

# Emergency Plan of Action operation update

## The Gambia: Food Insecurity

<b>MDRGM010:</b> 6 month update	<b>GLIDE n°</b> OT-2015-000021-GMB
<b>Date of issue:</b> 19 January 2016	<b>Timeframe covered by this update:</b> May 13 – November 13, 2015
<b>Emergency Appeal start date:</b> 13 May 2015	<b>Operation timeframe :</b> May 13, 2015 – May 13, 2016
<b>Appeal budget:</b> CHF 1,570,943 <b>Donor response:</b> 7%	<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated:</b> CHF 150,000
<b>N° of people being assisted:</b> 49,000 beneficiaries (7,000 households) with immediate needs to 16,800 beneficiaries (2,100 households) and 2,300 pregnant and lactating women and children under two years old at risk of malnutrition in Central River (north) and North Bank (west) regions.	
<b>Host National Society (ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b> 5 NS staff, 5 NDRTs, 1,500 volunteers in targeted regions. Network includes 12,000 volunteers, 25 staff and 100 members of Governance	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> IFRC, Spanish Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, and Monaco Red Cross	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> Government of The Gambia (Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture), UNICEF, WFP, FAO	

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

This food security crisis is a regional crisis affecting the Sahel Region. According to the last Regional Harmonized Framework (March 2015) 23,052,000 people were in IPC Phase 2 (Stressed) and 4,749,000 people were in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) with regards to food insecurity. The projected situation for June-August 2015 estimates food insecurity would increase to 26,615,000 people under-pressure Stressed (Phase 2) 7,364,000 people in Crisis (Phase 3) and 244,000 in emergency situation (phase 4). In November 2015 the Harmonized Framework also indicated the serious food security in all the regions, but more in CRR and NBR the current intervention regions of the appeal and the ECHO project.



Targeting process with communities of North Bank. GRCS/IFRC

In the Gambia 60% of the assessed population remain food insecure, of which 30 per cent are considered 'moderately' or 'severely' food insecure. In March 2015<sup>1</sup>, 100,763 identified in phase 3 crisis, required immediate food assistance. This figure was projected to increase to 178,012 people in June 2015<sup>2</sup> however reports have not yet been published on the outcome of this period.

Humanitarian actors' in-country, including FAO, WFP, ACF, consider the official figures are underestimated. The alarming nutritional status of children under five<sup>3</sup> is due to poverty, poor infant feeding practices, disease burden related to inadequate WASH services, limited knowledge and low awareness of care givers on essential nutritional and hygiene practices is likely to worsen in 2015 due to increasing household food insecurity and depletion of livelihoods. Schools are reporting a decrease in school attendance due to the food security situation.

There is also a negative prevalence of both wasting (acute malnutrition) and stunting (chronic malnutrition) in the region. In 2013, the Gambia Demographic Health Survey (GDHS) estimated that 11.5% were wasted and 4.2%

<sup>1</sup> based on the Harmonized Framework from March 2015

<sup>2</sup> Total population in Gambia 1,849,000 inhabitants.

<sup>3</sup> Source: "HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OVERVIEW", prepared on behalf of the government, UNCT and humanitarian partners, December 2014

severely wasted. Stunting rates among children under five are similar with estimates in 2013 at 22.4% compared to 24.5% (GDHS). This above malnutrition condition still exists in country and are particularly higher in the two regions that the GRCS is currently operating; that is in Sami district of CRR and Upper Niimi District of NBR.

The Gambia Red Cross participated in a revised Harmonized Framework from October – November 2015 which may lead to an update of the needs. The results have not yet been shared with partners. The food security situation remains dire, as factors continue such as increase in commodity prices, decrease in exchange rate, limited access to basic social services, and the near total absence of relief support to the affected population. Further needs analysis details on the original need analysis can be referred to in [Gambia Food Security Appeal](#).

