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## DREF final report Niger: Floods

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**DREF operation n° MDRNE012**  
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**Summary:** CHF 200,379 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 06 September, 2013 to support the Red Cross Society of Niger (RCSN) in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,600 families (11,200 beneficiaries). The DREF operation was launched on a basis of a plan of action developed by RCSN following the rapid needs assessments and coordination of actions with the authorities and other humanitarian organizations. Indeed, heavy rains caused severe flooding in the regions of Dosso, Niamey, Agadez, Zinder, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabery and Diffa in August and September 2013. More than 162,846 people were reported affected. Through the DREF supported operation, the National Society responded immediately providing non-food items from pre-positioned stock, sensitization and assisting in the evacuation and medical treatment of injured persons. Support was also provided to the 1,600 targeted families through water and sanitation assistance.



Red Cross volunteers conducting door to door sensitization campaigns to promote individual and collective hygiene Photo/RCSN

This operation was planned to be implemented over three months, and completed on 6 December, 2013. However, due to delay in project implementation it was extended with one (1) month in order to complete the health education and epidemic prevention awareness campaign, assessment as well as the cleaning, disinfection activities. The main reasons of delay were related to difficult access to the beneficiary villages due to impassable roads. The DREF operation was thus completed on 6 January 2014.

This DREF was replenished (100%) by the Netherlands Red Cross/SEF (CHF 61,851), Belgian Red Cross/Government (CHF 60,000), and DG ECHO (CHF 78,528). The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the USA, as well as DG ECHO, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) the Medtronic, Zurich and Coca Cola Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Red Cross Society of Niger would like to extend many thanks to all partners for their generous contributions

## The situation

In the beginning of August 2013, cumulative rains were experienced in several parts of Niger. Heavy rainfall between 2 and 13 August 2013 caused flooding in Maradi and Tahoua regions. At the same time, Niamey, Dosso, Agadez, Zinder, Tillabery and Diffa regions were also hit by heavy rains that resulted in collapsed houses and damaged infrastructures. The last updated figures from 30 September, showed that the number of affected people reached 162,846 people from approximately 18,209 households, 31 persons died. A total of 12,005 hectares of crops were flooded and a number of livestock decimated. Furthermore, due to the risen level of water of Koumadougou River, around 500 households were affected and moved away.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The International Federation through its country representation supported the operation by providing non-food items to 1,600 households affected by the disaster and by deploying an RDRT to support the National Society. All the 1,600 NFI kits were distributed in Zinder, Maradi and Tahoua. The RCSN and IFRC distributed 800 kits in the regions of Zinder, 600 in Tahoua, 200 in Maradi. The National Society mobilised 160 volunteers in all affected areas and regions to support the authorities and other organisations assisting the floods victims. NRCS, supported by IFRC also coordinates its actions with the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners including ICRC, French, Spanish, Luxembourg; Irish, Monaco Red Cross societies as well as Qatari and Iranian Red Crescent societies. The Red Cross Society of Niger worked closely with Movement components to assist the identified beneficiaries.

## Achievements against outcomes

Assessment
<b>Outcome:</b> Emergency needs of flood-affected families are identified and gaps documented, leading to revision of the operation's plan of action if required.
<b>Outputs (expected results):</b> Detailed assessment is carried out across all sectors and the operation plan of action is revised appropriately to address outstanding needs if required.
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deploy an RDRT to support the National Society in planning and managing a detailed assessment including household visits and key informant interviews.</li><li>• Identify outstanding needs and gaps in consultation with local authorities and other stakeholders.</li><li>• Maintain monitoring of the prevalent rains and evolving situation with regular reports to IFRC.</li><li>• Revise plan of action and budget as needed.</li></ul>

### Impact:

An RDRT was identified and deployed to support the National Society. He worked together with his Niger counterpart in planning, managing the assessment process. The assessment was conducted by the local committees and Red Cross volunteers. The collected data were sent at the National Society's headquarters to be analysed and compiled by the RDRT. Based on the identified outstanding needs and gaps, the plan of action and budget were revised, (in collaboration with local authorities and other stakeholders). The assessment report will serve the National Society to develop long term program in floods preparedness and prevention as it has been observed that this is a recurrent disaster.

