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# Emergency appeal operation update

## Zimbabwe: Food Insecurity

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<b>Emergency Appeal MDRZW011</b>	<b>6 months summary update</b>
<b>Date of issue:</b> 28 April 2016	<b>Timeframe covered by this update:</b> 16 October 2015-25 April 2016
<b>Operation manager (responsible for this EPOA):</b> Naemi Heita, Disaster Risk Management Coordinator, IFRC, Southern Africa	<b>Point of contact (name and title):</b> Maxwell Phiri, Secretary General
<b>Operation start date:</b> September 2015	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 10 months
<b>Overall operation budget:</b> CHF 832,900	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 1.5 million	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 10,830 (2,166 HH)
<b>Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b> Zimbabwe Red Cross Society Headquarters and 2 Provincial Branches of Mashonaland East, Mashonaland Central, (5 fulltime, 9 Support staff, 60 volunteers)	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> The Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, British Red Cross, American Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross. IFRC and ICRC are also present in country giving technical support to the NS.	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> Government of Zimbabwe, WFP, Save the Children, Oxfam, DCA, Care International, Amalima, Lead Trust.	

### Appeal History:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was launched on 16 September 2015 for **CHF 832,900** Swiss francs to support the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society (ZRCS) reach **10,830** people with interventions covering cash transfers (for immediate food need); safe water provision through rehabilitation of boreholes, hygiene promotion, and livelihoods strengthening through provision of agricultural inputs and training of lead farmers.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): **CHF 83,000** was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society to start up the operations by meeting immediate needs of affected people.
- On the 2nd of February 2016 the Government of Zimbabwe declared a state of National Disaster in view of the El Nino induced poor rains and the escalating food insecurity situation in the country.
- [Operations Update 1](#) was issued on 29 September 2015 while [Operations update 2](#) was issued on 15 October 2015.
- [Operations Update 3](#) was issued on 24 March 2016 requesting for a 4 month extension of the Emergency Appeal to allow completion of the remaining activities and also revise the Appeal, scaling up, to contribute to addressing the deteriorating food situation in the country.
- [Revised Emergency Appeal](#) was issued on 27 April 2016 for **CHF 5,148.865** targeting **7,666** families in eight districts of Zimbabwe until December 2016.

Danish and American Red Cross are supporting the activities in Muzarabani district bilaterally with ZRCS. IFRC, on behalf of Zimbabwe Red Cross would like to thank all the partners, and appeal to all distinguished donors to support the Appeal to enable Zimbabwe Red Cross provide the needed support to the drought affected communities.

[<click here for the contact details and here for the interim financial report >](#)

**Summary:**

A slow onset of the rainy season was followed by severe flooding that destroyed crops. This situation was followed, and exacerbated, by a long dry spell, resulting in a crop yield below the 5 year average. The amount of rainfall received was inadequate to meet basic household consumption needs as well as support for livelihoods, agriculture and wildlife. It is recommended that humanitarian assistance be provided from February to December 2016 and thereafter a review of the situation and needs from December 2016 be carried out for the ensuing period from January 2017 to June 2017. The most affected sectors are food and nutrition, agriculture, water, education, health and wildlife. The Government is appealing for a total of USD 1,572,009,953 between February to December 2016 to provide humanitarian assistance for both short to medium term interventions. Overall, the number of food insecure rural population has risen to approximately 2,820,000 which translates to 30% of the population compared to 16% of the population (1.5 million people) that was predicted during the peak lean season from January to March 2016, according to the government.

The ZIMVAC report highlighted the need to scale-up nutrition-specific interventions to mitigate malnutrition effects among vulnerable groups. Malnutrition remains a challenge especially in children under five. While the immediate needs of these households is food assistance, ZRCS proposes that any food assistance provided should be complemented by livelihood recovery interventions such as seed support, trainings in climate-smart agriculture practices, and water and sanitation activities.

## Coordination and partnerships

**Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent actors in-country**

The Finnish, Norwegian and the Danish Red Cross have in-country presence in Zimbabwe and are supporting health, disaster management and organisational development programmes. ZRCS also receives bi-lateral support from the American and the British Red Cross which do not have representatives in the country. ZRCS and its PNSs maintain coordination through quarterly Movement Coordination Meetings (MCM) and emergency steering committee meetings as, and when, the need arises.

**Movement Coordination**

ZRCS is working closely with in-country partners to ensure there is coordinated implementation of the operation. Updates and plans are being shared with the Movement partners. PNSs were consulted in the development of this appeal. The ZRCS and Danish RC delegate conducted joint field monitoring and witnessed the cash transfers as well as the seed distributions in Muzarabani. On 10 and 11 February 2016, the Danish RC Secretary General and a Danish RC back donor, together with IFRC Disaster Risk Management Coordinator conducted a joint field monitoring of the Muzarabani district, witnessed cash transfer and had opportunity to interact with families benefiting from the Emergency Appeal. The IFRC delegate also conducted monitoring of the field activities in Mudzi district. The British RC livelihoods advisor visited the National society to assist the NS in developing a Community Food Security and Livelihoods Resilience project proposal as well as developing relevant monitoring and evaluation tools for the 4.5 year project that will be implemented in Chipinge and Mwenezi districts.