## Summary of current response

Between May and December 2015, Gambia Red Cross Society conducted CTP and livelihoods training for volunteers. These volunteers supported the targeting and registration of beneficiaries, sensitization of regional and community authorities, dissemination of information on nutrition and hygiene promotion, as well as distribution of cash to 2,100 beneficiaries for three months: October to December 2015.

The targeted regions; Central River (north) and North Bank (west) were selected based on the level of needs. Following this geographical targeting, a community-based targeting system Household Economic Approach (HEA) was used, classifying households according to their economic status, vulnerability to decreasing food security status based on the number of children under five, health status and age, labour or other income generation opportunities, family status, disability levels, livelihood assets, and the sustainability of their coping mechanisms.

The beneficiary selection used participatory methods categorizing the community in to three economic grouping (Very poor, Poor and Better off) in close coordination between Village Development Committees (VDC), national and regional partners and the GRCS volunteers. National targeting criteria sensitization happened involving all the stakeholders and the communities to target the most vulnerable for the interventions. Beneficiary community committees were formed for transparency and accountability and supported in outlining the demography of each selected families. The beneficiary list was validated with the head of the communities and the final list was developed and shared with the beneficiary communities before the actual cash distribution.

See activities below for further details on the process, additional referral to [Operations Update no.1](#) and [Operations Update no.2](#) can be made.

### Other Movement & Financial Support

In July 2015, GRCS was successful in receiving €600,000 from ECHO for a proposal which mirrored some immediate impact activities of the Appeal. The Canadian Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross, and the Monaco Red Cross Societies have also provided funding.

Significant technical support was provided from IFRC and Spanish Red Cross. The IFRC recruited and deployed an RDRT (2-months), followed by the deployment of an ECHO Project Manager support the overall management of the project (3 months). The Spanish Red Cross provided personnel support during the 1<sup>st</sup> cash distribution in October 2015 between the deployment of both IFRC managers.



Cash Distribution in CRR region GRCS/ IFRC

As this crisis is regional and affecting most of the countries of the Sahel Region,<sup>4</sup> the IFRC is working on the response in Senegal, Gambia and Mauritania. A coordination mechanism is in place with the Sahel Regional Office and Zone DMU, for resource mobilization, technical and peer to peer support for affected countries and implementation process across the region.

IFRC, on behalf of the Gambia Red Cross would like to thank all partners including Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government), Japanese Red Cross and Red Cross of Monaco for their generous support to this appeal and continue to urge for more support.

<click [here](#) to view the contact details and [here](#) for the interim financial report >

<sup>4</sup> According to the last Regional Harmonized Framework (March 2015) report, the population affected by food insecurity in March is estimated at **23,052,000 people in under-pressure phase (p.2)** and **4,749,000 people in crisis phase (p.3)**.

## B. Operational strategy and plan

### Overall Objective

The overall objective of this intervention is to contribute to mitigating the impact of food insecurity and malnutrition, and to build the community resilience in Central River (north) and North Bank (west) Regions by supporting in the short-term 2,100 households (16,800 persons) plus 2,300 pregnant and lactating women and children under five at risk of malnutrition for 3 months for emergencies, with a twin track approach of medium and long term intervention to 49,000 people.

### Proposed strategy

An MOU between IFRC and GRCS to carry-out activities was signed on September 5, 2015 and as such, the strategy altered to meet both the appeal and the multi-donor funded ECHO project. To meet the donor's request in aligning with WFP strategy and methodology, the planned cash amount changed from GMD 4,500/family to GMD 3,350/family. This enabled the targeted beneficiary to increase from 1,800 families to 2,100 families.