Emergency shelter and non-food items
<b>Outcome:</b> The immediate needs of 1,600 families affected are met through the distribution of essential household items.
<b>Outputs (expected results):</b> 1,600 families are provided with appropriate non-food items.
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identification of the 1,600 beneficiary families.</li><li>• Develop plan of action, with community participation, in planning and distribution of relief items.</li><li>• Coordinate with local authorities, based on their accurate beneficiary registration for relief distribution.</li><li>• Procure (regionally) and distribute 3,200 sleeping mats, 3,200 mosquito nets, and 3,200 blankets, 3,200 pieces of soap, 1,600 jerry cans, 1,600 buckets, 700 kitchen sets by 60 volunteers,</li><li>• Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distribution.</li></ul>

**Impact:**

The Red Cross Society of Niger used its emergency stock from Niamey to start the distribution activities in order to save the life of the victims. The emergency stock was replenished when the NFIs from Dakar Regional Warehouse were sent to Niger. Each identified household received a kit including 2 blankets, 1 kitchen set, 2 sleeping mats, 2 mosquito nets, 94 aqua tabs, 28 ORS, 1 Jerry can, 8 bars of Soap, 1 bucket. Some were purchased locally: 3,200 sleeping mats, 3,200 pieces of soaps, 1,600 buckets. Through the distribution activities, the main needs of the affected population were identified and supported accordingly. This brought relief to these affected beneficiaries. Additionally, the distribution of NFIs addressed a lot of problems in terms of house materials. They helped families as well to carry out their household chores. The following table gives more details about the items distributed :



Some beneficiaries receiving relief materials Photo/RCSN

	Tahoua	Zinder	Maradi	Niamey	Total
Beneficiaries	600	800	200	0	1,600
Mosquito Nets	1,200	1,600	400	0	3,200
Blanket	1,200	1,600	400	0	3,200
Sleeping Mat	1,200	1,600	400	0	3,200
Aqua tabs	48,750	65,625	16,875	18,750	150,000
Soap	3,600	4,800	1,200	0	9,600
SRO	14,625	19,687	5,063	5,625	45,000
Sprayers	4	4	2	0	10
Jerry can	600	800	200	0	1,600
Bucket	600	800	200	0	1,600
Kitchen Set	262	350	88	0	700

### Emergency health

**Outcome:** The immediate threat to health status for 1,600 families is reduced for targeted communities of Zinder, Maradi Tahoua and Niamey.

**Outputs (expected results):** Increased awareness and prevention of waterborne diseases is ensured through support and information campaign in targeted communities.

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct first aid, evacuation and carry out psychological support to the affected beneficiaries.
- Conduct epidemic control (ECV) and PHAST re-trainings for 60 communities' agents and 60 volunteers.
- Conduct door to door sensitization campaigns to promote individual and collective hygiene as means of avoiding the spread of water borne diseases.
- Regular control and monitoring on community health status and possible referral of cases of ill health identified.
- Print and distribute IEC materials on epidemic control.
- Procure/provide to the communities with 45,000 ORS and educate them on preparation and use.

## Impact:

In early September 2013, in Niamey precisely in Zamagande, District 5, 30 Red Cross volunteers evacuated 17 families whose houses were destroyed. Those affected households benefited at the same time from 17 NFI kits. From 27 October up to 4 November, 2013, 60 volunteers and 60 communities' agents were identified and trained in Epidemic Control, PHAST, and the use of ORS. Knowledge was also conveyed to the community through information, education and communication campaigns on waterborne and communicable diseases. In addition 45'000 ORS locally purchased as well as 3, 200 mosquito nets were distributed to communities. The distribution of ORS and mosquito nets played a great role in diarrhea and malaria prevention. During the operation timeframe, many households were sleeping outside and it was the time when mosquitoes increased. The nets prevented especially the pregnant women and the children under 5 years to get sick of malaria. Regarding the use of ORS, communities were sensitized on alternative technics, in case of unavailability of ORS they were suggested to prepare a mixture of sugar and salt in pure water.



A Red Cross volunteer disinfecting a classroom where floods affected people were accommodated. Photo/RCSN

## Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Outcome:** The risk of waterborne and water related disease are reduced for 1,600 families through the provision of water, water purification items and adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion in the affected areas of Zinder, Maradi Tahoua and Niamey.

**Outputs (expected results):** Waterborne diseases are prevented through awareness campaigns and provision of hygiene kits in targeted communities.

### Activities planned:

- Plan and organize sanitation activities (cleaning and disinfection of 80 latrines, 50 wells and 100 schools).
- Continue monitoring and assessing the situation in the affected areas as well as in other parts of the country.
- Provide the selected areas (schools, communities) with 12 water in bladders in collaboration with local authorities, fire-fighters and civil protection who will provide the tankers.
- Refresher training for 60 volunteers on household water treatment and hygiene promotion.
- Procure and distribute 150,000 aqua tabs to the targeted 1,600 households.
- Produce and disseminate hygiene leaflets on the risks associated with flooding and precautions to take.
- Establish hygiene promotion committees in the communities to reinforce the work of volunteers and community agents.

