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DREF Operations: CAR Strong winds



DREF n° MDRCF022	Glide n° VW-2017-000029-CAF
Date of issue: 03 April 2017	Date of disaster:
Operations manager: Richard Hunlede	Point of contact: Richard Hunlede
Operation budget: CHF 195,771	Expected timeframe: 3 months Expected end date: 30 June 2017
Total number of people affected: 3,157 people (445 HHs)	Number of people to be assisted: 3,157 people (445 HHs).
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 5 Full time staff, 75 volunteers across the region.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Central African Red Cross Society and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Local authorities, Office of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Office of the PM, Ministry of agriculture and environment.	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Since January 2017, the Central African Republic has been experiencing series of violent winds. The cities of Mbaïki, Ndolobo, Ndjoh, Lambi and Bossembelé centers located respectively 107 km, 125 km and 157 km from Bangui, faced since 16 March 2017, violent winds following heavy rains, causing major damage.

The 75 volunteers from local branches of the Red Cross, including 25 from Mbaïki, 15 from Ndolobo, 10 from Lambi, 5 from Ndjoh and 20 from Bossembelé, went to the affected neighborhoods and began to assess the situation, provided first aid to the wounded, evacuated the wounded to the hospital and helped resettle the most vulnerable with host families.

The 445 most vulnerable families were identified by the Red Cross. Specific needs include emergency shelter, access to drinking water and sanitation. Failure to meet these emergency needs will result in a rapid deterioration of living conditions for these vulnerable families, including increased morbidity and mortality from infectious disease and exposure to weather.

Additional necessities such as blankets, mats, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, kitchen kits, toilet kits, soaps, buckets, jerry cans, lamps, etc., will help improve the living conditions of these people. Weather forecasts continue to indicate additional flooding is likely in the Central African Republic, which could aggravate the situation of these already vulnerable populations if nothing is done.

Coordination and partnerships

The Préfet of la Lobaye, the Sous-Préfet of Mbaïki, de Bossembelé, the Mayors of Mbaïki, Ndolobo, Lambi, Ndjoh and Bossembelé and the leaders of other identified neighborhoods supported the volunteers in assessing the situation on the ground. The Local Committees of Mbaïki, Ndolobo, Lambi, Ndjoh and Bossembelé as well as the local authorities of these cities have launched an appeal in support of the victims.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The National Disaster Management Director of the CRCA carried out field missions last week - 19 March 2017 in Mbaïki and Ndolobo in order to observe the extent of the disaster and discuss the actions to be carried out. The 75 volunteers from local branches of the Red Cross, including 25 from Mbaïki, 15 from Ndolobo, 10 from Lambi, 5 from Ndjoh and 20 from Bossembelé, went to the affected neighborhoods to assess the situation and provided first aid to the wounded, evacuated the wounded to the hospital and helped resettle the most vulnerable with host families.

The National Disaster Management Director of the CRCA organized debriefing at the National Society headquarters about the field visits and the results. Based on the information the President of the National Society informed the ICRC Head of delegation in CAR of the DREF request and the operation which the Central Africa Red Cross Society is currently requesting.

The National Disaster Management Director of the CRCA, in collaboration with the IFRC Country Representative for CAR, prepared and finalized the current DREF to urgently assist these vulnerable groups. The National Society aims to carry out activities in five sectors: distribution, emergency health, emergency shelter, water, hygiene and sanitation. This operation will be implemented over a three-month period and will be completed by 31 July 2017, the final report will be available three months after the end of the operation (30 November 2017);

The IFRC Country Office, together with the National Society, will assume responsibility for timely implementation, financial management and reporting of the operation. The operation will require a two months RDRT deployment for smooth running and coordination of the operation, and to enable the National Society to quickly address those urgent needs.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country.

The CAR Red Cross remains the only actor on the ground, responding to the needs of these affected population. Netherlands Red Cross is establishing an office in Bangui to foster 3 year partnership with the NS in the area of volunteers and disaster management. French Red Cross is also present in CAR assisting some internal displaced and they are also active in the area of health and water provision programmes.

The ICRC has been present in the country for more than two decades, implementing its traditional activities linked to its mandate. Qatari Red Crescent is active in the field assisting internal displaced in Ndele. However, no one has responded to the needs arisen due to the violent winds in the affected areas, therefore the National Society has asked the support of IFRC through the DREF.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

Needs Assessment

The affected populations have completely and partially lost their homes and are homeless. Majority of these affected populations are children of school age, women and the elderly. The latter live in precarious conditions and experience enormous difficulties of survival for having lost almost all their possessions.