#### Immediate interventions:

- Cash transfers to meet immediate food needs for **2,100 families (16,800 beneficiaries)** in Central River (north) and North Bank (west) Regions.
- 3-months of nutritional and hygiene promotion sensitization in communities (approx. 12,750 beneficiaries)
- Community Screening sessions for children under-five (through MUAC) and referral of cases of acute malnutrition will be conducted parallel to nutritional sensitization in collaboration with the Ministry of Health
- Distribution of enriched foods for **2,300** pregnant, lactating women and children under five.
- Distribution of soap, aqua tabs or other water disinfectant materials will be carried out during the intervention, targeting families of pregnant and lactating women and children under five.



Beneficiary verification during cash transfer GRCS/ IFRC

#### Medium-term intervention

In the medium-term using the Twin Track Approach, the National Society will support 7,000 households (49,000 people)<sup>5</sup> through:

- **Agricultural production: vegetable gardens** to 1,000 farmers and **community gardens** to 5,000 households through 100 gardening women associations with 50 members / each, with the provision of agricultural inputs (seeds, tools, fertilizers and other agriculture materials such as fences or protection materials<sup>6</sup>) for dry season crops (June – October).
- **Livestock production** to 1, 000 herders through livestock restocking or other livestock inputs distribution (livestock feed, vaccination treatment).
- **Rehabilitation of wells for cooperative gardening and trainings in best practices** and management (agriculture and livestock best practices, cooperatives management, market basis, destocking basis) to create and strengthen resilience and to build capacity in targeted regions.

A lesson learnt session and post-monitoring evaluation will be carried out in January 2016, as well as cooking demonstrations and delivery of hygiene promotion to pregnant and lactating women and children under five. GRCS seeks further support in resource mobilization for program continuity after January 2016.

### Operational support services

Training and additional support services were outlined to improve GRCS personnel knowledge in livelihoods and cash transfer programming, as well as overall hygiene promotion. Over the past 6 months, GRCS has addressed these operational needs as follows:

<sup>5</sup> The households targeted may not necessarily be the same as the initial targeted in the emergency phase. A detailed assessment will be done before this second phase of activities to determine changing context and ensure appropriate beneficiary selection – see beneficiary selection criteria below. Even is most probably beneficiaries of the short term (due to their vulnerability) will be included in any of the mid-term activities.

<sup>6</sup> The inputs to distribute will be defined after the assessment.

- Hiring of 10 GRCS staff for activity support including: 1 Program Manager, 1 Cash-Transfer Specialist, 2 Branch Officers, 2 Nutritional Health Officers, 2 drivers, and 1 Logistics Support
- Training of 100 volunteers in hygiene promotion, nutritional sensitization, and cash transfer programming
- Development of safety and security guidelines for personnel during cash transfer activities
- Development of banners, posters, a Facebook page for community engagement
- 1 media briefing (5 sources) and hosted several individual interviews in field for print article publishing
- Support field visits from Partner National Societies and donor agencies.



Gambia Red Cross Complaints Committee in the field. GRCS/IFRC

- Conducting an appeal roll-out and planning session and mini lessons learnt sessions with partners to ensure continuous monitoring, learning and improvements to programming
- Successful set-up of the cash transfer delivery system targeting of 2,100 households
- Setting up a complaints and feedback mechanism during distributions and actively engaging beneficiaries in on-going monitoring process following cash-distributions

IFRC has provided technical support through the deployment of one RDRT Operations Manager for 2-months and hiring of an in-country ECHO Project Manager. Technical support was provided through a cash transfer specialist, a food security and livelihood specialist, a PMER specialist, a Communication specialist, a logistical support, and a finance officer.

GRCS seeks further support in resource mobilization for program continuity after January 2016.

