

Operations update



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Myanmar: Cyclone Nargis

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THIRD YEAR REPORT

This report consists of an overview of the third year of operations. For specific operational and programmatic details, please see [Operations Update No.30](#) issued in March.

Period covered by this update: May 2010 to April 2011

Appeal target: CHF 68.5 million¹

Appeal coverage: 103%

[<view attached financial report, updated donor response report, or contact details>](#)



The household shelter project benefited a total of 12,404 families up to the end of March this year. In this photo, an elderly beneficiary stands outside his new home in Hpaung Yoe Seik village in Kyaiklat township.
(Photo: Myanmar Red Cross Society)

¹ The budget was revised down to CHF 68.5 million in March and accordingly, the revised appeal was extended by two months from May to end July 2011. This was indicated in Operations Update No 30 issued on 2 March 2011.

Appeal history:

- 2 March 2011: The budget was revised down to CHF 68.5 million and the revised appeal extended by two months from May to end-July 2011. A final report will be made available by end-October. Field activities, however, will remain largely unaffected and are scheduled to conclude by early May, as per the emergency appeal of 8 July 2008.
- 8 July 2008: A revised emergency appeal was launched for CHF 73.9 million to assist 100,000 households for 36 months.
- 16 May 2008: An emergency appeal was launched for CHF 52,857,809 to assist 100,000 households for 36 months.
- 6 May 2008: A preliminary emergency appeal was launched for CHF 6,290,909 to assist 30,000 households for six months.
- 5 May 2008: CHF 200,000 was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

Summary:

The third year of the Nargis operation has seen a good level of progress, with most programmes close to reaching targets and concluding related project activities within agreed timeframes. In some programmes, targets have even been exceeded or second phases have been launched due to the positive feedback received from communities as well as the continuing need for support – these include the household shelter project, repairs to community buildings and infrastructure project, the livelihoods cash-for-work project and school-based hygiene promotions. Other activities which are providing vital support to communities and have been well-received by them include the extensive asset recovery project, and the community and school-based disaster risk reduction programmes. The water, sanitation and hygiene promotion programme saw a two-month suspension in late 2010 following concerns over the lack of sustainability of some water supply and storage infrastructure, and a need to evaluate and review related activities – accordingly, increased efforts have been placed on strengthening this aspect of the programme, along with integrating selected soft component activities such as providing guidance to communities to maintain and safeguard water and sanitation infrastructure.

Visa challenges (described in previous operations updates) constrained the quality of support provided by delegates, who were relocated to work from the IFRC Southeast Asia regional office in Bangkok between October last year and January this year. This was off-set by the presence of the IFRC head of operations – the sole in-country Cyclone Nargis operation delegate during this period - as well as the IFRC head of country office and five delegates who remained in-country with visas under the annual country plan. IFRC national staff provided vital support to the head of operations and relocated delegates, by taking on additional tasks and responsibilities with confidence and competence, thus indicating the strong national capacity built by the operation. Strong support was also provided during this time by the MRCS operations management unit which worked closely with the IFRC head of operations. The relocated delegates were able to return to Myanmar in January.

As indicated in the previous operations update issued in March, the operation's budget was revised down to CHF 68.5 million and the revised appeal extended by two months from May to end July 2011. Expenditure to date is recorded at 90 per cent.

As anticipated, the move to the national society's new head office in Naypyidaw in October, for the majority of MRCS staff, has had an impact on MRCS/IFRC coordination and implementation efforts in annual and Cyclone Nargis programming. However, the Cyclone Nargis operation has not been significantly affected as key MRCS Nargis personnel have remained in Yangon. Overall, efforts between both partners to maintain good communication and relationships continue.

The Cyclone Giri operation launched in October in western Myanmar, affected the management and supervision of the Nargis operation's water and sanitation activities due to the temporary relocation of an MRCS headquarters staff member as well as Nargis hub-based staff to assist with the Giri operation.

As part of IFRC support to the MRCS response to the earthquake in Shan State in March this year, shelter kits and sleeping mats procured with Nargis operation funding and stocked at MRCS warehouses, were distributed to affected communities as part of the society's initial response. Additional needs have been covered by the IFRC's disaster relief emergency fund (DREF). A field-based Nargis operation water and sanitation engineer has also been temporarily deployed to the earthquake area.