The affected population is as listed below:

Localités	Head of families	No. of family members	Male	Female	Children
Mbaïki centre	160	1203	392	501	393
Ndolobo	75	876	239	375	179
Lambi	90	466	116	119	231
Ndjoh	75	378	99	106	173
Bossembelé centre	45	234	58	73	103
TOTAL	445	3157	904	1174	1079

Based on the assessment results 326 houses were identified as completely destroyed and 119 partially destroyed. Following the assessment, needs were identified in several areas (relief / distribution, emergency shelter, facilitation of access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene promotion). The National Society volunteers also identified 43 pregnant women and 125 elderly persons among the affected people, and their specific needs were also taken into consideration at the planning of the operation. Given the situation that CRCA does not have available emergency stock to address the needs, emergency relief items were identified as urgently needed.

Risk Assumptions

The areas affected are accessible and safe and the road from Bangui is also safe. Should the situation remain calm, the distribution and the transfer of relief items will not be delayed and the operation easily be implemented. The National Society and the IFRC are closely monitoring the security situation. Additional risks around implementation rates and reporting will be addressed through appropriate staffing, including a budget holder (Head of Country Office) and the RDRT member.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

This DREF operation aims to provide the most needed immediate emergency support to the affected populations in the areas affected by the violent winds. The assistance will include emergency shelter, shelter and WASH related NFIs, and hygiene promotion and sanitation activities to reach 445 families (3,157 beneficiaries) whose belongings were completely or partially destroyed.

Proposed strategy

In emergency relief, distribution to 445 families (3,157 persons) identified through a Red Cross assessment as among the most vulnerable, will include the following non-food items:

- 890 tarpaulins (2 per family),
- 1,335 nets (3 nets Per family),
- 890 blankets (2 blankets per 2 family),
- 890 mats (2 mats per family),
- 445 kitchen sets (one kit per family),
- 445 Solar Lamps (1 lamp per family) – standard lamps that are available in the stocks in Yaounde.
- 445 shelter tool kits (1 per family)
- 2,520 small timber poles (4 per family) – locally procured
- 890 big timber poles (2 per family) – locally procured

To facilitate access to safe drinking water and sanitation for the affected most vulnerable population, the following items were identified as most needed:

- 445 buckets will be needed per family for water supply,
- 126 ropes to tie to the buckets to draw water from the wells
- 445 jerrycans (1 Jerrycan per family) for conservation Water,
- 1,780 pieces of 250 g soap (4 pieces per family).

For personal hygiene 890 standard family hygiene kits (2 per family) will be distributed.

In addition, the affected population will be supported with items for sanitation services, volunteers will provide support with latrine disinfection and water treatment. Therefore, calcium hypochlorite, disinfectant products, aquatabs, sprayers and tumblers will be procured as well.

In order to provide first aid support and to treat the injured in the areas affected, 50 first aid kits will be provided to the National Society.

Also, communication tools such as leaflets, posters and image boxes will be used for mass and door-to-door awareness sessions to prevent the risks of water-borne diseases, as well as for training volunteers. This training will also cover modules on Distribution, sensitization, treatment of water points (deserbage, disinfection, fencing), environmental sanitation, hygiene promotion and emergency planning and reporting.

Operational support services

Human Resources

For the effective implementation of the planned activities, 75 volunteers will work under the supervision of three members of the National Disaster Response Team (ENRC). Coordination of the activities will be implemented by the National Disaster Management Coordinator (DM). Member Committee (according to the NS constitution, the member of the Comité de Direction are mainly the members of the governance of the NS (the President, the Vice President, the General Treasurer, etc.)) will conduct monitoring field visit during operation/program implementation. The NS programme Coordinator from the HQ will ensure together with the RDRT member the timely and effective implementation of the operation, including overseeing the procurement process and the distribution activities. The DM will be the counterpart of the RDRT and will ensure that the trainings for the volunteers are implemented at the beginning of the operation in a timely manner. The CRCA Finance officer in the HQ will ensure that the IFRC finance procedures are followed and regular reporting is provided to the IFRC Head of Country.

The volunteers are from the communities and will be deployed locally. Their per diem does not include anything else than daily allowance. The staff from the HQs visiting the field of operation receive different per diem (lumpsum) which include accommodation according to the rules of the National Society.

The IFRC will provide oversight to the operation through the Head of Country and a short-term operations manager deployed for two months through RDRT, who will assist in the collection of supporting documents, implementation monitoring and reporting. He/she will work in close cooperation with the Disaster Management Department and will ensure that the IFRC standard procedures are followed during the operation.