## C. Detailed Operational Plan

Food Security and Livelihoods			
Outcome 1: 12,600 beneficiaries (1,800 households receive food assistance and basic needs during 3 months through cash transfer (direct cash or vouchers)	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 1.1: Immediate food and basic needs of 1,800 households (12,600 beneficiaries) are met through cash/vouchers distribution (GMD 4,500 – equivalent to CHF 97) per month per household for 3 months.	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
1.1.1 Information for authorities / setting up of targeting committee / awareness session in village assemblies	X		100%
1.1.2 Targeting process, and surveys verification.	X		100%
1.1.3 Establishment of CTP and payment mechanisms processes <sup>7</sup>	X		100%
1.1.4 Validation of beneficiary list and establishment of an accountability mechanism (beneficiary communication, feedback systems, etc.)	X		100%
1.1.5 Cash (direct cash or vouchers <sup>7</sup> distributions)	X		100%
1.1.6 Shops/Financial entities conciliation and billing			0%
1.1.7 Monitoring and evaluation of the activity	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
Under this output all the activities were implemented successfully. Details are as follows:			
1.1.1 The regional and community authorities including governors, district chiefs, the technical advisory committee and the village development committees were all sensitized. The sensitisation activities focused on the beneficiary targeting process, inclusion and exclusion issues, the cash transfer value per family, the period of support and the distribution process (documentation required to be presented before one could collect the cash, the complaint committees, verification, account and internal audit).			

<sup>7</sup> If vouchers are implemented this market analysis will include identifying suppliers and will follow IFRC procedures and CTP guidelines

## Food security, Nutrition, and Livelihoods

1.1.2 The targeting process was led by the communities using the community structures (VDC, women groups and elderly) to categorize the community into three economic statuses (very poor, poor and better off) through a focus. 50 volunteers were trained and deployed for targeting and registration of beneficiaries. The volunteers conducted house to house verification of families identified under the 'very poor' category in the Sami and Upper Niumi to ascertain whether the families fulfil the criteria set for selection.

1.1.3 A robust system of payment was established during the cash payment this includes the security and safety rule developed, constituting of 16 complain mechanism at each distribution centre to address all the complaints (inclusion and exclusion errors, documentation, beneficiary coupons with identity details of each beneficiary family was distributed to each household, verification desk verifying all the beneficiaries using the master list, the beneficiary coupons when one is verified, will them move to account for payment and finally internal audit will confirm the cash with the beneficiary for under or over payment. All complains were booked and the solution reached per complaint.

1.1.4 In the two regions, 50 volunteers were trained on CTP, 2,400. Cash coupons were printed and distributed to the beneficiaries. These coupons were used as source of verification during the cash distribution.

1.1.5 All the list of the beneficiaries that were collected during the validation was presented to the community authorities for feedback. The validated list was used to develop the master beneficiary list for cross checking of names and identity details of beneficiaries during the distribution.

1.1.6 2,100 people received GMD 3,350/family/month for 3 months, October to December; this amount was different from the initial amount of GMD 4,500 in the appeal.

1.1.7 The Secretary General conducted a monitoring visit during the targeting and beneficiary registration.

Outcome 2: Medium / longer-term twin track approach, to build community resilience through livelihoods reinforcement to avoid future food crisis to 7,000 households (1,000 farmers + 5,000 cooperative members + 1,000 herders) in targeted regions.	Outputs		% of achievement
		<p><b>Output 2.1: Appropriate agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers and tools) are distributed to 1,000 farmers (7,000 persons) in rural areas with possibility to set up counter season crops.</b></p> <p><b>Output 2.2: 100 women cooperatives with at least 50 members/cooperative which equates to 5,000 cooperative members receive adequate agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers and tools) and trainings to undertake the vegetable gardening campaign (September-October)</b></p> <p><b>Output 2.3: 1,000 herders (7,000 beneficiaries) receive appropriate livestock inputs to reinforce and replace their livestock production.</b></p>	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
2.1.1 Detailed assessment on recovery needs		X	0%
2.1.2 Identification of farmer households on needs about agriculture		X	0%
2.1.3 Distribution of agriculture inputs (of seeds, fertilizers and tools) by volunteers		X	0%