Contributions to the appeal to date

Partners which have made contributions to the appeal to date include: American Red Cross/American

government, Andorran Red Cross/Andorran government, Australian Red Cross/Australian government, Austrian Red Cross, Belarusian Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross/Belgian government, British Red Cross/British government, Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Hong Kong and Macau branches of the Red Cross Society of China, Cook Islands Red Cross, Cyprus Red Cross/Cyprus government, Danish Red Cross/Danish government, Finnish Red Cross/Finnish government, French Red Cross, German Red Cross/German government, Hellenic Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, Indian Red Cross, Irish Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, Republic of Korea National Red Cross, Kuwait Red Crescent/Kuwait government, Lithuanian Red Cross, Luxembourg Red Cross/Luxembourg government, Malaysian Red Crescent, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross/Netherlands government, New Zealand Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross/Norwegian government, Philippine Red Cross, Polish Red Cross, Portuguese Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, Slovak Red Cross/Slovak government, Spanish Red Cross/Spanish government, Sri Lanka Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross/Swedish government, Swiss Red Cross/Swiss government, Taiwan Red Cross Organization, Turkish Red Crescent, United Arab Emirates Red Crescent and Viet Nam Red Cross. Contributions have also been received from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Directorate General (ECHO), the Italian, Estonian and Slovenian governments, Total Oil Company, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Tides Foundation, UN Staff Coordinating Council, and a number of other private and corporate donors.

IFRC, on behalf of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, would like to thank all partners for their generous and committed response to this appeal.

The situation

Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar on 2 and 3 May 2008, devastating the Ayeyarwady and Yangon regions². The official figures of 2 July 2008 state that 84,500 people were killed and 53,800 missing. The UN estimates that 2.4 million people were affected. A total of 37 townships were significantly affected by the cyclone³.

The Cyclone Nargis operation conducted by the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), targets 100,000 affected households in 13 townships. They are Kungyangon, Dedaye, Kyaiklat, Pyapon, Bogale, Maubin, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Ngapudaw, Twantay, Kawhmu, Myaungmya and Wakema⁴. In total, Nargis operation areas in these townships make up a land area of approximately 17,558 sq km.⁵

Coordination and partnerships

MRCS-IFRC coordination

Good cooperation and coordination between MRCS and IFRC has continued in the third year of the Nargis operation. The main fora for cooperation and information sharing have been regular operations management meetings and other daily and weekly meetings. MRCS and IFRC have also continued to jointly participate in inter-agency coordination meetings, on behalf of the Movement.

Movement coordination

Similarly, regular coordination meetings between MRCS, IFRC and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as partner national societies present in Myanmar, have continued.

Visits were made by representatives of Japanese Red Cross Society, Hong Kong branch of the Red Cross Society of China, and Taiwan Red Cross Organization. A visit was also made by MRCS, led by the society's president, along with the IFRC head of country office, to Nepal Red Cross in mid-September, for the purposes of learning about organizational management at chapter and headquarters-level, volunteering, financial management and resource mobilization.

Inter-agency coordination

Information exchange and inter-agency coordination have continued in Yangon and in the field. IFRC remains an observer at the Humanitarian Country Team⁶ (HCT) core group as well as the HCT forum, and the international

² Myanmar consists of state or regional administrative structures.

³ Source: *Post-Nargis Joint Assessment of July 2008*, prepared by the Tripartite Core Group (comprising the Government of the Union of Myanmar, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the United Nations), with the support of the humanitarian and development community.

⁴ Full recovery programming is being implemented in 11 of the 13 targeted townships under the appeal. Reduced programming is undertaken in the remaining townships of Wakema and Myaungmya due to the relatively small number of affected households.

⁵ Calculation made by IFRC Geographical Information Systems (GIS) unit based on data provided by the Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU).

⁶ Replaced the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) as the main forum for inter-agency coordination in Myanmar.

non-governmental organizations forum. IFRC is also a member of the Delta Consultative Forum⁷. A visit was paid to the IFRC country office in December by the Chief of the Asia and Pacific Section of OCHA's⁸ Coordination and Response Division in New York.

MRCS capacity

The third year of the Nargis operation has seen continued motivation and dedication among MRCS volunteers and officers alike, in the field and at headquarters. The number of Red Cross volunteers assisting in activities across all 13 targeted townships, has remained large, and has in fact increased in the third year of operations. About 900 are involved in recovery activities in the following areas: water, sanitation and hygiene promotion; community-based health and first aid, psychosocial support-oriented community activities, livelihoods, shelter, community development, logistics, and emergency response.

At the end of March, staff in all hub offices in the field, along with headquarters staff totalled 236. As part of the transition and eventual conclusion of the Nargis operation, staff members in several sectors have ended their missions beginning from early 2011. This process will continue over the next few months, with the final batch of field staff scheduled to end their missions in July, in tandem with the closure of hub offices. Efforts related to this process include field visits by senior management late last year to prepare field staff for their end of missions in connection with the transition and conclusion of the operation, provision of training in resumé-writing and job interview skills to these staff, and recognition ceremonies for departing staff.

