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Tanzania: Flash floods

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DREF operation	Operation n° MDRTZ015; Glide n° FF-2014-000009-TZA
Date of Issue: 28 November, 2014	Date of disaster: 21 January, 2014
Operation budget: CHF 180,676	Operation start date: 31 January, 2014; Operation end date: 30 May, 2014
Number of people affected: 10,000	Number of people assisted: 2,000 (400 households).
Host National Society presence: 50 volunteers, 5 staff and 3 branches of the National Society.	
National Societies involved in the operation: IFRC, Tanzania, American and Spanish Red Cross Societies.	
Other partner organizations involved in the operation: Caritas, Government of Tanzania, Islamic Foundation and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Heavy rains caused flash floods in Morogoro region, located approximately 270 kilometres West of Dar es Salaam, between 22 and 23 January, 2014. The rains which fell upstream in the regions of Tanga, Dodoma and Manyara overwhelmed the river banks downstream, especially Mkundi River, resulting in disastrous flash floods in 3 districts namely Kilosa, Mvomero and Gairo in Morogoro region.

Kilosa district was the most affected with up to 1,865 households (HHs) displaced. In Mvomero district a total of 222 HHs were displaced and 10 HHs were displaced in Gairo district. In all three districts a total of 2,097 HHs (over 10,000 people) were displaced. In Kilosa district 4 Wards were affected, namely, Magole, Dumila, Msowero and Kitete. Magole Ward was the most affected particularly the village of Magole and Mateteni sub-village in Mbigiri village.

In addition to the population displacements, the flash floods also caused extensive damages to physical infrastructures (roads, bridges), public buildings (schools, religious buildings), and crop fields. In the worst affected district of Kilosa up to 500 houses were destroyed either completely or partially, leaving the occupants of these houses homeless. Hundreds of other houses were flooded with muddy water destroying all the belongings therein.

The DREF operation was successful in reaching the targeted families with assistance. The planned activities of the operation were completed in the stipulated timeframe. Provision of emergency services like shelter, non-food items NFIs, water and sanitation and psychosocial support was all carried out within the stipulated timeframe of three months. The operation was extended by one month to cater for a DREF review exercise and lessons learnt workshop. Emergency assistance was provided to 2,000 most vulnerable people devastated by floods in Kilosa.

Through the DREF operation the NS supported the implementation of hygiene promotion activities in order to minimize the risk of water and sanitation related diseases. Through a partnership with UNICEF 3 water tanks of 10,000 litres capacity each were procured and installed at Mateteni camp (2 tanks) and Magole camp (1 tank) for water storage. Additionally 100 latrine drop holes were constructed in both camps. Furthermore, hygiene-related NFIs (buckets, hygiene/dignity kits, jerry cans and laundry soap) were distributed to 400 HHs in both camps and volunteers trained to carry out hygiene promotion activities, and distribute Information, Education and Communications (IEC) materials containing messages on safe health and hygiene practices.