2.1.4 Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis		X	0%
2.2.1 Detailed assessment and market analysis on recovery needs		X	0%
2.2.2 Identification of beneficiary cooperatives		X	0%
2.2.3 Agricultural inputs distribution (seeds, tools, fertilizers, and other materials – such as fences or protection materials-) for 100 women groups		X	0%
2.2.4 Support to repair or provide water infrastructure for gardening (e.g. well rehabilitation, drip irrigation system etc.)		X	0%
2.2.5 Beneficiaries training on productive best practices, management, market basis and finance		X	0%
2.2.6 Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis		X	0%
2.3.1 Detailed assessment and market analysis on recovery needs		X	0%
2.3.2 Identification of beneficiary		X	0%
2.3.3 Livestock inputs distribution, (livestock feed, vaccination treatment, restocking, etc.), depending on the market and need assessment		X	0%
2.3.4 Beneficiaries training on productive best practices, management, market basis and destocking basis		X	0%
2.2.5 Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis		X	0%

### Challenges

No activity implemented as a result of under-funding of the appeal. Though the activities were not implemented they still remain important in addressing humanitarian needs. GRCS seeks resources to continue with these activities.

Health & Nutrition			
Outcome 3: To improve the nutritional status of child under 5, pregnant and lactating woman for 1,500 beneficiaries	Outputs		% of achievement
		<b>Output 3.1: Assisting the screening and referral to existing health facilities of child under 5, lactating and pregnant woman at risk of malnutrition until end of lean period (September-October 2015)</b>	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
3.1.1. Information for authorities / setting up of targeting committee / awareness session in village assemblies	X		100%
3.1.2. Training on malnutrition screening by MUAC and referral and on delivery of messages on nutrition and health	X		100%
3.1.3. Screening of child and women (pregnant and lactating) at risk of malnutrition in targeted communities and referral to existing nutrition/health facilities	X		100%
3.1.4. Community-based surveillance of frequent infant and children diseases from the community to health care facilities		X	0%
Progress towards outcomes			
3.1.1 All the community structures were sensitized about the malnutrition screening and hygiene promotion planned to be conducted in the communities by the 100 trained GRCS volunteers.			
3.1.2 Training completed on MUAC malnutrition screening and delivery of messages on nutrition and health			
3.1.3 / 3.1.4 Screening conducted of 12,750 beneficiaries during the ongoing nutritional and hygiene promotion sensitization. This included pregnant and lactating women and children. Those in need were referred to existing nutrition/health facilities through the National Nutritional Agency where they would be provided plumpy doz if needed. Follow-up was completed upon their release.			
<b>Output 3.2: Distributing enriched food to 1,500 children under 5, lactating and pregnant women in targeted regions to prevent malnutrition at this vulnerable targets for three</b>			11%

<b>months</b>			
3.2.1. Identification of populations targeted by the activity (PLW, under 5 years children) resulting from very poor households targeted by the project		X	0%
3.2.2. Fortified food for distributions ( 3 distributions)		X	0 %
3.2.3. Performing social mobilization activities regarding main cause of malnutrition, best practices about nutrition and their proper use (ways of improving family diets using available resources, specific food needs for sick and other vulnerable people, optimum Breastfeeding practices)	X		100 %
3.2.4. Monitoring and evaluation of the activity		X	0%
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
<p>A total of 12,750 beneficiaries were sensitised in CRR and NBR. In CRR, topics that were discussed include: importance of nutrition and breastfeeding to pregnant mother and the children, risk of open defecation, good hygiene practices and environmental cleanliness. In NBR topics included main cause of malnutrition, best practices about nutrition and their proper use (ways of improving family diets using available resources, specific food needs for sick and other vulnerable people). These topics were determined based on needs and volunteer skills in each region. Monitoring of this activity is planned in the course of January 2016. Step-down cooking demonstrations will be also delivered to pregnant and lactating women in in the course of January 2016 and NaNa is presently distributing Plumpy Doz to those urgently in needs. GRCS seeks resource mobilization to continue with activities.</p>			
<b>Challenges</b>			
There has not been distribution of fortified food which is a result of under-funding of the appeal.			