The relocation of the majority of MRCS staff to the new head office in Naypyidaw in October has had an impact on MRCS/IFRC coordination and implementation efforts, as anticipated. However, the Nargis operation has not been significantly affected as key Nargis personnel have remained in Yangon. Overall, efforts between both partners to maintain good communication and relationships continue – in this regard, the practice of rotating between Naypyidaw and Yangon on a fortnightly basis, on the part of senior MRCS managers, has been beneficial, and has helped maintain a coherent overview of the operation.

IFRC capacity

On the whole, vital support to the National Society from IFRC delegates and local staff has been maintained in the third year of operations. While visa challenges (described in previous operations updates) constrained the quality of support provided by delegates relocated temporarily to Bangkok between October last year and January this year, overall support provided by the IFRC remained strong. Monitoring of programme activities was managed by the Head of Operations who remained in-country, with the support of the MRCS Operations Management unit, as well as the IFRC Head of Country Office and five delegates with visas under the annual Country Plan. All were ably supported by IFRC local staff members who took on additional tasks and responsibilities, thus indicating the strong level of national capacity that has been built since the start of the operation. The relocated delegates were able to return to Myanmar in January.

As indicated in the operations update issued in March, the operation's budget was revised down from CHF 71 million to CHF 68.5 million. The revised appeal was also extended by two months from May to end July 2011 but field activities remain unaffected and are to conclude by May as per the original schedule in the emergency appeal of 8 July 2008.

CONCLUDING MONTHS OF THE NARGIS OPERATION

The timelines for the final leg of the Nargis operation as described in the previous operations update remains – accordingly, all activities in the field are to conclude in May, followed by the closure of all hub offices in July. Supporting services provided by finance, administration, logistics and operations management at Yangon level, encompassing the reconciliation of working advances and the preparation of the final report, are scheduled to conclude by end-October. The programme agreement has also been recently updated to reflect approved revisions to the concluding operational profile of this Appeal.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The operation

The MRCS/IFRC recovery effort which spans 13 townships in the Ayeyarwady Delta, remains the largest outreach to vulnerable communities in the cyclone-affected area. The third year of the Nargis operation has seen continued efforts in community participation, beneficiary accountability and satisfaction; monitoring and evaluation; and building capacity within the National Society, across all major programmes. Monitoring and evaluation efforts have

⁷ The main coordinating body for ongoing recovery activities in Nargis-affected areas. Established upon the conclusion of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) mandate in July last year. The TCG comprises the Government of the Union of Myanmar, Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the UN.

⁸ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

included regular training and meetings for hub monitoring and evaluation (M&E) officers, which have had the desired impact of strengthening field reporting. Other M&E initiatives include surveys and evaluations undertaken by individual programmes, the outcomes of which will be shared in this operation's final report.

RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

The table below provides an overview of activity progress across all programmes.

Cyclone Nargis operation: Overall activity progress

Programmes	Overall completion percentage for activities (2008-2011)
Shelter	88 %
Livelihoods	98 %
Community-Based Health and First Aid	86 %
Psychosocial Support	90 %
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion	79 %
Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction	77.1%

The following data or materials can be found by clicking on the following links:

- Detailed tables on [activity progress](#) for each programme.
- [Tables](#) on objectives, activities and expected results for individual recovery programmes.

1 Shelter

Progress and achievements

The shelter programme saw the completion of its *schools project* in July last year with all schools occupied, while both its *household shelter project* as well as the *repairs to community buildings or infrastructure project* launched a second phase of activities due to positive feedback received from communities which benefited from the first phase. Both projects are scheduled for completion by May. Being among the last of the aid organizations still in the field providing household shelter, MRCS/IFRC, which is providing the largest contribution (16,376 homes), has had to face bigger expectations from vulnerable communities – accordingly, particular consideration has been given to beneficiary selections in the second phase, along with training of a wider group of local carpenters with the aim of enabling them to incorporate disaster risk reduction (DRR) construction techniques when building shelters for beneficiaries.

The project on the *construction of sub-rural health centres* (20 centres) made good progress in 2010, and is now 95 per cent complete with one remaining centre scheduled for completion in May. Similarly the *construction of Red Cross posts* project (100 posts) has been progressing steadily over the past year and is now 93 per cent complete and scheduled for completion in May.

In addition to these regular activities, shelter support integrated with water and sanitation assistance, is also being provided to a community which was relocated from a cyclone-affected area in Bogale township to another location in the same township.

Other additional interventions include the construction of the Red Cross branch office building in Bogale township, with one each planned for Labutta and Pyapon district townships as well as repairs to other branch buildings.

