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## Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Georgia: Floods and mudslides

 International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**DREF operation n° MDRGE004**  
**GLIDE n° FF-2012-000079-GEO**  
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 122,954 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Georgia Red Cross Society (GRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to some 400 households (1,800 people).**

**Summary:** The Central and Eastern part of Georgia were severely affected by rains on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. Multiple landslides followed the heavy rains and at least 5 people were killed in the capital of Georgia Tbilisi. Over 3,200 families have been affected and out of them 1,400 have had property badly damaged. Roads were washed away and draining channels were blocked. Mudslide and water has flooded houses, agricultural lands, roads, bridges, drainage channels, water system and disrupted communication network. The affected areas have been disconnected from the water and gas system. The water has swept away the roads connecting the area leaving many houses isolated. The houses, agricultural lands have been flooded and cattle and poultry were killed.



Georgia Red Cross Society distributing relief to the affected population.  
Photo: GRCS, Davit Machavariani

In response to the disaster, upon a detailed needs assessment of the affected population Georgia Red Cross Society (GRCS) assisted the most vulnerable 400 families (1,800 people), whose houses were severely damaged, with non-food items, i.e. mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits.

Japanese Red Cross has contributed CHF 24,170 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation, covering 20% of the total amount of the operation's costs.

The major donors and partners of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) include the Australian, American and Belgian Governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Government, the Danish Red Cross and the Danish Government, the European Commission

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On behalf of the Georgia Red Cross Society, the IFRC would like to extend their thanks to all of them for their generous contributions.

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## The situation

The Central and Eastern parts of Georgia were severely affected by rains on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. Multiple landslides followed the heavy rains and severely affected the following locations: Tbilisi, Dusheti, Akhmeta, Gurjaani, Lagodekhi, and Mtskheta. At least 5 people were killed in the capital of Georgia Tbilisi. Over 3,200 families have been affected and out of them 1,400 have had property badly damaged. 120 houses were affected in Dusheti and 350 houses in Lagodekhi. The roads were washed away and draining channels were blocked. Mudslide and water has flooded houses, agricultural lands, roads, bridges, drainage channels, water system and disrupted communication network. The affected areas have been disconnected from the water and gas system. The water has swept away the roads connecting the area leaving many houses isolated. The houses and agricultural lands have been flooded, cattle and poultry were killed.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Georgia Red Cross Society is mandated by a presidential decree to coordinate activities in case of disasters in Georgia through an established coordination forum. Non State Actors` coordination meetings are held on a regular basis for sharing information and experience, as well as to coordinate key stakeholders` activities to avoid duplication of activities. Within the Movement, Georgia Red Cross Society is taking the lead in response to the floods coordinating its work with the International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross and providing regular update on the situation and activities planned.

During the operation in question the Georgia Red Cross Society coordinated its work with the national and local authorities of the affected areas. Close coordination and information sharing was maintained with the State Emergency Department of Georgia, the community based organisations working in Georgia and the Red Cross Branches in the affected regions. Coordination meetings were held in the GRCS headquarters as well as in the European Commission`s Tbilisi office involving key stakeholders to reach the most vulnerable families and to avoid a duplication of activities in the affected regions.



Georgia Red Cross Society distributes relief items to the effected families in Dusheti. Photo: GRCS

The National Society`s work in response to the floods was closely coordinated with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as well as Partner National Societies (Danish Red Cross, Austria Red Cross), with GRSC providing regular updates on the situation and implemented activities.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Georgia Red Cross Disaster Management Department sent DM teams (30 volunteers and 15 GRCS staff) from the headquarters in Tbilisi and from Akhmeta Branch to the affected areas to conduct rapid and later detailed assessment of the situation and needs of the affected families resulting from the disaster. According to the assessment results, there were no reports of serious food shortages and the affected families were mostly in need of non-food items, such as mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits. Also it was considered of imminent importance to protect the affected families from further exposure to the forecasted bad weather conditions by supplying them with temporary shelter. Therefore family tents were provided to the affected households by local authorities. Out of the estimated 3,200 affected households, the National Society covered 400 most vulnerable families (estimated 1,800 people). The selection criteria took into account the amount of damage

that the houses of the affected families took, and the primary focus was at families, which were not receiving support from other sources. Thus vulnerable elderly, pensioners, multichildren, under the poverty line and low income families were considered target group for the operation.

