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Emergency Appeal

Dominica: Tropical Storm Erika

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Appeal no. MDRDM002

12,000 people to be assisted

Appeal launched 10 September 2015

Glide no. [TC-2015-000119-DMA](#)

CHF 169,560 DREF allocated

Appeal ends June 2016 (9 months)

CHF 979,749 Appeal budget

This **Emergency Appeal** seeks **979,749 Swiss francs** in cash, kind, or services to support the **Dominica Red Cross Society (DRCS)** to assist **3,000 affected families (12,000 people)** affected by Tropical Storm Erika over a timeframe of **nine months**. The operation will focus on **relief distributions, emergency health including psychosocial support (PSS), water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, restoring family links (RFL), shelter, National Society institutional preparedness and capacity building**.

Details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) [<click here>](#)

The disaster and the Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date

28 August 2015: Tropical Storm Erika hits Dominica, inflicting significant damage. The storm system dropped 6 to 8 inches of rainfall in less than twelve hours, causing serious flooding and several landslides. The Government of Dominica declared nine areas special disaster situations

3 September 2015: DREF of **169,560** Swiss francs released to support 1,400 persons and to carry out further assessments

10 September 2015: Emergency Appeal launched for **979,749** Swiss francs to assist 12,000 families for 9 months



Assessments underway in the Pichelin community. Source: Dominica Red Cross Society

The operational strategy

Needs assessment and beneficiary selection:

On 3 and 4 September, the Dominica Red Cross Society volunteers supported by the IFRC and French Red Cross delegates conducted assessments in several of the communities declared disaster areas. The findings are reflected in the table below:

Community	N° of families	N° of people	Male	Female	Houses			
					Destroyed	Major damage	Minor Damage	Total Affected
Bath Estate	612	1,925	854	1,071	16	18	5	39
Canefield/River Estate	1182	3,324	1,594	1,730	Detailed assessments pending.			
Campbell	218	538	293	245	1	1	1	3
Carib Territory	68	501	277	224	Detailed assessments pending.			
Checkhall & RED	1182	3,325	1,594	1,730	0	20	8	28
Colihaut	304	679	361	318	3	10	94	107
Coulibistrie	163	419	213	206	3	5	28	36
Delices	225	595	327	268	1	2	3	6
Good Hope	207	543	301	242	1	0	1	2
Layou	241	584	360	224	Assessments pending to be completed		1	1
Mahaut/Massacre	1339	3,665	1,836	1,829	7	20	3	30
Marigot	855	2,411	1,277	1,134	0	0	1	1
Mero/Macoucherie	100	337	180	157	Assessments pending to be completed			
Pichelin/Bagatelle	178	527	267	260	0	3	2	5
Petite Soufriere	155	561	253	308	1	0	0	1
Roseau South (Newtown Loubiere)	242	702	389	313	5	2	12	19
San Sauveur	40	100	56	44	0	0	2	2
Soufriere & Scottshead	364	973	479	494	1	3	3	7
TOTAL	7,675	21,708	10,911	10,797	39	84	161	287

Community selection criteria:

1. Low-lying communities with restricted road access
2. Communities at high risk of landslides/rockfall as a result of topography
3. Communities with minimal access to adequate food, water and sanitation

Family selection criteria:

1. Displaced persons
2. Families with damaged dwellings
3. Persons with minimal access to food, potable water, and adequate sanitation
4. Single mothers with children
5. Elderly
6. Families with children under 5 years of age

7. Families who do not have a source of income due to loss of livelihoods (e.g. fishing and agriculture)
8. Persons with disabilities

Based on the assessments, the overall challenges and needs identified revealed:

- The significant logistics and transportation challenges due to the isolated nature of numerous communities island-wide. The main airport remains closed hampering the dispatch of relief items from other countries
- 40 per cent of the island does not have water
- Damage to houses due to the flooding and landslides
- Some communities in the southwest of the island have been evacuated as a preventive measure since they are located in high risk areas and in case of further rains
- The loss of families personal and household effects
- Prioritization of the distribution of cleaning supplies to residents of affected communities
- The priority of supplying safe water, perishable (food) and non-perishables items to established evacuation centres and cut-off communities
- The need for further detailed damage assessments.



DRCS carry out further assessments in the community of Coulibistrie. Source: DRCS

Operational objective: respond to the immediate needs of 12,000 people affected by Tropical Storm Erika. The Plan of Action focuses on supporting the National Society to provide assistance including: **cash transfer and basic household non-food item distributions; health and psychosocial support services; water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities; Restoring Family Links (RFL); and shelter support** in the affected communities.

