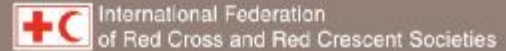


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Emergency Plan of Action Operation Update

Rwanda: Storm & Heavy Winds



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EPoA update n° 1; 5 July 2017	Timeframe covered by this update: 11 April-4 July 2017
Operation start date: 11 July 2017	Operation timeframe: 4 months and end date 11 August 2017 (1-month extension)
Overall operation budget: CHF 49,122	
N° of people being assisted: 675	Number of people to be assisted: 675 people (135 households)
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 21 volunteers, 3 staff members (Rwanda Red Cross Society – RRCS – and Gatsibo branch)	
Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Belgian Flanders and French Community, Austrian, and Spanish Red Cross Societies, and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Local Authorities, and the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs (MIDIMAR)	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This operations update gives insights from a recently performed assessment and joint monitoring mission. In addition, it requests for a one-month extension to 11 of August 2017, to enable the finalization of the mobile cinema activities and final procurement activities to ensure pre-positioned stocks are back in place. The budget has remained the same. Although the overall amount has not changed, there have been some changes to the budget lines, which have been identified in this update.

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 1 April 2017 at 3:00 pm, Gatsibo district located in the Eastern Province of Rwanda experienced heavy rainfall associated with heavy storms, which resulted in destruction of houses and community farm lands in Kiramuruzi Sector Nyabisindu Cell. The affected area is located 36 kilometers from Gatsibo District, 40 kilometers from the Eastern Province office and 70 kilometers from the City of Kigali.

The preliminary assessment gathered by Rwanda Red Cross staff and volunteers, estimated that 675 people (135 households) were affected by heavy wind and storms. Renewed assessments confirm that the amount of affected remains around 135 households. The main damages were related to the houses and the destruction of a variety of household materials, shelters and clothing. Furthermore, latrines and other sanitation infrastructure were also destroyed. Initially, the affected families were accommodated in the nearby communities after their homes were damaged.

At the end of June 2017 an assessment was performed which showed that there were still four groups of affected:

- Households with houses destroyed and living with host communities (N= 34 households)
- Households living in their destroyed houses (with half a roof) (N= 57 households)
- Households that have recovered their houses and are managing (N= 44 households)
- Households that need roofing for latrines (N= 811 households)



Figure: 1 Make-shift bedroom of a household without roof (IFRC)

The above figures are based on a field needs assessment performed by the Rwanda Red Cross Branch office at end of June.

There were some delays in the implementation of the mobile cinema activities. The DREF operation will therefore be extended for a period of one month to be able to complete these activities.

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Rwanda Red Cross Society (RRCS) has been mobilizing their staff members and volunteers to provide immediate assistance from its contingency stocks to the population affected by heavy storms in Gatsibo district, Kiramuruzi Sector. A rapid emergency needs assessment was carried and a follow up assessment has been carried out in the last week of June 2017, in the Gatsibo district, Kiramuruzi Sector. The distribution of Non-Food items (NFIs, including shelter and hygiene related items affected population) has been completed. Latrine construction, health sensitization (PHAST) and mobile cinema are on-going. The DREF extension is requested to replenish those items distributed from the National Society stock, which is on-going.



Figure 2 Beneficiaries in Gatsibo district with RRCS NFI's (IFRC)

Overview of Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement in country

The IFRC is providing assistance through the East Africa and Indian Ocean Islands cluster office and through the Africa regional office based in Nairobi, Kenya. Since the onset of the disaster, there has been regular contact with the IFRC EAIIO regional representation's disaster management department; and regular updates on the situation and activities planned have been shared. A joint IFRC and RRCS monitoring visit has been performed in June 2017.