Logistics

The NS does not currently have any contingency stock. The NS has good warehousing capacity located in Bangui and in its local branches. Items available in the regional warehouse will be transported from Yaoundé to the CAR and others will be purchased locally. The NS is finalizing the distribution plans based on – among other points - a assessment of logistics and road conditions.

The existing road network provides good transport road from Bangui to Mbaïki located 107 km from Bangui, to Ndolobo 18 km and Mbaïki, and to Lambi. The road is also good from Bangui to Ndjoh 237 km and to Bossembelé, located 157 km away. The road between Mbaïki and Ndolobo and between Boali-Lambi and both Bossembelé and Ndjoh is in bad condition, therefore it might need specific arrangements for transportation.

All procurement will be completed according to IFRC procedures, items will be procured internationally with the support of the Regional Logistics Unit. The distribution plan will be finalized and coordinated with the support of an RDRT operations manager.

Communications

The update and communication on the operation will be done through the Communication Unit of the National Society, under the coordination of the IFRC Office.

Security

The volatile security conditions in the country is monitored on daily basis by and through the NS Security unit, the IFRC country Representation, the Movement coordination meetings, the UN daily security update and the local branch direct contacts. The IFRC regional security coordinator will make one trip to Bangui to review the assessment done.

This will enable us to adjust and balance the operation in minimizing the risks for greater program implementation impact.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Continuous monitoring is being covered by the CAR Red Cross local committees, the CARC at the NHQ level in close cooperation with the IFRC country representation and IFRC CARREP will monitor the progress of the operation and provide necessary technical expertise. The CAR Red Cross will be assisted by the IFRC CAR country representations and the RDRT on planning, implementation, monitoring, documentation and the reporting of the activities planned.

All the planned activities will be carried out with the collaboration of the affected communities and the local authorities.

A IFRC CARREP monitoring mission has been budgeted (CHF 1,500); as well as NHQ costs for two seven day missions to the area of implementation. Brief weekly updates will be provided to the IFRC on general progress of the operation, and regular monitoring reports will provide detailed indicator tracking.

In addition, a beneficiary satisfaction survey will also be carried out at the end of the DREF operation; and has been budgeted (10 volunteers for three days @ CHF 5.5 per day).

Finance and administration

The CAR Red Cross has a permanent administrative and financial department, which will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with conditions to be discussed in the Contract Program to be signed between the

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Briefing of 35 volunteers on the distribution methods																												
Prepare distribution lists based on the selected beneficiaries,																												
Distribution of the items and sensitization on the use of solar lamp																												
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.																												
Output 4.2: 445 Family (3157 persons) provided with assistance to support the construction of emergency shelter and safe construction techniques																												
Activities planned	Weekly																											
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Distribution of relief items																												
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting, including technical evaluation on the use of the shelter kit																												

Budget

(please see in annex)

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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 Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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CAR Strong Winds

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Budget Group		DREF Grant Budget	Budget CHF
500	Shelter - Relief	35,536	35,536
501	Shelter - Transitional	0	0
502	Construction - Housing	0	0
503	Construction - Facilities	0	0
505	Construction - Materials	0	0
510	Clothing & Textiles	7,120	7,120
520	Food	0	0
523	Seeds & Plants	0	0
530	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	41,048	41,048
540	Medical & First Aid	4,630	4,630
550	Teaching Materials	2,708	2,708
560	Ustensils & Tools	29,489	29,489
570	Other Supplies & Services	0	0
571	Emergency Response Units	0	0
578	Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES		120,530	120,530
580	Land & Buildings	0	0
581	Vehicles Purchase	0	0
582	Computer & Telecom Equipment	0	0
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0
587	Medical Equipment	0	0
589	Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT		0	0
590	Storage, Warehousing	185	185
592	Distribution & Monitoring	12,155	12,155
593	Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,585	5,585
594	Logistics Services	4,680	4,680
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE		22,606	22,606
600	International Staff	14,000	14,000
661	National Staff	0	0
662	National Society Staff	5,569	5,569
667	Volunteers	8,364	8,364
Total PERSONNEL		27,933	27,933
670	Consultants	0	0
750	Professional Fees	0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES		0	0
680	Workshops & Training	6,226	6,226
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING		6,226	6,226
700	Travel	0	0
710	Information & Public Relations	1,297	1,297
730	Office Costs	1,574	1,574
740	Communications	2,157	2,157
760	Financial Charges	1,500	1,500
790	Other General Expenses	0	0
799	Shared Support Services	0	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES		6,528	6,528
599	Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	11,948	11,948
Total INDIRECT COSTS		11,948	11,948
TOTAL BUDGET		195,771	195,771



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