Proposed sectors of intervention

A detailed description of the sectors covered by this operation is reflected in the **Emergency Plan of Action**.

Early warning and disaster risk reduction

Outcome 1: Increase the disaster risk reduction (DRR) knowledge of community members

Output 1.1: Technical support for training on multi-hazard early warning systems

Quality programming

Outcome 2: Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation according to IFRC standards

Output 2.1 Initial needs assessment are updated following consultation with beneficiaries

Output 2.2 The management of the operation is informed by comprehensive monitoring and evaluations



Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 3: 500 families (2,000 people) are assisted through cash transfers to cover their immediate humanitarian needs

Output 3.1: Distribution of unconditional cash grants to 500 families (2,000 people) through the cash transfer programme.



Health and care

Outcome 4: The immediate risks to the health of the people in the affected communities are reduced.

Output 4.1: At least 12,000 people receive first aid and strengthen their knowledge to prevent diseases related to hygiene and sanitation.

Output 4.2: At least 1,500 people have access to psychosocial support.



Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome 5: The affected population has daily access to safe water in compliance with SPHERE minimum standards.

Output 5.1 Production and distribution of potable water.

Output 5.2: Adequate hygiene promotion is provided to target population.

Output 5.3: The National Society gains capacity in water and sanitation.

Output 5.4: Adequate sanitation is provided to the affected population (3,000 families/12,000 people)



Shelter and settlements

Outcome 6: The immediate shelter and household needs of the target population (some 1,000 families) are met.

Output 6.1: Essential basic household non-food items are provided to the target population in the form of shelter kits (with sticks), mattresses and bed linen and kitchen sets.



Restoring Family Links

Outcome 7: Persons have communication and contact their families.

Output 7.1: Response to requests to restore family links.



National Society capacity building and disaster preparedness

Outcome 8: Contribution to the enhancement of the Dominica Red Cross logistics capacity.

Output 8.1 Logistics storage facility is built to increase capacity storage of the National Society disaster preparedness and response.

Output 8.2 The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) increases the capacity of the National Society.

Outcome 9: Increase the Dominican Red Cross in disaster preparedness capacity.

Output 9.1 Strengthened National Society capacity in disaster response



Budget

See attached IFRC Secretariat budget (**Annex 1**) for details.

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Reference documents



Click here for:

- **Map of affected areas**
- **Budget**
- **Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)**

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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 Humanitarian 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:



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.

