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# Emergency Plan of Action Operation Update

## Rwanda: Storm & Heavy Winds

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EPoA update n° 2	Timeframe covered by this update: 3 August – 31 August 2017
Operation start date: 11 July 2017	Operation timeframe: 5 months, ending date 15 September 2017 (2-week 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 (RRCS & Gatsibo branch)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Belgian Red Cross Flanders, Austrian Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross French Community, Spanish Red Cross International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Local Authorities, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs (MIDIMAR),	

### Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This operations update provides insight on the implementation of the final activities in the plan of action. In addition, it requests for a two-week extension to 15 September 2017 to allow for a final joint monitoring and evaluation mission for IFRC and RRCS. The budget remains the same.

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

On 1<sup>st</sup> 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 last performed assessment in June, showed that households were impacted in the following way:

- 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)

### Summary of current response

#### Overview of Host National Society



**Iron sheets distribution in Gatsibo district**  
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The Rwanda Red Cross Society (RRCS) has been mobilizing their staff 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 out 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.

Despite delays, latrine construction, health sensitization (PHAST) and mobile cinema training was conducted. In addition, the final procurements of iron sheets were done and distributed to the communities. Kitenge and mosquito nets have also been procured and distributed.

## Overview of Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement in country

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is providing assistance through the Eastern Africa and Indian Ocean Islands cluster office as well as through the Africa regional office based in Nairobi, Kenya. Since the onset of the disaster, there has been regular contact with the IFRC EAIOI 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 and is scheduled to take place at the end of August. This will also allow to document lessons learnt of the operation.

### Movement Coordination

Belgian Red Cross French community, Austria Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross Flemish and the Spanish Red Cross have in country presence. No major changes, [see operations update 1](#).

### Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The MIDMAR as well as local government authorities at the district levels in Gatsibo have coordinated the response in collaboration RRCS. *No major changes*, [see operations update 1](#).

## Needs analysis and scenario planning

### Needs analysis

The RRC 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 *No major changes*, [see operations update 1](#).

### 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). In addition, the needs assessment shows that there is a total of 811 households who are in need for roofing of their latrines.

*No major changes*, [see operations update 1](#).

## 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](#)

## Operational support services

### Human resources

No major changes, from *operations update 1*.

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

### 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 for replenishment and the final distributions of kitenges and mosquito nets.

### 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 the communication departments.

The RRCS Communications team trained 10 people from the branch on mobile cinema and joined the branch team to provide on the job support.

Radio announcements were done for the iron sheets distribution which was a big event in the community. An article was also published on the RRCS website: <http://www.rwandaredcross.org/gatsibo-residents-hit-by-heavy-rains-in-april-continue-to-receive-support-vow-to-support-red-cross-and-advocate-for-environmental-protection/>

### 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)

No major changes, see [operations update 1](#).

A joint IFRC and RCS final monitoring visit and lessons learnt meeting has been planned during the last week of the operation to capture the strengths and challenges of the operation and finalize on reporting.

## 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		100%
	Output 1.2 The emergency plan of action is reviewed and revised as necessary to reflect needs		80%
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		100%
Conduct monitoring visit in the area of operation	X		100%
Continuous update of the operation plan	X		On-going
Coordination meetings at HQ & branch level (refreshments, conference hall, transport, airtime, )	X		100%
Implementation, Monitoring & Reporting	X		On-going
Final lessons learnt workshop and beneficiary satisfaction	X		Planned
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A final coordination, monitoring and evaluation visit has been planned at the end of the operation (September) to discuss the lessons learnt.</li> </ul>			

### 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 cause 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
		<b>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</b>	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Procure and distribute 270 mosquito nets	X		100%
Procure 4 and replenish 4 first aid kits for the Branch	X		100%
Provide first aid and PSS support for the families that has been affected	X		100%
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting	X		On-going
Progress towards outcomes			
<p>Activities are still ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 348 mosquito nets were procured and distributed. Each family received two mosquito nets. There were 7 families that were larger in size (with 5-10 family members). These families received 3 mosquito nets.</li> <li>• 4 First aid kits were procured and replenished.</li> <li>• PSS support was provided by volunteers to the families.</li> </ul> <p>For other updates see <a href="#">operations update 1</a>.</p>			

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Needs analysis:** Following the storm and heavy wind, sanitation infrastructures were 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 increase 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 born disease, 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 waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities	Outputs		% of achievement
		<b>Output 1.1</b> 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)	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Provide 811 latrines as temporary sanitation facilities	X		100%
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	100%
Conduct weekly mobile cinema on hygiene promotion events in the affected area (Target: 6 mobile cinema sessions (one per week)	X		100%

Distribution of hygiene related NFIs (Target: 135 buckets, 270 jerry cans and 1620 pcs of soap; and sensitization on their use)	X		100%
Conduct activity monitoring visits, Evaluation and Reporting	X		On-going
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To finalize latrine construction, 818 sheets were procured and distributed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. From HQ, two DM staff travelled to the branch to support the distribution.</li> <li>In total 6 health &amp; hygiene promotion awareness sessions in the affected areas have been and are being done.</li> <li>The mobile cinema training was completed. 10 people from the branch were trained in HQ (Kigali) by the communication team. This team has been trained on mobile cinema.</li> <li>The weekly mobile cinema on hygiene promotion events in the affected area are being held. This was done in the 10 communities with two sessions per week. In total 6 mobile cinemas sessions have been held.</li> <li>The distribution of hygiene related NFIs have been completed including 135 buckets, 270 jerry cans and 1620 pcs of soap; and sensitization on their use. The procurements for the replenishment of pre-positioned stocks has taken place. The final distributions were completed by mid-August 2017.</li> <li>Ongoing are the activity monitoring visits, Evaluation and Reporting</li> </ul>			

## 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			
<b>Outcome 1</b> Immediate shelter and settlement needs of the affected population are met through the provision of basic shelter and household relief items are met, over a period of three months.	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 1.1 target population receive relief assistance in terms of basic shelter non-food items (Target: 135 households / 675 beneficiaries</b>		80%
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No (x)</b>	
Distribution of NFIs and shelter items (Target: 270 blankets, 135 Kitenge, 135 kitchen sets and 270 plastic mats)	X		100%
Conduct activity monitoring visits, Evaluation and Reporting	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The distribution of the NFI's, including blankets, kitchen sets, plastic mats and plastic mats have been completed.</li> <li>348 mosquito nets were procured and distributed.</li> <li>Kitenge and 4 Fist Aid Kits are procured and distributed.</li> </ul>			



## D. Budget

No changes, see [operations update 1](#).

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