Partnership support

Partners who have assisted MRCS in bilateral initiatives for Cyclone Nargis-affected communities outside the international operation that is conducted with IFRC support are: *Japanese Red Cross Society, Magen David Adom, Malaysian Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, and Taiwan Red Cross Organization.*

2 Livelihoods

Progress and achievements

Over the past year, the livelihoods programme saw the asset recovery project make significant progress, with activities in four sectors completed (crop and vegetable farming, livestock farming, fisheries and small business). The final sector, paddy farming, is almost complete. This entire project has provided important support to beneficiaries and their families in regaining livelihoods damaged or severely affected by the cyclone. Reports from the field indicate that targeted beneficiaries have been able to regain or surpass pre-cyclone incomes.

The second phase of the tree-planting project was completed in September, and saw a significant improvement in the survival rate of shade trees and fruit trees planted, thanks to the establishment of a community-based maintenance and monitoring system in all targeted villages. Two small cash-for-work projects, conducted as part of integrated shelter and livelihoods activities, also provided wage employment to 400 people.

A recently-approved concluding activity to be conducted as part of the livelihoods programme will be a *revolving fund* pilot project which will target women.

Partnership support

French Red Cross has assisted MRCS in bilateral efforts for Cyclone Nargis-affected communities outside the international operation that is conducted with IFRC support.



The asset recovery project has helped restore or strengthen the livelihoods of 19,353 beneficiaries and their families. The beneficiary in this photo is a betel leaf farmer in Kawhmu township.

(Photo: U Sithu Lin / Myanmar Red Cross Society)

3 Community-based health and first aid (CBHFA)⁹

Progress and achievements

Among the major developments seen over the past year is the handover of health activities from hub-based health officers to trained Red Cross volunteers and community volunteers, in line with the conclusion of the Nargis operation. While the majority of handovers was seen in March this year, a few were undertaken in earlier months. In some locations, Red Cross volunteers have been trained as CBHFA facilitators to strengthen the capacity of township Red Cross brigades.

The National Society has also progressed in adopting the CBHFA-in-action approach by conducting training for master facilitators who included township-level Red Cross volunteers, and by selecting five cyclone-affected townships where the approach is scheduled to be piloted in June in stages.

⁹ It should be noted that in Myanmar, the transition from community-based first aid (CBFA) to the community-based health and first aid (CBHFA)-in-action approach is being undertaken in stages, and as such, not all elements of CBHFA have been adopted and put into practice.

Over the past year, steady progress has been seen in the conducting of health and hygiene promotion activities in communities and schools – the former has reached 80 per cent of targeted beneficiaries, while the latter has surpassed its target, and stands at 106 per cent. The training of community volunteers who have helped with the implementation of community activities, is nearing its sizeable target of 5,000 trained volunteers across all 13 targeted townships (*please see detailed table available through the link under Recovery Programmes*).

Good progress has also been seen in the TB project undertaken in 10 cyclone-affected townships – 330 trained Red Cross volunteers provide regular home-based care to patients. The volunteers aim to ensure that patients continue and comply with the treatment regimen and are supplied with TB care kits. Volunteers also engage in supplying sputum cups, and detecting and referring potential cases to township hospitals. The project complements the Ministry of Health’s nationwide TB programme. Support for this project will continue in the Delta area, following the completion of health interventions in March.

Challenges

Increased efforts have had to be undertaken to encourage hub health officers to delegate responsibilities to trained Red Cross volunteers and community volunteers, in order to give them the opportunity to carry out their intended roles at community level.

Partnership support

Partners who have assisted MRCS in bilateral initiatives for Cyclone Nargis-affected communities outside the international operation that is conducted with IFRC support are: *French Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross and Thai Red Cross*.



A significant body of Red Cross volunteers and community volunteers who have been trained in community-based health and first aid, will take over the implementation of health activities in certain townships, upon the conclusion of the Nargis operation.

(Photo: Myanmar Red Cross Society)

4 Psychosocial support

Progress and achievements

During the past year, focus has been placed on integrating psychosocial support into other programming. Efforts in this connection have included advocacy sessions for Red Cross volunteers, as well as an advocacy workshop for 2 i-Cs¹⁰ and MRCS headquarters staff. The workshop was facilitated by an external consultant who recommended a time-based road map on the integration of psychosocial support into other MRCS programmes.

The translation of the IFRC psychosocial support manual into the Myanmar language for use by trained community volunteers, is being finalized.

Community-oriented activities in targeted townships have continued with approximately 70 per cent of targeted beneficiaries reached.

¹⁰ 2 i-C: Second-in-command who is the manager of a township Red Cross Volunteer brigade.

Challenges

There is a need to continue supporting Red Cross volunteers and community volunteers engaged in various field activities, with guidance and knowledge on how to integrate psychosocial support with their respective activities.

