

Emergency Plan of Action Final Report

Mauritius: Tropical Storm Berguitta

DREF operation: MDRMU002	Glide number: TC-2018-000007-MUS
Date of Issue: 20 July 2020	Date of disaster: 19 January 2018
Operation start date: 23 January 2018	Operation end date: 19 April 2018
Host National Society: Mauritius Red Cross Society	Operation budget: CHF 89,109
Number of people affected: 10,000 persons	Number of people assisted: 0
N° of National Societies involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), French Red Cross, PIROI – Regional Intervention Platform for Indian Ocean	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre	

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A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

During the first week of January 2018, Mauritius experienced heavy rainfall over the island (over 2,000mm) within one week. On Saturday 13 January 2018, a cyclone warning Class 1 was issued for the Rodrigues due to the presence of a tropical disturbance near the island. The tropical disturbance was centred 230km north-east of Rodrigues moving west-southwest direction at about 15km per hour and was expected to increase in intensity with winds exceeding 110km per hour. On 14 January, the cyclone warning was upgraded to Class 3 for Rodrigues island which based on the trajectory of the cyclone, was going to be most affected. The winds were moving at a speed of 50km per hour with gusts of up to 120km per hour.

On Monday 15 January 2018, a cyclone warning class I was issued for Mauritius and on Tuesday 16 January 2018 a cyclone warning class II was issued as the Cyclone intensified and continued to move in a general west south westerly track at about 10 km/hr.

Active bands passed over the island on the night of Wednesday 17 January 2018 as active cloud bands continued to affect the island.



Volunteer training in Rodrigues © MRCS

The cyclone was projected to make landfall at 12:00 hours on Thursday January 19, 2018. However, the cyclone was downgraded to a tropical storm projected to make landfall as a category 1 tropical storm. On 19 January, Tropical Cyclone BERGUITTA, continued its south westerly direction and passed at about 70 Km from the south of Mauritius. BERGUITTA reduced its intensity and finally passed near Mauritius as a Severe Tropical Storm. The NS has trained 35 volunteers (male:10 and female: 25), in Rodrigues, to conduct needs analysis.

Summary of response

Overview of Host National Society

By 16 January 2018, the Mauritius Red Cross Society had taken actions including mobilizing the Disaster Management Coordinator (DMC) for the National Emergency Operations Command (NEOC), established a line of communication with IFRC and the PIROI (Regional Intervention Platform of the Indian Ocean), shared a draft of this DREF operation EPoA with PIROI and IFRC, as well as other relevant partners and shared Sit-Reps with all Branch Directors to ensure communication and state of readiness.

It should also be noted that Mauritius Red Cross Headquarters and all its Branch Directors were on standby, including all BDRTs (Branch Disaster Response Team). MRCS regularly attends all NEOC meetings relating to Cyclone Berguitta alert.

The Mauritius Red Cross Society (MRCS) is a humanitarian institution in the areas of Health and Care including first aid, promotion of humanitarian principles and values, disaster risk management, vulnerability and capacity assessment at community level. The MRCS is composed of six local branches and committees (including Rodrigues, an outer island) guaranteeing a strong local and community anchorage.

MRCS has presence across the island, with volunteers integrated into the community. The NS enjoys strong recognition from the local population, business community and the local authorities.

The MRCS was involved in national preparation, including through participation in coordination meetings and drafting of the national contingency plan and it is worth noting that MRCS had in the past, also responded to several post cyclone and floods situations.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

IFRC supports MRCS through its Indian Ocean Islands Cluster office in Antananarivo. IFRC closely monitored the situation with MRCS and held discussions with PIROI. The IFRC provided technical support to MRCS through trainings to staff and volunteers in disaster preparedness and response.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The Government of Mauritius supported all the families leaving the evacuation centres with CHF 5 per person. The Ministry of Social Security conducted a needs assessment. It should also be noted that the government took over all the areas of intervention proposed in the EPoA. As such, Mauritius Red Cross Society was not able to reach the targeted population through this DREF, as they were finally all attended to by the government.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

For this section kindly refer to the [EPoA](#)

Risk Analysis

Mauritius being politically stable and secured all over the island and also considering the good relationship between the MRCS and all Ministries and department, no major risk was anticipated.

Nevertheless, a one-day assessment training was conducted for the volunteers to ensure correct targeting and registration for shelter and hygiene related assistance. During this training, NS included a session on safety and safe use of the shelter materials and briefed volunteers on how to disseminate information and messages during the distribution of iron sheets to the registered beneficiaries. A total of 35 volunteers (10 male and 25 female) were mobilized and trained during this session, and later went on to support the Government response to the storm.