## Impact:

20 Red Cross volunteers were trained on IEC in Tahoua, 20 in Zinder, 10 in Niamey, and 10 in Maradi. Well-equipped in knowledge, the trained Red Cross volunteers could reach, through door to door awareness campaign 1,200 persons in Niamey, 1,050 persons in Maradi, 9,166 persons in Tahoua, 1,500 persons in Zinder, 5,000 persons in Dosso. Furthermore, 5 latrines were built in Maradi. Additionally, 150,000 aqua tabs were purchased locally and distributed alongside with the door to door awareness. In parallel, hygiene

promotion and sanitation awareness activities were conducted for the communities' benefit. Beyond, 286 public latrines, schools and wells were disinfected by volunteers in collaboration with communities. This improved the hygiene and sanitation of latrines in schools. It is worth mentioning that through the overall watsan activities, the RCSN contributed to the prevention of water borne diseases and provision of safe water to improve the lives of the affected beneficiaries.

### **Logistics**

Logistics support to the operation includes delivering a range of relief items in line with operational priorities.

The primary tasks may include:

- Local procurement of non-food items in line with IFRC and NS guidelines.
- If items are unavailable they may be requested from the Regional IFRC warehouse in Dakar, Senegal.
- Reception and storage of items before delivery to distribution sites.
- Coordination of transport of all relief items.

### **Impact:**

The NFIs available in-country were procured locally following IFRC/NRC procurement standards and policies. Following IFRC procurement procedures, competitive procurement was done to procure all items, ensuring necessary standards and prices were met. The IFRC Country Representation Office in Niger ensured that the procurement processes were efficient, transparent and best valued. Unavailable items were received from the regional IFRC stocks in Dakar and the local authorities in collaboration with the National Society branches' carried them to distribution sites. Besides, in collaboration with the IFRC Regional Logistics department, 12 water bladders were procured and kept to be used for the next situations. The support in logistics was relevant and appropriate and contributed in achieving the objectives of the Niger DREF operation.

Lessons learnt:

- The existence of an emergency stock in Niger facilitated the assistance to be provided on time.
- Volunteers are always ready to intervene even though their capacities need to be reinforced. From the first day of floods, the volunteers started first aid and evacuation of victims.
- When the DREF is officially approved and considering the needs of assistance, the National Society can start implementing some urgent activities to prevent delay in assistance.
- Coordination with other members of the Movement (ICRC) prevented duplication and brought a positive complementarity vis-à-vis external actors.
- Gender played a big role during this operation, men and women shared roles to come up with the flooding situation.
- Collaboration with technical partners (authorities, UNICEF, Cluster WASH) was key to ensure quality services to the beneficiaries.
- The response focused much on immediate needs rather than mid/long solutions to prevent the future recurrent floods.

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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:

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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**Disaster Response Financial Report**

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**Selected Parameters**

Reporting Timeframe	2013/9-2014/5	Programme	MDRNE012
Budget Timeframe	2013/9-2014/1	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Funding**

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>A. Budget</b>		200,379				200,379	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		200,379				200,379	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>		200,379				200,379	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		200,379				200,379	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		200,379				200,379	

\* 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>		200,379				200,379	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-192,220				-192,220	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		8,159				8,159	

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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>200,379</b>			<b>200,379</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Clothing & Textiles	42,501		44,355			44,355	-1,854	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	29,886		29,703			29,703	183	
Medical & First Aid	4,858		5,301			5,301	-442	
Utensils & Tools	26,795		25,865			25,865	930	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>104,040</b>		<b>105,224</b>			<b>105,224</b>	<b>-1,184</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	1,600		2,509			2,509	-909	
Distribution & Monitoring	943		572			572	371	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	33,321		27,850			27,850	5,471	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>35,864</b>		<b>30,931</b>			<b>30,931</b>	<b>4,933</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	10,943		17,068			17,068	-6,125	
National Society Staff	9,340		5,247			5,247	4,092	
Volunteers	15,566		15,714			15,714	-148	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>35,849</b>		<b>38,029</b>			<b>38,029</b>	<b>-2,180</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	1,623		849			849	773	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>1,623</b>		<b>849</b>			<b>849</b>	<b>773</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	5,000		1,825			1,825	3,175	
Office Costs	1,415		1,188			1,188	227	
Communications	1,415		1,493			1,493	-78	
Financial Charges	2,943		948			948	1,995	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>10,774</b>		<b>5,455</b>			<b>5,455</b>	<b>5,319</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recove	12,230		11,732			11,732	498	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>12,230</b>		<b>11,732</b>			<b>11,732</b>	<b>498</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>200,379</b>		<b>192,220</b>			<b>192,220</b>	<b>8,159</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>8,159</b>			<b>8,159</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	200,379		200,379	200,379	192,220	8,159	
Subtotal BL2	200,379		200,379	200,379	192,220	8,159	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>200,379</b>		<b>200,379</b>	<b>200,379</b>	<b>192,220</b>	<b>8,159</b>	