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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Chad: Population Movement

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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRTD012
Date of issue: 12 February 2014	Date of disaster: From January 2014
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Operation start date:	Expected timeframe: Three months
Overall operation budget: CHF 140,756	
Number of people affected: 31,193	Number of people to be assisted: 10,555
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 23 branches and 25,000 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): ICRC and Netherlands Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

The armed conflict in Central African Republic is currently affecting Chad with population movements. Chadian nationals living in Central African Republic have been crossing into the southern regions of Chad in large numbers since early January 2014. The Chadian authorities have been assisting in the repatriation of its nationals and a total of 31,193 persons have returned to Chad. The returnees were accommodated in health and social centres. However these structures do not have the appropriate infrastructure for hosting displaced persons.

Region	District	# of displaced persons
N'Djamena	N'Djamena	14,083
Logone Orientale	Gore	2,855
	Doba	4,389
Moyen Chari	Sido	6,166
	Sarh	3,700
Total		31,193

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Red Cross of Chad has a long experience in managing population movement crises. In recent years, it has managed two major Sudanese population movement operations in Eastern Chad and the National Society is currently working with UNCHR to support a refugee camp in eastern Chad.

With the arrival of the Chad nationals from Central African Republic, the Red Cross of Chad supported the local authorities to accommodate the affected persons. The National Society provided medicines and essential drugs to the regional hospital in Sarh and non-food items to displaced persons.

The Red Cross of Chad has 20 staff at headquarters with experience in food security, disaster management, community health, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS programming, planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The ICRC, IFRC, Netherlands and French Red Cross have presence in Chad with long term programmes.

Netherlands Red Cross manages a disaster preparedness project which includes volunteer training.

French Red Cross manages a nutrition and water and sanitation project in the Batha region.

Movement Coordination

ICRC will provide non-food items to the 600 of the displaced families and the Netherlands Red Cross is supporting with non-food items for 300 families. Red Cross of Chad will work with the ICRC and Netherlands Red Cross to distribute the items to affected persons.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

For this operation, UNICEF is supporting the authorities with medicine and essential drugs, construction of latrines and installation of water pumps in Sarh. UNHCR will target the affected population with emergency shelter interventions.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

In Sido and Gore, the health centres are functioning however they lack qualified personnel. With the support of partners, the centres were supplied with additional medicines to cope with the influx of displaced persons. Additional immunization sessions and rapid malaria tests were systematically organized by the authorities.

The needs assessment identified risks of malaria and acute respiratory infections. In the same regions, the drinking water supply is not operational due to power and fuel issues. The displaced persons are using untreated wells and do not have materials to collect and store water. Due to this, the risks of water borne diseases are high. In terms of sanitation, the sites where displaced persons are staying in have no latrines and the assessment team reported on a high risk of epidemics due to open defecation.

Finally, the assessment team identified needs in shelter due to lack of available materials for families to construct temporary living places.

Selection of people to be reached:

Through the national coordination mechanism, it has been agreed that the Red Cross of Chad will target all the 10,555 displaced persons in the districts of Sarh and Sido which are located in the Moyen Chari region with health, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion and restoring family links interventions. The standard family size in the targeted area is 7 members, which means that a total of 1,500 households will be supported. In the remaining regions, the authorities and other humanitarian organisations are covering the needs.

Risk Assessment

The identified humanitarian risks are mainly related to possible epidemic disease outbreaks due to the proximity of the affected population and the lack of access to infrastructure and basic water and sanitation facilities. The unstable situation in the Central African Republic could lead to increased influx of returnees and refugees, but the actual risk cannot be analysed at this stage.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

To improve living conditions and reduce health risks of 10,555 displaced persons (4,389 in Sarh and 6,166 in Sido in the region of Moyen Chari) through community health, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion and restoring family links interventions. The actions of the Red Cross of Chad will complement the activities of other humanitarian actors.

Proposed strategy

The proposed strategy is to provide health, hygiene and sanitation and restoring family links services to 10,555 displaced persons. The DREF supported activities complements the distribution of medicine and essential drugs by the Red Cross of Chad and actions by other organizations.

In the other areas with displaced persons, the authorities and other humanitarian organisations are meeting the emergency needs. In the Moyen Chari region, the shelter needs are being met by the United Nations.

Operational support services

Human resources

Red Cross of Chad will be using 160 volunteers across the targeted areas to implement the activities. The volunteers will be cross-trained to implement several activities and will be supported by a National Disaster Response Team.

A National Society project manager will be assigned for the project and the IFRC will facilitate the deployment of a disaster management Regional Disaster Response Team member with experience in population movement emergencies and health/WatSan activities. The Regional Disaster Response Team member will be deployed for two months to support the implementation and monitoring of activities.

Logistics and supply chain

Red Cross of Chad will utilise one vehicle from its fleet for this operation and logistics support will be provided by the headquarters. The national warehouse of Red Cross of Chad will serve as a buffer to transport non-food items to the respective regions. The roads from N'Djamena to Sido are paved and normally accessible.

Mosquito nets, first aid and health kits, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion equipment will be procured locally in Chad. The procurement process will follow agreed standards and procedures and will be supported by the IFRC Regional Disaster Response Team member guided by the IFRC Africa Zone Logistics Unit.

Communications

Visibility of the work of the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) volunteers will be ensured during the operation through local media and visibility material. The communications team of the National Society will periodically inform the authorities and public regarding progress of the operation.

The IFRC Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting officer in Chad will provide communication support to the operation guided by the IFRC Africa communications team. Beneficiary profiles, photographs and other information materials will be collected and processed for promotion of the work of the RCC and the IFRC. The communication activities are a part of the IFRC communication strategy for the Central African Republic crisis.

Security

The security condition in the Moyen Chari region, partly due to the displaced persons, is unpredictable. In general, Chad continues to experience instability in a significant portion of its territory. Kidnapping of expatriates are rare, although this has occurred in other regions of the country. Road conditions are underdeveloped with hazards and low lighting during the night time. Travel to rural areas will be well planned and coordinated through the Red Cross network in Chad. The IFRC will support the Red Cross of Chad to maintain an effective list of security contacts and keep the staff and volunteers updated on the security status across the country. Security management will be done in cooperation with the ICRC.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The National Society project manager will plan and monitor the implementation of activities. IFRC has a planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting officer in Chad and support will be provided to the National Society in this area. The monitoring and reporting of the operation will be undertaken by the Red Cross of Chad with support from the Regional Disaster Response Team member. Brief weekly updates will be provided to the IFRC on general progress of the operation and regular monitoring reports will provide detailed indicator tracking.

DREF operation updates will be provided in case of major changes in the situation or the need for a revised plan of action for the DREF interventions.

Administration and Finance

The Red Cross of Chad will ensure proper use of financial resources in accordance with conditions laid down in the memorandum of understanding between the National Society and the IFRC. Financial resource management will be according to Red Cross of Chad regulations and DREF guidelines. In addition, the Red Cross of Chad's procedures will be applied to the justification of expenses process and will be done on IFRC formats.

The DREF will not be supporting permanent structural costs, only the additional expenses incurred during the three months.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Health & care