5 Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Progress and achievements

The programme saw a significant amount of activities undertaken between May and October last year. However, due to concerns regarding the sustainability of some of the water and sanitation infrastructure provided by the programme, all construction activities were suspended in November and December. The suspension was aimed at enabling an overall assessment of the programme. The assessment confirmed the need to strengthen the sustainability of structures, as well as the need to restructure the National Society's water and sanitation unit to include a software/hygiene promotion officer in the team dynamic.

Accordingly, strengthening the sustainability of programme activities has been a top priority of the water and sanitation delegate. The soft component activities of the programme such as hygiene promotion and enabling communities to maintain water and sanitation infrastructure continued during the suspension.

Efforts to build National Society capacity in water and sanitation emergency response have continued in the third year of operations. These include an inventory and reorganization of emergency response unit (ERU) equipment, the appointment of one ERU trained engineer as a logistics/water and sanitation ERU officer at the society's headquarters, and the finalization of a plan to train (or refresh) Red Cross volunteers in the use of ERU equipment and register volunteers on a roster for deployment during disasters or emergencies. A more recent capacity building effort is the attendance of two National Society staff members at the regional disaster response training (RDRT) in water and sanitation in Indonesia, in April.

Challenges

The main challenge encountered by the programme has been the absence of comprehensive technical expertise and effective monitoring owing to the absence of the water and sanitation delegate who is temporarily based in Bangkok, pending the approval of a long-term visa. The delegate was only able to provide in-country support between end-May and mid-August, after which he was based out of the country due to visa difficulties. Since late January however, improvements in visa arrangements have enabled the delegate to travel to Myanmar at intervals, to provide support.

Partnership support

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The construction of latrine facilities including piped water has benefited about 12,064 school children so far. Rainwater collection tanks have also been built in 240 school compounds across the Delta.

(Photo: Myanmar Red Cross Society)

6 Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

Two major events which have added to the national society's disaster management division's ongoing responsibilities have been the society's response to Cyclone Giri in western Myanmar in October, and the earthquake in Shan State in March this year. The Cyclone Giri experience has demonstrated the society's improved capacity in a number of aspects including the ability to facilitate early warning alerts to communities-at-risk (this improvement was partly due to the community-based disaster risk management programme for vulnerable communities) and the ability to provide prompt relief thanks to the availability of significant quantities of pre-positioned disaster preparedness stock¹¹. At the same time, lessons learnt include the need to redesign the society's standard relief package, and to make modifications to the society's recently finalised *Contingency Plan*, *Standard Operating Procedure*, and *Warehouse Manual*. As regards the earthquake, while emergency relief efforts by the national society are underway at the time of preparation of this report, further initiatives are dependent on ongoing assessments of needs and capacities, as well as coordination with other partners on the ground - see also the [DREF operation](#) for details.

The major achievements realised in the past year include the continuing implementation of the community-based disaster risk management programme and the launch of the school-based disaster risk management programme. Both programmes have been well-received by targeted communities. Other progress includes an initiative to establish an emergency management fund, and the installation of telephone lines or provision of phones to Red Cross branches located in areas at-risk.

Preparations to construct a central warehouse in Yangon, funded by Japanese Red Cross Society, are also underway. The warehouse will be used to store water and sanitation emergency response unit (ERU) equipment, as well as disaster preparedness stock.

Challenges

The need to juggle Nargis operation initiatives (including shelter and livelihoods activities which come under the purview of the society's disaster management division) with annual programming activities, along with the responses to emergencies, comprise the main challenges encountered.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Organizational development

Significant efforts undertaken by the organizational development unit over the past year include support provided for the Nargis operation's transition process, and the planning process for the National Society's strategic plan for 2011-2015.

The regional finance development delegate has supported MRCS in reviewing the software system installed in Nargis-affected areas, as well as the society's plans to develop township branch financial guidelines and procedures aimed at supporting community-based activities which are the future priorities of the society.

Finance

The large volume of working advance payments to support the National Society in its recovery programmes and to support procurement services (see *Logistics section below*) has demanded a high level of management from the finance units in the IFRC country office and the MRCS office in Yangon. Capacities developed since the start of the operation have continued in this third year, and the internal audit conducted on the Nargis operation last year indicated good compliance with standard procedures. An independent external audit of the finance processes is scheduled to take place in July.

Currency fluctuations have also continued to be addressed in consultation with the IFRC's Asia Pacific zone finance unit.

Logistics

Large volumes of procurement at local township level, as well as through a central level at Yangon and through the IFRC's Asia Pacific zone office, continued to be undertaken in the third year of operations, particularly for shelter, livelihoods, and disaster preparedness and risk reduction programmes. Procurement and transportation support was also provided for the Cyclone Giri operation launched late last year in western Myanmar.