## Achievements against outcomes

<b>Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)</b>	
<b>Outcome: The most affected population (400 households/1,800 people) are provided with basic non-food items to help them manage with the consequences of floods</b>	
<b>Output 1: 400 families (1,800 people) received non- food items</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess the affected area to identify the most affected households</li> <li>• Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance</li> <li>• Procure relief supplies from local suppliers according to Federation standards</li> <li>• Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions</li> </ul>	

Based on the needs assessment in the affected areas the Georgia Red Cross Society, supported by the International Federation and Sister National Societies (Danish Red Cross in particular), provided mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits to 400 the most affected households amounting to 1,800 people (2 blankets, 2 mattresses, 2 hygiene parcels and 1 kitchen set per family). The actions taken by Georgia Red Cross Society seek to complement other actors' support to the affected people and were therefore focused at relief provision in 4 target municipalities (Tbilisi, Gurjaani, Sagarejo and Dusheti). In order to ensure the quality of the assistance provided to the affected population, the staff and volunteer mobilized to work during the implementation of the operation have received training on organization of relief distribution. Local authorities provided warehouses for relief items and were actively involved into dissemination of information about relief distribution.

<b>Distributed relief items</b>							
<b>N</b>	<b>Target Location</b>	<b>Date of distribution</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiary families</b>	<b>Blankets (2 per family)</b>	<b>Mattresses (2 per family)</b>	<b>Hygiene parcel (2 per family)</b>	<b>Kitchen set (1 per family)</b>
1	Tbilisi	June, 20 <sup>th</sup>	43	86	86	86	43
2	Kakheti region (Gurjaani municipality)	June, 28 <sup>th</sup>	272	544	544	544	272
3	Dusheti municipality	July, 6 <sup>th</sup>	65	130	130	130	65
4	Kakheti region (Sagarejo municipality)	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	20	40	40	40	20
<b>In Total</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>400</b>

Hygiene parcel included: hair shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste washing powder, toilet paper, dish sponge, towel, toothbrush, and dishwashing liquid. Kitchen kit comprised: aluminium non-stick, clamshell, cup, set of knives, extractor, canvas, trash.

In order to ensure visibility of the efforts undertaken by the RCRC Movement, in the framework of the operation in question GRCS has procured and disseminated among its staff and volunteers uniform (t-shirts, caps and ID card), which was used during relief distribution.

During the implementation of the operation GRCS local branch representatives and volunteers, as well as the local authorities were collecting feedback from the beneficiaries about their satisfaction with the support they received from the GRCS. Although no formal survey was conducted, the general opinion of beneficiaries about the services provided was positive.

Upon completion of the operation a lessons learnt workshop was organized in the Georgia Red Cross Society Headquarters for 40 staff and volunteers involved into its implementation. The participants of the workshop discussed process of DREF operation implementation, with special focus at relief distribution process. The workshop aimed at collecting feedback and opinions from the operation participants on successes and challenges during the operation as well as possible solutions to such challenges in the future.

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## DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 16 May 2012 for CHF 122,954. The operation was implemented over 3 months to assist 400 households (1,800 beneficiaries).



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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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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
  2. Enable healthy and safe living.
  3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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Budget Timeframe	2012/05-08
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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>A. Budget</b>	122,954					122,954	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0	
<b>Income</b>							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	122,954					122,954	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>	122,954					122,954	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>	122,954					122,954	
<b>D. Total Funding = B +C</b>	122,954					122,954	
<b>Coverage = D/A</b>	100%					100%	

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0	
<b>C. Income</b>	122,954					122,954	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-122,954					-122,954	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	-0					-0	

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### III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>122,954</b>					<b>122,954</b>	
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Clothing & Textiles	54,400	54,513				54,513	-113	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	20,000	19,735				19,735	265	
Utensils & Tools	18,000	18,090				18,090	-90	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>	<b>92,400</b>	<b>92,337</b>				<b>92,337</b>	<b>63</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	5,000	1,561				1,561	3,439	
Distribution & Monitoring	1,750	1,894				1,894	-144	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,200	4,960				4,960	-1,760	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>8,414</b>				<b>8,414</b>	<b>1,536</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Society Staff	4,500	4,620				4,620	-120	
Volunteers	2,250	3,279				3,279	-1,029	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,898</b>				<b>7,898</b>	<b>-1,148</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	1,850	1,200				1,200	650	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,200</b>				<b>1,200</b>	<b>650</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Information & Public Relations	800	626				626	174	
Office Costs	800	1,058				1,058	-258	
Communications	700	978				978	-278	
Financial Charges	400	534				534	-134	
Other General Expenses	1,800	174				174	1,626	
Shared Office and Services Costs		2,229				2,229	-2,229	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>5,600</b>				<b>5,600</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recov	7,504	7,504				7,504	0	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>7,504</b>	<b>7,504</b>				<b>7,504</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>122,954</b>	<b>122,954</b>				<b>122,954</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>		