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Emergency Plan of Action Final Report

The Bahamas: Hurricane Joaquin

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DREF Operation: MDRBS002	Glide no. TC-2015-000142-BHS
Date of issue: 15 December 2015	Date of disaster: 1 October 2015
Operation manager (responsible for this EPoA): Tamara Lovell, Regional Disaster Management Coordinator, Anglo-Caribbean	Point of contact in the National Society: Caroline Turnquest, Director-General, Bahamas Red Cross Society
Operation start date: 4 October 2015	Expected timeframe: 3 months
Overall operation budget: 149,460 Swiss francs (CHF)	
Number of people affected: 6,710 (estimated)	Number of people to be assisted: 1,020 people (300 families x 3.4 people)
Host National Society: Bahamas Red Cross Society: 8 staff, 7 project staff, 50 volunteers; 1 company in Grand Bahama and 15 groups in the Family Islands	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), American Red Cross, Jamaica Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), United States of America Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), Government of the United Kingdom, Jamaica Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada (DFATD)	
Government: Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Social Services, Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Bahamas Telecommunications Company, Ministry of Health, Water and Sewerage Corporation, Royal Bahamas Police Force	

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A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 2 October 2015, the island chain of the Bahamas experienced significant damage with many houses destroyed and widespread reports of heavy flooding and storm surges mainly in the central and southern sections of the archipelago due to the passage of Hurricane Joaquin. On 3 October, Hurricane Joaquin moved slowly across the southern and central islands unleashing torrential rains, wind and storm surges, leading to flooding and salt water intrusion in several areas.



Damage to property, Long Island. Source: The Official Nassau Guardian (1844) Facebook

Based on the 2010 Census Report, less than two per cent of the country's population lives in the central and southern islands of the Lucayan Archipelago. There were no reports of deaths or injuries. Hurricane Joaquin went on to affect Turks and Caicos, where damage assessments were conducted. In addition, the outer bands of the system impacted western and northern sections of Haiti, where flooding, landslides and one death were reported.

According to the CDEMA Situation Report on 4 October 2015, regional response actions were undertaken in accordance with the Regional Coordination Plan and the CDEMA Operational Plan for Hurricane Joaquin. Based on a request from the government of the Bahamas, the CDEMA system Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment efforts were activated. The Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment Teams (RNATs) were deployed to Long Island, Crooked Island and Acklins Island on Monday, 5 October to support the efforts of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Each team was led by CDEMA and supported by representatives from the following CDEMA Participating States and other Regional and International agencies:

- Barbados
- Jamaica
- Virgin Islands (British)
- Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- PAHO
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)
- The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada

The RNATs completed assessments on Acklins Island, Crooked Island and Long Island. Through the support of the CDEMA North Western Sub-Regional focal point - Jamaica and the government of the United Kingdom, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Lyme Bay ship departed Kingston, Jamaica on 3 October 2015 to deliver emergency supplies, including cereal products, pasta, canned meat and vegetables, bottled water, tarpaulins and blankets, to Acklins Island, Crooked Island and Mayaguana.

Data on the damage and needs analysis was collated at the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC). Additionally, manpower was sent in to assist with repairs, and additional materials were shipped to the impacted islands.

B. Justification of the Return of the Granted DREF Funds

The impact of Hurricane Joaquin on the southern and central islands of the Bahamas attracted the attention and support of the Family Islands, Bahamian diaspora and the wider Caribbean region. The IFRC's support to the development of the emergency plan of action led to the approval of DREF assistance valued at CHF 149,560 on 13 October 2015. The plan of action highlighted areas of intervention, including the distribution of food, water, jerry cans, clothing, kitchen sets, cleaning kits and hygiene kits to more than 1,000 affected people.

Following the development and approval of the emergency plan of action, the Bahamas Red Cross Society benefitted from contributions of cash, food, water, clothing and non-food items donated through the vibrant corporate and community-based organization networks in New Providence, as well as neighboring islands and countries as they sprang into action to respond to the emergency. Three large contributions received from Power Secure, Commonwealth Bank and a local philanthropist resulted in cash donations that exceeded \$151,000.00 US dollars, more than the value of the DREF Emergency Plan of Action.

Consequently, the Bahamas Red Cross Society determined that with the level of cash contributions received, the timely action taken by various stakeholders as well as the effective partnerships developed amongst government, private sector, Chamber of Commerce, PAHO, OFDA and others, that the DREF assistance would result in an unnecessary duplication of efforts. Therefore, the National Society requested the cancellation of this DREF operation with the commitment to implement the proposed operational strategy using bilateral funds. Hygiene promotion and vector-borne disease prevention campaigns will also be launched.

The Bahamas Red Cross Society will provide reports on the relief operation directly to its various donors. As a result, the total DREF grant of CHF 149,460 will not be required; a replenishment of the DREF funds was not needed since no funds were disbursed to the National Society.

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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.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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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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Timeframe: 13 Oct 15 to 13 Jan 16

Appeal Launch Date: 13 Oct 15

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2015/10	Programme	MDRBS002
Budget Timeframe	2015/10-2016/1	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		149,460				149,460	
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)						149,460	149,460	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	1,622						1,622	
Food	49,582						49,582	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	20,700						20,700	
Teaching Materials	4,263						4,263	
Utensils & Tools	8,700						8,700	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	84,867						84,867	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	15,993						15,993	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,255						3,255	
Logistics Services	7,545						7,545	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	26,793						26,793	
Personnel								
International Staff	5,813						5,813	
National Society Staff	7,314						7,314	
Volunteers	6,760						6,760	
Total Personnel	19,887						19,887	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,906						2,906	
Total Workshops & Training	2,906						2,906	
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,875						3,875	
Information & Public Relations	73						73	
Office Costs	678						678	
Communications	1,066						1,066	
Financial Charges	194						194	
Total General Expenditure	5,885						5,885	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	9,122						9,122	
Total Indirect Costs	9,122						9,122	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	149,460					149,460	149,460	
VARIANCE (C - D)						149,460	149,460	

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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	149,460		0	0		0	
Subtotal BL2	149,460		0	0		0	
GRAND TOTAL	149,460		0	0		0	