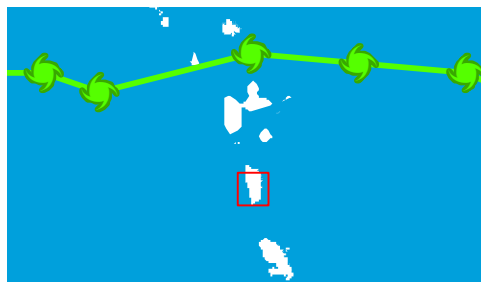
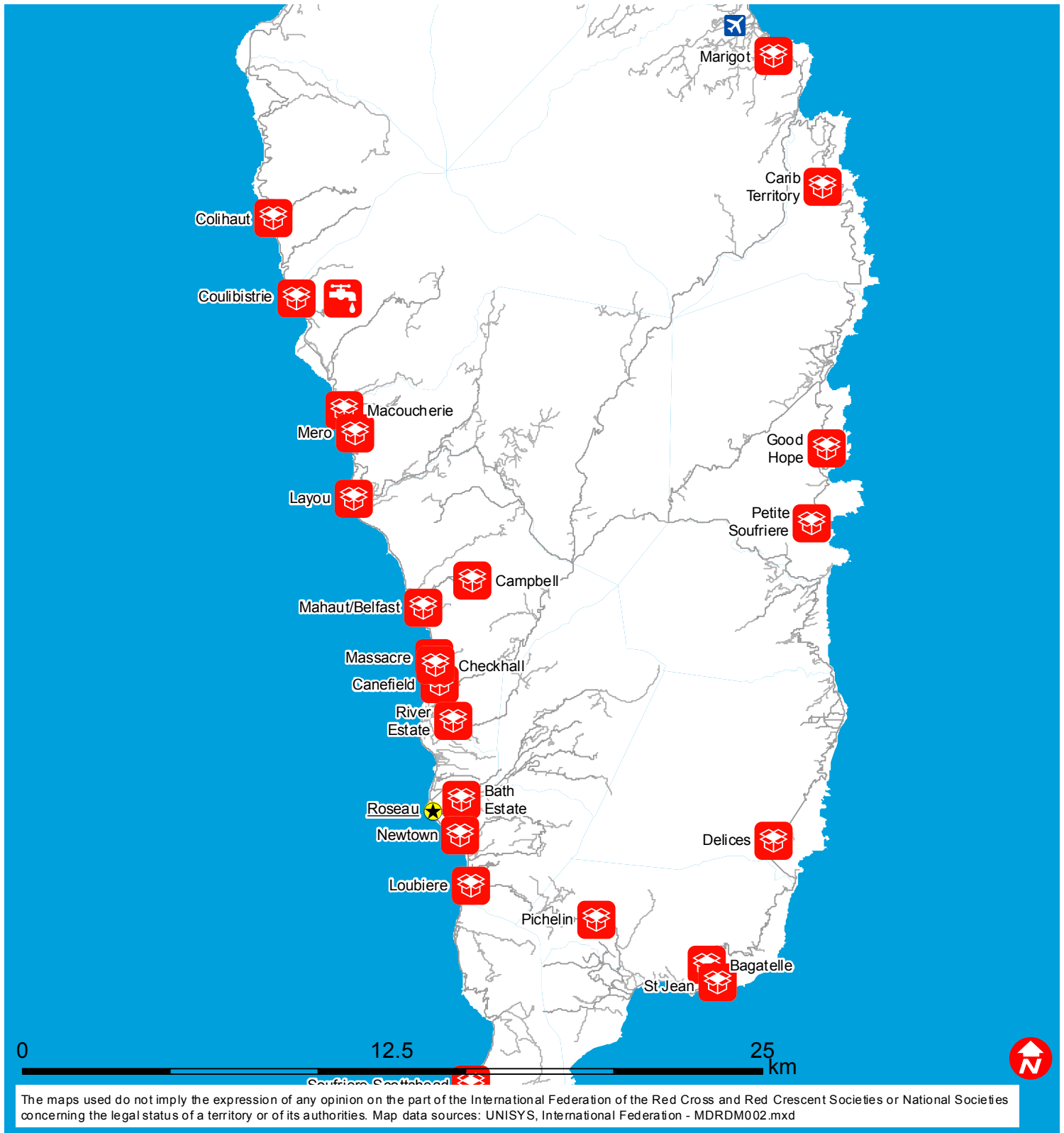
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Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	14,000			14,000
Shelter - Transitional	0			0
Construction - Housing	0			0
Construction - Facilities	68,158			68,158
Construction - Materials	0			0
Clothing & Textiles	56,999			56,999
Food	0			0
Seeds & Plants	0			0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	215,102			215,102
Medical & First Aid	1,753			1,753
Teaching Materials	23,612			23,612
Ustensils & Tools	52,210			52,210
Other Supplies & Services	1,753			1,753
Emergency Response Units	0			0
Cash Disbursements	48,684			48,684
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	482,270	0	0	482,270
Land & Buildings	0			0
Vehicles	0			0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	11,120			11,120
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0			0
Medical Equipment	0			0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	11,120	0	0	11,120
Storage, Warehousing	3,505			3,505
Distribution & Monitoring	11,400			11,400
Transport & Vehicle Costs	20,972			20,972
Logistics Services	21,600			21,600
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	57,478	0	0	57,478
International Staff	103,200			103,200
National Staff	16,140			16,140
National Society Staff	47,146			47,146
Volunteers	75,483			75,483
Other Staff Benefits	0			0
Total PERSONNEL	241,968	0	0	241,968
Consultants	8,958			8,958
Professional Fees	8,958			8,958
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	17,917	0	0	17,917
Workshops & Training	58,402			58,402
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	58,402	0	0	58,402
Travel	19,377			19,377
Information & Public Relations	7,424			7,424
Office Costs	9,951			9,951
Communications	7,653			7,653
Financial Charges	2,191			2,191
Other General Expenses	0			0
Shared Office and Services Costs	4,203			4,203
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	50,799	0	0	50,799
Partner National Societies				
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)				
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS		0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	59,797	0	0	59,797
Total INDIRECT COSTS	59,797	0	0	59,797
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees				
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS		0	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	979,749	0	0	979,749
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	979,749	0	0	979,749



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