Figure 3 Rwanda Red Cross Gatsibo branch managers (IFRC)

Movement Coordination

Belgian French community, Austria, Belgian Flemish and the Spanish Red Cross Societies have in country presence and the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) and its budget for this DREF operation have been shared to all PNS with the intention of mobilising additional assistance if available for the activities outlined in the proposed strategy, where additional support is required. In June 2017, a joint meeting was held to discuss the findings of the monitoring visit, to share outstanding needs and to identify ways forward.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The MIDMAR and local government authorities at district levels in Gatsibo have coordinated the response in collaboration with RRCS. The RRCS Gatsibo branch is also participating in coordination meetings, which are being carried out at district level. Local government authorities have supported the storm and heavy wind-affected population with evacuation from their homes, securing community damaged property from theft, search and rescue as well as identification and accommodation for the displaced in nearby communities.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

The RRCS has carried out a preliminary assessment immediately after the disaster (for findings see the EPoA). A follow up needs assessment was performed at the end of June 2017; the following needs were identified:

Field	Identified needs
Water and sanitation	Need for roofing of latrines and hygiene promotion awareness. The needs assessment performed at the end of June 2017 shows that although the basic infrastructure is in place, households are still in need for roofing for latrines (N= 811 households). Continuation of hygiene promotion and mobile cinema awareness sessions is essential.
Shelter	Due to the storm and heavy winds, 135 identified families lost their homes. By end of June, needs for shelter were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households with houses destroyed and living with host communities (N= 34 households) • Households living in their destroyed houses (with half a roof) (N= 57 households) • Households that have recovered their houses and are managing (N= 44 households)

Risk Analysis:

Based on the current weather situation in the in Eastern province, Gatsibo districts, there are no specific risks identified.

Beneficiary selection:

The most affected population by the disaster (storm and heavy winds) is 135 families (approx. 675 persons) who fall under the following criteria: displaced households (those whose homes were destroyed), the chronically ill and elderly, female-headed households, lactating mothers and children under-five, pregnant women and single parents. In addition, the needs assessment shows that there is a total of 811 households who are in need for roofing of their latrines.



Figure 4 Beneficiary in Gatsibo district at community meeting in June 2017 with RRCS and IFRC, sharing her concerns (IFRC)

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall Objective

The storm and heavy wind-affected population's immediate needs are met through the provision of essential emergency relief, shelter items, hygiene promotion assistance, targeting a total number of 811 people whose items/properties were destroyed in Kiramuruzi Sector, Gatsibo districts, Eastern Province, Rwanda.

Proposed strategy

For this section kindly refer to the EPoA document



Figure 5 Volunteers from the Gatsibo district supporting the DREF operation (IFRC)

Operational support services

Human resources

The DREF operation requires just a minor change to the original HR proposal:

The table below indicates the personnel involved in the operation.

Personnel	Number	Sector	Roles and responsibilities
Volunteers	20 (instead of 21)	Relief distributions, first aid/PSS, Health & hygiene promotion and education, shelter distribution & NDRT members trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment, beneficiary registration and verification, relief distribution activities, health promotion & sensitization, support community work mobilization & coordination of volunteer teams.
Volunteers	10	Mobile cinema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and hygiene promotion and sensitization
NS HQ and branch staff/Committee members	6	All sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination, drafting of DREF proposal, technical support to branches, monitoring, supervision and reporting

Logistics and supply chain

The DREF allocation is being used to enable procurement and distribution or replenishment of the NFIs, shelter and hygiene items that are planned to be distributed. Procurement is ongoing.

Information technologies (IT)

Airtime and internet costs have been budgeted in the DREF operation to enable communication and easy coordination between the Rwanda Red Cross Society and the Gatsibo branch level.

Communications

The RRCS will work in collaboration with the IFRC EAIOI cluster to ensure communication of the DREF operation. During the joint field visit, pictures were made that will be shared with communication department.

Security

There are no potential security concerns present in the storm and heavy wind affected areas. However, RRCS will continue to monitor the situation in collaboration with the government local authorities.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

Three RRCS staff members have been deployed to the storm and heavy wind-affected area for different missions to ensure the effective implementation, monitoring of the activities planned. Moreover, a preliminary assessment has been carried, which had informed the activities planned within this DREF operation. A follow up assessment was also performed to get a better understanding of the needs.

The RRCS PMER Department will provide necessary technical support, and ensure that monitoring and reporting structures are established.