¹¹ With Nargis funding, the National Society's disaster preparedness stock has increased from 5,000 units to 7,000 units.

Capacity building efforts undertaken through the Nargis operation include training in logistics and disaster management for MRCS State and Division leaders¹², as well as volunteers, warehouse managers, and communications officers throughout the country. The MRCS Warehouse Manual 2010 in Myanmar language (*based on the 2008 edition of the IFRC Warehouse Manual*) was also published and distributed. Another initiative undertaken by the national society to strengthen capacity was the placement of its logistics Unit under the administrative division instead of the disaster management division as was the case previously.

Reporting and communications

Several capacity building efforts in monitoring and evaluation (*also described earlier in this report*), reporting and communications have continued. Achievements include significant improvements in field reporting and communications materials which have helped strengthen donor reporting and related efforts. *Communications materials for the third-year commemoration of the Cyclone Nargis operation can be requested [here](#)*. Reporting capacity at MRCS headquarters level has also been improved with the appointment and training of two reporting officers previously trained as hub reporting officers for the Nargis operation.

A more recent capacity building initiative includes the transfer of knowledge and skills from hub reporting officers to township Red Cross volunteers which began in March. There have also been a number of IFRC-funded overseas opportunities for MRCS headquarters staff.

How we work

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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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¹² These include G1s: Grade 1 Staff officers of Red Cross Brigades – these officers hold the highest rank in the volunteer system of the States and Divisions, and are members of the MRCS State & Divisional Supervisory Committees.

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Appeal Launch Date: 07 may 08

Appeal Timeframe: 05 may 08 to 31 jul 11

Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2008/5-2011/3
Budget Timeframe	2008/5-2011/7
Appeal	MDRMM002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	54,074,487	6,315,226		264,186	7,945,314	68,599,213
B. Opening Balance	0	0		0	0	0

Income
Cash contributions

American Red Cross	1,554,089					1,554,089
Andorra Government					22,607	22,607
Andorran Red Cross	23,550					23,550
Australian Red Cross	2,408,158				1,000,000	3,408,158
Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)	2,447,746	9,719			560,355	3,017,820
Austrian Red Cross	360,114					360,114
Austria - Private Donors	1,585					1,585
Belarusian Red Cross	2,391					2,391
Belgian Red Cross (Flanders)	46,294					46,294
Belgian Red Cross (French speaking community)	18,986					18,986
Belgium - Private Donors	323					323
Brazil - Private Donors	8,033					8,033
British Red Cross	1,844,737			60,300		1,905,037
British Red Cross (from British Government)	634,268					634,268
British Red Cross (from DFID - British Government)	3,074,258					3,074,258
Canadian Red Cross	1,405,814					1,405,814
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	2,534,636					2,534,636
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch	480,491	1,132,241		66,775		1,679,507
China Red Cross, Macau branch	20,000					20,000
Cook Islands Red Cross	11,205					11,205
Cyprus Government	80,050					80,050
Cyprus Red Cross	16,123					16,123
Danish Red Cross	498,991					498,991
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	166,226				2,061,632	2,227,858
Estonia Government	51,607					51,607
European Commission - DG ECHO	1,272,513					1,272,513
Finnish Red Cross	58,338	222,086				280,424
Germany Red Cross	1,068,205					1,068,205
Great Britain - Private Donors	466					466
Hellenic Red Cross		48,810				48,810
Hong Kong - Private Donors	5,200					5,200
IATA	8,650					8,650
Icelandic Red Cross	174,295					174,295
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Applied Materials)	32,583					32,583
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Black Rock)	47,542					47,542
IFRC at the UN Inc (from ChevronTexaco Corp.)	1,051,073					1,051,073
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Citadel Investment group)	9,311					9,311
IFRC at the UN Inc (from EMC Corporation)	71,313					71,313
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Hospira)	105,107					105,107
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Lehman Brothers Foundation)	94,597					94,597
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Mellon Bank)	23,771					23,771
IFRC at the UN Inc (from Motorola Company)	105,107					105,107

