrines is easier.

During the NFIs distribution, each of the affected families received a bucket, a jerrycan, 5 pieces of soap of 250g and some toilet kits, depending on the number of women in the family. These items have restored their dignity and they can now store water without any problem.

Another visible impact is the multiple awareness sessions carried out by the volunteers that has helped the community avoid diseases. The people are adopting good behaviours as far as the hygiene is concern.

With regards to the Central African Red Cross, all the volunteers that were involved in the activities have benefited from the training in food and non food items distribution techniques, awareness campaigns and water purification techniques. They are likely to continue raising awareness in hygiene promotion in their community; they have organised themselves to keep their environment clean, particularly the wells and latrines. In addition, they are ready to intervene in the community even after the project. They are also ready to help other communities if a similar situation occurs.

### Communications

<b>Outcome: Contribute to the prevention and reduction of flood risks through a media campaign to raise public awareness of the affected areas and risks.</b>	
<b>Outputs (expected results)</b>	<b>activities planned:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The population from the affected areas and surrounding is sensitized through radios and print media using previously designed key prevention messages and actions taken by the National Society in the operation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a two-minute radio spot in the local dialect (Sango).</li> <li>Broadcast the radio spot twice a week on alternate radio waves Ndeke Luka and Central Africa.</li> <li>Broadcast weekly news on alternate radio stations Ndeke Luka and Central Africa.</li> <li>A weekly 25-minute live on national radio CAR.</li> <li>Insertion of a quarter page weekly in print with a rotation between <i>Confident</i>, <i>Citoyen</i> and <i>Hirondelle</i> newspapers.</li> </ul>

## Impact:

All activities conducted by CARRC volunteers within the context of this project were covered by local community radio stations and newspapers. A ten-minute spot was designed and two press releases broadcast over *radio Centrafrique* and *Ndeke Luka*. A weekly half-page article was also published in *Hirondelle* newspaper.

An NDRT member granted an interview in French and Sango (local language). Two beneficiaries also granted interviews in Sango to thank the Red Cross. *Radio Centrafrique* and *Ndeke Luka* broadcast information on the distribution of NFIs, Aquatabs, awareness activities, the handing over of sanitation materials and first-aid kits in French and Sango.

The Disaster Manager of the CARRC and the Vice President of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district committee also granted interviews in French and Sango.

Through these communication initiatives, a greater portion of the population was reached with various messages on the disaster.

## Security:

During the implementation of the DREF, the security situation was delicate and a curfew imposed in order to ensure the security of volunteers and employees of the Red Cross. The situation gradually deteriorated as from 5 December, and has now become very serious, with sectarian violence being the order of the day. This had very little impact on the implementation of activities, as by early December, activities had already been completed.

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## DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 18 September 2013 for CHF 120,702 for 03 months to assist 1,785 beneficiaries.
  - 01 DREF operation update issued.
  - Operation update No. 1 was issued to extend the operational timeframe until January 2014.
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## How we work

All IFRC 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 the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.



The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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**Selected Parameters**

Reporting Timeframe	2013/9-2014/3	Programme	MDRCF016
Budget Timeframe	2013/9-2014/1	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Funding**

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>A. Budget</b>		120,701				120,701	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		120,702				120,702	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>		120,702				120,702	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		120,702				120,702	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		120,702				120,702	

\* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

**II. Movement of Funds**

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>C. Income</b>		120,702				120,702	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-112,193				-112,193	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		8,509				8,509	

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## III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			<b>120,701</b>			<b>120,701</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	17,070		16,458			16,458	612	
Clothing & Textiles	11,180		10,254			10,254	926	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	15,276		11,338			11,338	3,938	
Medical & First Aid	962		940			940	22	
Teaching Materials	2,477		2,875			2,875	-399	
Utensils & Tools	9,225		10,101			10,101	-876	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>56,189</b>		<b>51,965</b>			<b>51,965</b>	<b>4,224</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	192		188			188	4	
Distribution & Monitoring	7,644		4,737			4,737	2,907	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	6,068		6,351			6,351	-283	
Logistics Services	4,860		1,934			1,934	2,926	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>18,764</b>		<b>13,210</b>			<b>13,210</b>	<b>5,554</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	13,700		17,203			17,203	-3,503	
National Staff			435			435	-435	
National Society Staff	3,538		1,742			1,742	1,796	
Volunteers	9,777		9,571			9,571	206	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>27,015</b>		<b>28,951</b>			<b>28,951</b>	<b>-1,936</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	2,615		2,556			2,556	59	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>2,615</b>		<b>2,556</b>			<b>2,556</b>	<b>59</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	3,695		5,835			5,835	-2,141	
Information & Public Relations	2,075		395			395	1,680	
Office Costs	1,731		559			559	1,172	
Communications	769		1,252			1,252	-483	
Financial Charges	481		622			622	-141	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>8,750</b>		<b>8,663</b>			<b>8,663</b>	<b>87</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recove	7,367		6,847			6,847	519	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>7,367</b>		<b>6,847</b>			<b>6,847</b>	<b>519</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>120,701</b>		<b>112,193</b>			<b>112,193</b>	<b>8,509</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>8,509</b>			<b>8,509</b>		

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**IV. Breakdown by subsector**

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
<b>BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people</b>							
Disaster response	120,701		120,702	120,702	112,193	8,509	
Subtotal BL2	120,701		120,702	120,702	112,193	8,509	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>120,701</b>		<b>120,702</b>	<b>120,702</b>	<b>112,193</b>	<b>8,509</b>	