The IFRC EA-IOI operations team is providing technical support and has so far performed monitoring visits.



Figure 6 Joint IFRC and RRCS monitoring mission (IFRC)

C. Detailed Operational Plan

Programming / Areas Common to all Sectors

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors			
Outcome 1 Continuous detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1 Initial needs assessment is updated following consultations with beneficiaries		75
	Output 1.2 The emergency plan of action is reviewed and revised as necessary to reflect needs		75
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Deployment of staff/volunteers to conduct rapid needs assessment	X		100
Conduct detailed assessment	X		Ongoing
Conduct monitoring visit in the area of operation	X		On-going
Continuous update of the operation plan	X		On-going
Coordination meetings at HQ & branch level (refreshments, conference hall, transport, and airtime)	X		100
Implementation, Monitoring & Reporting	X		On-going
Final lessons learnt workshop and beneficiary satisfaction		X	
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the deployment of staff/volunteers to conduct rapid needs assessment A more detailed assessment is on-going (June 2017) One meeting for 8 NDRT on drafting DREF proposal HQ level was conducted Monitoring visit in the area of operation are on-going Ongoing update of the operation plan, depending on outcomes of the assessments On-going coordination meetings at HQ & branch level (refreshments, conference hall, transport, and airtime) Joint IFRC and RRCS monitoring & reporting is on-going. A IFRC monitoring visit was performed in June 2017 Lessons learnt and BSS was taken out of the EPOA and budget. The amount of coordination meetings was increased from 1 to a total of 4 meetings. So far 3 meetings have been held. A final coordination meeting will be held at the end of the operation to discuss the lessons learnt 			

Health & care

Needs analysis: An initial assessment of the disaster indicates that the total number of people displaced by the local storms is 675 (approximately 135 families). Although there was a high risk of malaria infection, there was lesser need for mosquito nets than expected. During the assessment, psychosocial support was also identified as needed to the affected population especially to those who lost all their personal belongings due to the damages caused by the storm. First-aid services will be provided to the injured and affected- First-aid kits (4) are being procured and 4 will be replenished.

Population to be assisted: The 135 most affected households (approx. 675 people) in Nyabisindu Cell, Kiramuruzi Sector, Gatsibo District-Eastern Province, household identified during the needs assessment.

Health and care			
Outcome 1: Contribute to reduce the psychosocial and health effects of the storm and the risks of malaria infections among the affected families	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1 1 Target affected 135 families will receive PSS, first aid and relief items and information to reduce the risks of malaria infection		
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Procure and distribute 270 mosquito nets		X	20
Procure 4 and replenish 4 first aid kits for the Branch		X	20
Provide first aid and PSS support for the affected families	X		100
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting	X		On-going
Progress towards outcomes			
Activities are still ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was less need for mosquito nets, and therefore this was reduced from 540 to 270 nets. • First-aid kits are in the process of procurement and replenishment and increased from 2 to 4 kits. • PSS support was provided by volunteers to the families. 			

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Needs analysis: Following the storm and heavy wind, sanitation infrastructure was destroyed; while the storm and heavy wind-affected population have been displaced and are living with families in nearby communities, which are now overextended and have increased the risk of air borne diseases. The National Society has been helping the affected population by providing hygiene promotion through distribution of hygiene related non-food items; and has been carrying out community hygiene promotion, information dissemination, awareness sessions and sharing of best practices. There is an urgent need to provide sensitization to the affected population to prevent the risk of water borne diseases, including cholera.

Population to be assisted: The 135 most affected households (approx. 675 people) identified during the needs assessment will be assisted through provision of hygiene related relief items: buckets, Jerry cans for water conservation, soap and sanitation services.

