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DREF Final Report Haiti: Preparedness for Population Movement

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DREF Operation Final Report	Operation no. MDRHT012
Date of issue: 7 December 2015	Date of disaster: 27 June 2015
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Operation start date: 3 July 2015	Expected timeframe: 2 months
Overall operation budget: 49,222 Swiss francs (CHF)	
Number of people affected: The government expected the entry of 250,000 people displaced from the Dominican Republic.	Number of people to be assisted: 1,500 people
Host National Society: The Haiti Red Cross Society had 80 volunteers trained to assist in this operation. This total was composed of 16 volunteers trained in reestablishment of family links; 10 in water, sanitation and hygiene promotion and 54 in first aid.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Dominican Red Cross (DRC) had planned on being active partners in this operation.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and in national institutions such as the Centre for the NGO Coordination (CCO), the Haitian Department for Civil Protection (DPC), National Office for Migrants (ONM) and the Directorate for Immigrants and Migrants were the original partners projected for this operation.	

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On 6 July 2015, a Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) request was approved to assist the Haiti Red Cross Society with its support of the Haitian migrants migrating from the Dominican Republic. Soon after this DREF operation was approved, the American Red Cross (AmCross) extended bilateral support to the Haiti Red Cross Society to provide assistance to the affected population. As a result, the National Society decided to cancel this request, and no expenses were incurred against the approved budget. The Netherlands Red Cross and European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) had made DREF replenishment for this operation, which will be returned to the donor.

Situation analysis

In 2013, the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic issued a judgment (TC 168/13), which changed the immigration status of estimated 400,000 people, including 300,000 people of Haitian origin. On 22 May 2014, the Dominican Congress passed legislation establishing a registration procedure and regularization of people of foreign origin born in the Dominican Republic between 1929 and 2007. Known as the Special Regime and Naturalization Law 169-14, this legislation established two distinct groups:

- Group A: consisting of 24,000 heads of families with members of their families (a total estimated 100,000 people) who were born in the Dominican Republic and registered with the civil registry office;
- Group B: 55,000 heads of families with members of their families (200,000 people) who were born in the Dominican Republic and have not been registered with the civil registry office.

On 27 February 2015, the president of the Dominican Republic declared that the registration phase would end on 1 February 2015, and at that time, a total of 8,755 people belonging to Group B had been registered. A total of 40 per cent of the files were deemed admissible for regularization and the remaining 60 per cent were rejected due to deficiencies in the information submitted. No official information was provided regarding Group A.

The established deadline for the regularization process was 17 June 2015 without an extension. In addition, it was established that any people who had not regularized their status by the 17 June deadline would be considered illegal migrants and subject to deportation proceedings.

In addition to the above two groups, a third category is composed of an estimated population of more than 300,000 undocumented Haitian migrants. It is estimated that approximately 250,000 of these people do not have the required documentation to remain in the Dominican Republic.

In 2015, there has been an increase of migrant arrivals in Haiti crossing the border from the Dominican Republic. The IOM has been monitoring the flow of migrants from the Dominican Republic and Haiti, a task that began in mid-June. Dominican authorities have reported that in the period from mid-June until 6 August, over 66,000 Haitian migrants have voluntarily entered Haiti, and many of these have used transport provided by the Dominican government.

As of 16 June, the IOM had interviewed 1,659 families (4,628 individuals) who said they had recently crossed the border into Haiti. About 81 per cent of these individuals stated they had returned on their own initiative and the remaining people declared that the Dominican authorities had forced them to leave. The IOM monitoring of the border between the two countries began on 17 June after the expiration of the registration period provided for in the National Plan for the Regularization of Foreigners (PNRE) in the Dominican Republic.

Four migrant settlements have been established on the Haitian side of the border, located in front of the Dominican town of Pedernales. The people in these settlements live in precarious conditions and lack the most essential services.

The majority of the migratory movement from the Dominican Republic occurs unofficially, and it is often controlled by informal traffickers. Migrants are particularly at risk when crossing borders in this manner or when traveling by sea. On 9 April 2015, a boat carrying migrants capsized near the coastal commune of Borgn in Haiti's North-west department, resulting in the death of 17 people and the disappearance of 19 others, including 7 children. Twelve people were rescued.

Justification of the Return of the DREF granted

When repatriations were considered imminent in June 2015, the Haiti Red Cross Society submitted a DREF request to prepare its planned humanitarian assistance for the people entering and projected to enter from the Dominican Republic. In line with the possible needs identified by the Haitian government to assist the returnees in Haiti located on the border with the Dominican Republic, the Haiti Red Cross Society planned the pre-positioning of non-food items (hygiene kits and first aid kits) and information education and communication (IEC) materials for activities to raise awareness regarding water, sanitation and health promotion, health, psychological support, violence prevention and restoring family links. On 6 July, a DREF for CHF 49,222 to assist 1,500 people was approved. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) coordinated with the Haiti Red Cross Society to plan this DREF operation.

Concurrently, the Haiti Red Cross Society submitted a request to AmCross for support via its Quick Action Fund (QAF) in the amount of 100,000 US dollars. This support was destined for the same areas of intervention that had been planned for in this DREF operation. As the QAF-financed activities overlapped with several activities within this DREF operation, the Haiti Red Cross Society decided to withdraw its request for DREF support from the IFRC. The American Red Cross is currently funding the planned actions of this DREF, and it has expressed its willingness to provide additional support if required.

In light of this situation, the Haiti Red Cross Society has returned the DREF funds. These funds were generously granted in June 2015. The disaster relief emergency fund was replenished by Directorate General (DG) ECHO, the Belgian government and other major donors and partners including the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain Sweden and the United States of America, as well as the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Medtronic Foundation, Zurich Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Haiti Red Cross Society would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all these partners for their generous contributions.

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2015/7-2015/10	Programme	MDRHT012
Budget Timeframe	2015/7-9	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		49,222				49,222	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		0				0	
D. Total Funding = B +C		0				0	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income			0			0	
E. Expenditure							
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)			0			0	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			49,222			49,222		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	21,022						21,022	
Medical & First Aid	2,119						2,119	
Teaching Materials	7,007						7,007	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	30,148						30,148	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	6,727						6,727	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,990						2,990	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	9,717						9,717	
Personnel								
Volunteers	4,858						4,858	
Total Personnel	4,858						4,858	
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,495						1,495	
Total General Expenditure	1,495						1,495	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	3,004						3,004	
Total Indirect Costs	3,004						3,004	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	49,222						49,222	
VARIANCE (C - D)			49,222			49,222		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	49,222		0	0		0	
Subtotal BL2	49,222		0	0		0	
GRAND TOTAL	49,222		0	0		0	