<b>Outcome 4: Increase the access to safer water and the promotion in good hygienic practices among 30 most vulnerable communities in the targeted regions</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
		<b>Output 4.1: 7,000 beneficiaries (1,000 households) reached through hygiene promotion</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No (x)</b>	
3.4.1. Workshop to elaborate and adapt sensitization material			
3.4.2. Community sensitization on main hygiene practices and distribution of soap, aqua tabs and any other disinfectant materials			
3.4.3. Monitoring and evaluation of the activity			
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
Activities not carried out hence no progress to report.			

Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction			
<b>Outcome 5: Improve NS capacity on community, branch and national level in preparation, risk reduction and response to future crisis</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 5.1: The capacity of staff and volunteers (10 staff and 100 volunteers) are built on food &amp; nutrition security, livelihoods and cash transfer programing and on better information collection and operational efficiency in targeted regions</b>		100%
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No (x)</b>	
5.1.1. NDRT Food Security/CTP refresher	X		100%
5.1.2. Training and Capacity Building in Livelihoods and Cash Programming among the staff and volunteers	X		100%
5.1.3. Volunteers operational training in nutrition awareness and WASH	X		100%
5.1.4. Deployment of food security RDRT, a CTP delegate and a HES delegate for training and capacity building in CTP, FS and Livelihoods	X		100%
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
5.1.1 / 5.1.2 / 5.1.3 - The IFRC, the British and the Senegalese Red Cross Societies supported in the training of 40 Red Cross volunteers, staff and partners on capacity building in livelihoods and cash programming in October 2015 in Dakar. 50 volunteers were trained on food security, livelihoods and cash programming (beneficiary identification, assessment, vouchers/cash distribution, in-kind distribution, hygiene promotion, monitoring, and deployed during targeting, beneficiary identification, registration, rapid assessment and field data collection and analysis.			
5.1.5. IFRC supported the NS in the Deployment of a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) delegate to support the operation for 2 months. CTP and HES were also deployed to support during the targeting phase and available to provide technical assistance remotely.			
<b>Areas common to all sectors</b>			
<b>Outcome 6: The quality of the operation is ensured and documented by participatory in-depth needs assessments and accountability measures.</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 6.1: The management of the operation is informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system which will enhance branch capacity to report on the operations.</b>		75%
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No (x)</b>	
6.1 Coordination and engagement with key stakeholders (NDMA, MOA, MoH, Community leaders, INGOs, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, UN Agencies and funding agencies).	X		100%
6.2 Joint monitoring of operations by GRCS & IFRC	X		100%
6.3 Preparation of the FS & Resilience Media Campaign	X		100%
6.4 Conduct lesson learned workshop with targeted branches and HQ staff.		X	0%
6.5 Beneficiary communication for all livelihood activities			
6.6 Evaluation of assistance impact in supported households (related to all livelihoods activities)	X		
6.7 Volunteer Insurance	X		100%
6.8 Activity and Response Monitoring			
6.9 Coordination within the Regional Strategic Framework			
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
6.1 GRC held four stakeholders meeting with partners (NDMA, GBOS, NaNa, WFP): planning the training, conducting targeting and beneficiary assessment, validation of the beneficiary list, cash distribution and monitoring.			

These beneficiaries will also be actively engaged in the lessons learnt workshop planned with these partners to be implemented in January.

6.2 IFRC is promoting a coherent and unified response in this operation by facilitating coordination activities for the Movement – primarily with the Gambian Red Cross, in the management of bilateral and multilateral support from Partner National Societies including the British Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross and Senegalese Red Cross. The IFRC Sahel Regional Office has provided support to the Gambian Red Cross through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and provision of DREF funds. Their support in technical guidance and human resources is also ongoing.