Outcome 1 Immediate reduction in risk of water borne and water related diseases in targeted communities	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1 Target population are provided with hygiene related non-food items and community awareness on the risks of waterborne diseases, which meet SPHERE standards (Target: 135 households/675 beneficiaries)		75
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Provide 121 latrines as temporary sanitation facilities	X		80
Conduct 6 health & hygiene promotion awareness sessions in the affected areas	X		100
Conduct training on PHASTER and Mobile Cinema production in emergencies (Target: PHASTER 20 volunteers (Cinema Mobile 10 volunteers)		X	10
Conduct weekly mobile cinema on hygiene promotion events in the affected area (Target: 6 mobile cinema sessions (one per week)		X	0

Distribution of hygiene related NFIs (Target: 135 buckets, 270 jerry cans and 1,620 pcs of soap; and sensitization on their use)	X		80%
Conduct activity monitoring visits, Evaluation and Reporting	X		On-going
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initial plan was to support 105 households with latrines. The Government and community have jointly worked to support the building of latrines and have managed to reach a much higher number. The only thing currently missing is the roofing of the latrines. With the same funds, the aim is now to support 811 households with roofing of latrines. In total 6 health & hygiene promotion awareness sessions in the affected areas have been and are being done. Conduct training on PHASTER and Mobile Cinema production in emergencies (Target: PHASTER 20 volunteers (Cinema Mobile 10 volunteers). This activity has been planned for the last week of June and will take place in Kigali. There were some delays since the communication team was unavailable to support with this training in an earlier moment. After the training, weekly mobile cinema on hygiene promotion events in the affected area will be held. This will be done in the 10 communities and the aim is to have two sessions per week. In total 6 mobile cinemas sessions will be held. The distribution of hygiene related NFIs have been completed including 135 buckets, 270 jerry cans and 1,620 pieces of soap; and sensitization on their use. Pending is the replenishment of pre-positioned stocks. This is to happen in the last week of June and in July. Ongoing are the activity monitoring visits, evaluation and reporting 			

Shelter and settlements

Needs analysis: The NS will conduct another field visit and needs assessment to update the situation shortly. Currently, and during the previous assessments, a number of families were made homeless and lost their basic household essential items as a result of the storms. The affected families are hosted with host communities, and there is a need to provide shelter and shelter related NFIs to the affected population.

Population to be assisted: The 135 most affected households (approx. 675 people) identified during the needs assessment will be assisted through the provision of basic shelter and non-food items.

Shelter and settlements and non-food items			
Outcome 1 Immediate shelter and settlement needs of the affected population are met through the provision of basic shelter and household relief items over a period of three months.	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 1.1 Target populations receive relief assistance in terms of basic shelter non-food items (Target: 135 households / 675 beneficiaries)	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Distribution of NFIs and shelter items (Target: 270 blankets, 135 Kitenge, 135 kitchen sets and 270 plastic mats)	X		90
Conduct activity monitoring visits, evaluation and reporting	X		100
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The distribution of the NFI's, including blankets, kitchen sets, and plastic mats have been completed. Kitenge and 4 first-aid Kits are ongoing, still needs to be procured and distributed. NFIs need to be procured to replenish the stocks. 			

D. Budget

Please see the revised budget for the most recent update. The total amount has not changed. Whereas the following lines have changed:

- Conduct a meeting for 8 NDRT members on drafting DREF proposal at HQ level (meals, soft drinks, conference hall, per diems and transport fees) - revised from 2 to 1

- Coordination meetings at HQ & branch level (refreshments, conference hall, transport, and airtime) 3 meetings in the field and 1 meeting at HQ): revised from 1 to 4
- Procure and distribute mosquito nets - revised to 270
- Construction of temporary hygiene facilities (latrines and dust bins): revised from 105 to 811
- Conduct weekly mobile cinema on hygiene promotion events in the affected area (Target: 10 mobile cinema sessions (one per week)- revised from 10 to 6
- First-aid kits: revised from 2 to 4
- Volunteers per diems (20 X 3 months) - revised from 50 to 60
- Vehicle mileage costs during monitoring and implementation of the operation for Branch and HQ (mileage costs and fuel) – revised amounts
- Fuel for motorbike branch coordination (follow up Branch and field distribution) - revised amounts
- Stationary (HQ & Field) - revised amounts
- Internal and external communication (internet modem, mobile phone charges) - revised amounts
- Communication IFRC – deleted

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