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<i>IFRC at the UN Inc (from Nordic Custom Builders Inc.)</i>	5,250			5,250
<i>IFRC at the UN Inc (from Schering Plough)</i>	47,542			47,542
<i>IFRC at the UN Inc (from United States - Private Donors)</i>	2,756			2,756
<i>Indian Red Cross</i>	7,732			7,732
<i>India - Private Donors</i>	10,607			10,607
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>	550,290			550,290
<i>Italian Government Bilateral Emergency Fund</i>	198,645			198,645
<i>Italian Red Cross</i>	58,984			58,984
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	4,824,602	884,700	632,100	6,341,402
<i>Japan - Private Donors</i>	4,730			4,730
<i>Kuwait Red Crescent (from Kuwait Government)</i>		1,650,000	3,600,000	5,250,000
<i>Lithuanian Red Cross</i>	976			976
<i>Luxembourg Red Cross</i>	11,862			11,862
<i>Malaysian Red Crescent</i>	10,546			10,546
<i>Malaysia - Private Donors</i>	2,414			2,414
<i>Maldives Private Donors</i>	2,597			2,597
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	81,350		63,023	144,373
<i>Netherlands - Private Donors</i>	323			323
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>	89,370			89,370
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)</i>	1,437,275			1,437,275
<i>New Zealand Red Cross</i>	196,574			196,574
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	106,786			106,786
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>	1,237,200			1,237,200
<i>On Line donations</i>	248,510			248,510
<i>Other</i>	-102,934	104,008		1,074
<i>Peru - Private Donors</i>	214			214
<i>Philippines - Private Donors</i>	520			520
<i>Polish Red Cross</i>	5,196			5,196
<i>Portuguese Red Cross</i>	32,300			32,300
<i>Qatar Red Crescent</i>	7,470			7,470
<i>Republic of Korea - Private Donors</i>	191			191
<i>Republic of Korea Red Cross</i>	378,344			378,344
<i>Russia - Private Donors</i>	2,686			2,686
<i>Singapore - Private Donors</i>	21,119			21,119
<i>Singapore Red Cross</i>	338,843			338,843
<i>Slovakia Government</i>	97,845			97,845
<i>Slovak Red Cross</i>	15,813			15,813
<i>Slovenia Government</i>			80,750	80,750
<i>Spain - Private Donors</i>	651			651
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>	42,771			42,771
<i>Sri Lanka Red Cross</i>	3,250			3,250
<i>Stavros Niarchos Foundation</i>	156,000			156,000
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	-38,529	2,092,800		2,054,271
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	2,209,345			2,209,345
<i>Swiss Red Cross</i>	313,772			313,772
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)</i>	5,541			5,541
<i>Switzerland - Private Donors</i>	9,398			9,398
<i>Taiwan Red Cross Organisation</i>	774,238			774,238
<i>Tides Foundation</i>	50,993			50,993
<i>Tides Foundation (from United States - Private Donors)</i>	104,000			104,000

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Total	2,182,000				2,182,000
Turkish Red Crescent	5,264				5,264
United Arab Emirates - Private Donors	1,115				1,115
United Arab Emirates Red Crescent	20,781				20,781
United States - Private Donors	15,644				15,644
UN Staff Council / UNOG	11,479				11,479
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	7,000				7,000
Vietnam Red Cross	173,800				173,800
C1. Cash contributions	37,800,787	6,144,364		270,849	7,876,694

Inkind Goods & Transport

American Red Cross	1,824,002				1,824,002
Australian Red Cross	354,274				354,274
Austrian Red Cross	473,041				473,041
Belgian Red Cross (Flanders)	103,912				103,912
Belgian Red Cross (French speaking community)	403,280				403,280
British Red Cross	2,676,521				2,676,521
Canadian Government	279,939				279,939
Canadian Red Cross	71,199				71,199
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch	275,291				275,291
Danish Red Cross	817,094				817,094
Finnish Red Cross	1,413,058				1,413,058
French Red Cross	424,745				424,745
Germany Red Cross	405,901				405,901
Japanese Red Cross	4,334,191				4,334,191
Luxembourg Red Cross	409,897				409,897
Netherlands Red Cross	1,160,086				1,160,086
Norwegian Red Cross	118,635				118,635
Qatar Red Crescent	281,160				281,160
Republic of Korea Red Cross	477,916				477,916
Spanish Red Cross	1,045,369				1,045,369
Swiss Government	154,743				154,743
Swiss Red Cross	350,197				350,197
C2. Inkind Goods & Transport	17,854,450				17,854,450

Inkind Personnel

Australian Red Cross	22,147				22,147
Austrian Red Cross	39,453	4,400			43,853
British Red Cross	41,866				41,866
Canadian Red Cross	8,680				8,680
Finnish Red Cross		142,820			142,820
Japanese Red Cross	59,313	49,600			108,913
Netherlands Red Cross	86,706	43,400			130,106
Other	147,528			124,100	271,628
Swiss Red Cross	19,800				19,800
C3. Inkind Personnel	425,493	240,220		124,100	789,813

Other Income

Fundraising Fees	-178,786				-178,786
Sundry Income				31	31
C4. Other Income	-178,786			31	-178,755

C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	55,901,944	6,384,584		270,849	8,000,825
D. Total Funding = B + C	55,901,944	6,384,584		270,849	8,000,825
Appeal Coverage	103%	101%		103%	101%