B. Operational strategy and plan

The DREF operation aimed to support the MRCS in responding to the immediate needs of 600 households affected by Tropical Storm Berguitta, by providing vouchers for food, bed linen and disinfection equipment for the cleaning of affected houses/shelters. This was to be achieved using the voucher modality of cash transfer programming.

MRCS had been mandated, by the government, to assist vulnerable families leaving the evacuation centres, while other government partners cover other needs.

The NS started by a short crash one-day assessment training for volunteers on rapid needs assessments which enabled them to proceed with the assessment and to verify the needs as well as identify the most vulnerable 600 households among the lists provided to the National Society by the local authorities.

MRCS aimed to implement the following activities:


- Distribute a one off food voucher to enable affected population to meet urgent food needs
- Distribute a one off voucher to enable the affected population to purchase disinfection and cleaning materials
- Distribute two (2) mattresses per family
- Distribute bed linens to affected households and
- Distribute iron sheets to affected households to reinforce and repair their damaged homes.

Proposed strategy

The assessment was conducted and the list of beneficiaries was made available. However, the Government decided to pursue all remaining activities (distribution and assistance) to the victims through the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and support obtained from friendly states.

Thus the MRCS had to revisit its plans and ended up stopping all activities for the DREF operation as needs had been addressed by the government. All the unspent funds will be returned to the DREF.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

 <p>Shelter People reached: 0 Male: Female:</p>		
Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods		
Output 1.1: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
<i># of households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance</i>	600	0
Procure and distribute iron sheets to 100 households	400 iron sheets	0
Procure and distribute 200 mattresses to 100 households	200 mattresses	0
Procure and distribute 200 bed linen to 100 households	200 Bed linen	0
Narrative description of achievements		
<p>Due to that fact that the Government decided to provide assistance to the victims, the MRCS had to stop all activities except for the one-day training in needs assessment which had been conducted. In addition, the volunteers were sent to the field to conduct the needs assessment.</p> <p>The list of beneficiaries was developed and shared with relevant authorities.</p>		

All unspent fund will be returned to the DREF pot.

Challenges

No response activities could be conducted because the government managed to reach out to all affected households directly.

Lessons learnt

Ensure proper coordination with all relevant bodies so as to avoid duplication. Red Cross support was appreciated with regards to assessments, and without proper coordination, there could have been duplication of actions thus wastage of resources.



Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: 0

Male:

Female:

Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods

Output 1.1: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
600 households affected by the tropical storm receive families in evacuation centres receive food vouchers	600 food vouchers	0

Narrative description of achievements

Due to that fact that the the Government decided to provide assistance to the affected households, the MRCS had to stop all activities.

Challenges

Same as under Shelter.

Lessons learned

Nothing to report.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 0

Male:

Female:

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities

Output 1.5: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards are provided to the target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Distribute vouchers for hygiene items to 200 households	200 vouchers	0

Narrative description of achievements

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Challenges

Same as under Shelter.

Lessons learned

Nothing to report.

D. THE BUDGET

The budget for this operation was CHF 89,109 of which CHF 6,619 (7.42%) were spent. A balance of CHF 82,490 will be returned to the DREF pot.

Explanation of variances:

The Government of Mauritius finally stopped the NS intervention, indicating that they had the capacity to respond to the disaster. As such, the only expenditure on this operation is linked to the mobilization and training of volunteers, who later supported Government response to the storm.

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FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2018/1-2020/6	Operation	MDRMU002
Budget Timeframe	2018/1-2018/4	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 18/Jul/2020

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRMU002 - Mauritius - Tropical Storm

Operating Timeframe: 23 Jan 2018 to 23 Apr 2018

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	89,109
DREF Allocations	89,109
Expenditure	-6,619
Closing Balance	82,490

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter	36,663		36,663
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	44,086	6,022	38,063
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	2,982		2,982
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	83,730	6,022	77,708
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	53		53
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	5,325	597	4,728
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total	5,378	597	4,781
Grand Total	89,109	6,619	82,489

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	67,900		67,900
Shelter - Relief	14,000		14,000
Clothing & Textiles	17,200		17,200
Cash Disbursement	36,700		36,700
Logistics, Transport & Storage	4,550	1,351	3,199
Transport & Vehicles Costs	4,550	1,351	3,199
Personnel	4,300	3,002	1,298
Volunteers	4,300	3,002	1,298
Workshops & Training	1,100	758	342
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General Expenditure	5,820	1,105	4,716
Travel	5,000	565	4,435
Office Costs	420	544	-124
Communications	400		400
Financial Charges		-4	4
Indirect Costs	5,439	404	5,035
Programme & Services Support Recover	5,439	404	5,035
Grand Total	89,109	6,619	82,489



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