6.3 Media campaign was held at the start of the project and another is planned in January 2015 at the end of project. Ongoing media campaign with print article and social media has continued from September to December.

6.4 Ongoing lessons learnt sessions occur with partners once returning from the field. These ensure ongoing monitoring and improvements to activities. A larger lesson learnt seminar on cash distribution and sensitization activities will be held in the course of January 2016.

6.7 Volunteer insurance was purchased for November – December 2015 and then again for 2016. This covers 100 hygiene promotion and nutritional sensitization volunteers.

## **Challenges**

No progress has been reported for the following activities as the low funding made it impossible to carry them out

6.5 Beneficiary communication for all livelihood activities

6.6 Evaluation of assistance impact in supported households (related to all livelihoods activities)

6.9 Coordination within the Regional Strategic Framework

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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 (NGOs) 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.

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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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**Disaster Response Financial Report****MDRGM010 - Gambia - Food Insecurity**

Timeframe: 13 May 15 to 13 May 16

Appeal Launch Date: 13 May 15

6 Month Report

**Selected Parameters**

Reporting Timeframe	2015/5-2015/11	Programme	MDRGM010
Budget Timeframe	2015/5-2016/5	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>		1,570,943				1,570,943	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Cash contributions</b>							
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government*)</i>		48,385				48,385	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		51,800				51,800	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		10,610				10,610	
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>		<b>110,794</b>				<b>110,794</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		150,000				150,000	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>		<b>150,000</b>				<b>150,000</b>	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		<b>260,794</b>				<b>260,794</b>	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		<b>260,794</b>				<b>260,794</b>	

\* 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>		260,794				260,794	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-216,495				-216,495	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		<b>44,300</b>				<b>44,300</b>	

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Reporting Timeframe	2015/5-2015/11	Programme	MDRGM010
Budget Timeframe	2015/5-2016/5	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

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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>1,570,943</b>			<b>1,570,943</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Food	27,000						27,000	
Seeds & Plants	135,000						135,000	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	18,887						18,887	
Teaching Materials	11,250						11,250	
Utensils & Tools	40,000						40,000	
Other Supplies & Services	132,000						132,000	
Cash Disbursement	523,800						523,800	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>887,937</b>						<b>887,937</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	6,000						6,000	
Distribution & Monitoring	32,500						32,500	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	53,720						53,720	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>92,220</b>						<b>92,220</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	168,000		6,989			6,989	161,012	
National Staff	18,800		20			20	18,780	
National Society Staff	98,236						98,236	
Volunteers	36,410						36,410	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>321,446</b>		<b>7,008</b>			<b>7,008</b>	<b>314,438</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	62,750						62,750	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>62,750</b>						<b>62,750</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	27,151		1,061			1,061	26,090	
Information & Public Relations	7,000						7,000	
Office Costs	25,500						25,500	
Communications	12,000		153			153	11,847	
Financial Charges	15,000		-5,692			-5,692	20,692	
Shared Office and Services Costs	24,060						24,060	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>110,711</b>		<b>-4,478</b>			<b>-4,478</b>	<b>115,189</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			200,526			200,526	-200,526	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>200,526</b>			<b>200,526</b>	<b>-200,526</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recove	95,879		13,199			13,199	82,681	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>95,879</b>		<b>13,199</b>			<b>13,199</b>	<b>82,681</b>	
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								
Pledge Earmarking Fee			40			40	-40	
Pledge Reporting Fees			200			200	-200	
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>			<b>240</b>			<b>240</b>	<b>-240</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>1,570,943</b>		<b>216,495</b>			<b>216,495</b>	<b>1,354,448</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>1,354,448</b>			<b>1,354,448</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	1,570,943		260,794	260,794	216,495	44,300	
Subtotal BL2	1,570,943		260,794	260,794	216,495	44,300	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,570,943</b>		<b>260,794</b>	<b>260,794</b>	<b>216,495</b>	<b>44,300</b>	