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II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0		0	0	0
C. Income	55,901,944	6,384,584		270,849	8,000,825	70,558,201
E. Expenditure	-50,129,513	-5,361,243		-202,530	-6,158,465	-61,851,751
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	5,772,430	1,023,341		68,319	1,842,360	8,706,450

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)	54,074,487	6,315,226		264,186	7,945,314	68,599,213		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	5,036,117	6,267,368				6,267,368	-1,231,251	
Construction - Housing	3,926,273	625,562				625,562	3,300,711	
Construction - Facilities	2,773,373	2,114,833				2,114,833	658,540	
Construction Materials	4,801,323	5,205,628				5,205,628	-404,306	
Clothing & textiles	3,099,368	2,867,711	129,469		362	2,997,542	101,825	
Food	132,175	16,938				16,938	115,237	
Seeds & Plants	787,936	1,010,191				1,010,191	-222,254	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	2,501,399	2,608,653	1,604,136		87	4,212,876	-1,711,477	
Medical & First Aid	825,845	451,643	386,149		337	838,129	-12,284	
Teaching Materials	307,370	39,418	178,345		12,427	230,677	76,693	
Utensils & Tools	3,971,782	3,947,781				3,947,781	24,001	
Other Supplies & Services	5,521,115	501,714	257,850			760,528	4,760,587	
Cash disbursement		1,078,235				40	1,078,275	-1,078,275
Total Relief items, Construction, Supl	33,684,076	26,735,676	2,555,949		12,427	29,306,330	4,377,746	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	89,275	777				777	88,498	
Vehicles	586,807	509,977			77,240	587,216	-409	
Computers & Telecom	531,771	252,269	558		109,446	362,274	169,497	
Office & Household Equipment	243,492	206,561	2,783		38,969	248,313	-4,820	
Others Machinery & Equipment		6,287				6,287	-6,287	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	1,451,346	975,870	3,341		225,655	1,204,866	246,480	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	493,846	224,849	758		147,588	373,195	120,650	
Distribution & Monitoring	7,372,539	8,634,326	2,867		131,788	8,768,981	-1,396,442	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,400,629	177,256	9		366,132	543,396	1,857,233	
Logistics Services		321,509	6,599		17	328,125	-328,125	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	10,267,014	9,357,940	10,234		645,524	10,013,698	253,316	
Personnel								
International Staff	6,132,125	2,613,881	736,116		122,655	1,707,817	5,180,469	
National Staff	964,665	162,380	30,905			481,885	675,170	
National Society Staff	3,463,109	999,801	640,406		243	1,077,439	2,717,889	
Volunteers		338,007	162,136		191	94,625	594,959	
Total Personnel	10,559,898	4,114,070	1,569,562		123,089	3,361,766	9,168,487	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	238,835	114,077	20,226			75,529	209,832	
Professional Fees	98,429	21,043	840		126	29,076	51,086	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe	337,264	135,120	21,066		126	104,606	260,918	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,122,250	729,029	477,695		34,553	325,051	1,566,328	
Total Workshops & Training	2,122,250	729,029	477,695		34,553	325,051	555,922	
General Expenditure								
Travel	597,731	318,171	80,460		993	106,990	506,613	
Information & Public Relation	406,378	161,513	39,370		5,071	56,324	262,278	
Office Costs	737,655	183,724	1,517		20	328,615	513,875	
Communications	511,060	168,550	569			216,530	385,649	
Financial Charges	2,296,684	1,879,132	81,252		1,579	150,798	2,112,760	
Other General Expenses	42,828	32,877				25,306	58,183	
Shared Support Services		750					750	

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BUDGET (C)		54,074,487	6,315,226		264,186	7,945,314	68,599,213	
Total General Expenditure	4,592,336	2,744,716	203,167		7,662	884,562	3,840,108	752,228
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies	1,147,500	997,500					997,500	150,000
Total Contributions & Transfers	1,147,500	997,500					997,500	150,000
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		1,461,296	178,848		12,311	223,634	1,876,089	-1,876,089
Total Operational Provisions		1,461,296	178,848		12,311	223,634	1,876,089	-1,876,089
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Service Support	4,437,529	2,841,222	332,825		12,361	378,494	3,564,902	872,627
Total Indirect Costs	4,437,529	2,841,222	332,825		12,361	378,494	3,564,902	872,627
Pledge Specific Costs								
Earmarking Fee		37,074	8,556			6,896	52,526	-52,526
Total Pledge Specific Costs		37,074	8,556			6,896	52,526	-52,526
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	68,599,213	50,129,513	5,361,243		202,530	6,158,465	61,851,751	6,747,461
VARIANCE (C - D)		3,944,973	953,983		61,656	1,786,850	6,747,461	