**Overview of non-Red Cross Red Crescent actors in-country**

ZRCS has been actively participating in the Food Assistance Working Group (FAWG) that is hosted by the WFP in-country. This platform allows in-country partners to share their progress and interventions in their areas of operation. ZRCS through the PMER department also participated in the first round of crop and livestock assessment which was a rapid assessment of the current food insecurity situation in the country. This assessment was useful in giving projections that saw the government declaring a state of national disaster as well as launching a USD 1.5 billion international appeal. Together with the British RC livelihoods advisor the NS visited various international actors including FAO, WFP, GOAL and CARE to get more information and to learn more about their food insecurity interventions. ZRCS has maintained relationships with the meteorological department, the civil protection and the office of the Resident UN coordinator.

## Operational implementation

**Overview**

The bi-lateral support that came through the Danish and American RC covered the costs of operation in Muzarabani whilst Mudzi support came through the IFRC. To date the support combined is at 91.5% coverage. The Southern Africa Country Cluster Support Team Office has been providing technical support to ZRCS team. The Zimbabwe RC is assisting 10,830 food insecure people in the Mudzi and Muzarabani Districts through the following outcomes:

## Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 1: Increased ZRCS Visibility and information sharing with communities		
Output	Activities planned	progress
Output 1.1: Improved knowledge of ZRCS activities within communities	Media tours	50%
	Procurement of visibility materials (t-shirts, hats and Bibs)	50%
<p>ZRCS conducted a media tour to the affected areas following the launch of the Emergency Appeal. The National Society communications manager was joined by local journalists during the tour. This was aimed at highlighting the food insecurity situation in the targeted districts. A second media tour was conducted in February during the visit by the Danish Red Cross Secretary General. This tour covered the cash transfer programme activities as well as profiling the work of the Red Cross. The stories produced during these media tours were published in the local newspapers. ZRCS also procured visibility material for the Muzarabani operation which include t-shirts, hats and bibs for the volunteers working in the project. The planned visibility materials for volunteers in Mudzi district could not be procured due to low funding to the appeal and of prioritization of life saving activities.</p>		
Outcome 2: Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation		
Output	Activities planned	progress
Output 2.1: Monitoring information informs revisions of plan of action where appropriate	Branch capacity assessments in the targeted districts.	40%
	Training of 20 volunteers on ODK (10 in each district)	100%
	Monthly post cash distribution monitoring by volunteers	60%
	Beneficiary survey on CTP utilization and satisfaction	0%
	Pre-assessments in targeted districts (for markets and livelihoods)	100%
	HQ Monitoring	75%
Output 2.2 The findings of evaluations lead to adjustments in future planning	Inception training	100%
	Operation review workshop	0%
	End of implementation evaluation	0%
<p>To date a total number of 20 volunteers (10 in Mudzi and 10 in Muzarabani) were trained on the use of the ODK to collect data and these were useful in the registration of beneficiaries. Sensitization of the Provincial Executive has been conducted and preparations are under way to carry out the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) assessments to assess the capacity of ZRCS branches in the targeted districts and work on areas of improvement.</p> <p>An inception workshop conducted was attended by provincial managers, district officers and head office staff. The meeting harmonised the implementers' understanding of the Emergency Appeal's outcomes and outputs and activities. During the meeting the IFRC DRR Coordinator also had the chance to take the participants through the reporting requirements of the Appeal as well as reporting deadlines. The final evaluation will be carried out at the end of the operation.</p>		
Water, Health and Hygiene promotion		
Outcome 1: Safe access to water for human consumption and livelihoods		
Output	Activities planned	progress
Output 1.1 Improved access to safe drinking water for human and livestock	Water point assessment	100%
	Selection of water points for rehabilitation	100%
	Rehabilitation of 25 water points	116%
	Construction of 25 water troughs and aprons	80 %
	Training and establishment of 25 water point committees in borehole maintenance and monitoring and hygiene	116%
Output 1.2 Health and Hygiene promotion are carried out to target	60 volunteers trained in Participatory Health and Hygiene Education (PHHE or PHAST methodology)	90%

population	Community education on health and hygiene promotion, HIV prevention, Gender Based Violence and nutrition trainings	ongoing
	Awareness sessions in schools, public gatherings and household visits	Ongoing
<p>29 water points against a target of 25 have been repaired and rehabilitated in Mudzi district. A total of 10 boreholes were completely rehabilitated whilst 19 were repaired. 13 of the rehabilitated water points had aprons constructed a total of 7 water troughs were also constructed. 203 people (171 males and 32 females) from 29 water point committees received the water point committee training.</p> <p>In Muzarabani, a water point assessment was conducted identifying 5 water points in Maungaunga ward. Rehabilitation of boreholes has since started with one borehole having been completed.</p> <p>Participatory health and hygiene (PHHE) training was also conducted, which saw 23 volunteers trained in hygiene promotion and nutrition. Trained volunteers are carrying out awareness sessions and are reaching an estimated 2,300 people per month. The Muzarabani training is on-going with 10 volunteers currently undergoing training facilitated by the Ministry of Health staff.</p>		
<b>Food security, Nutrition and Livelihoods</b>		
<b>Outcome 1: Increased food security and dietary diversity at for 2,166 households (10,831 beneficiaries) better farming and access to better nutrition</b>		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>	<b>progress</b>
Output 1.1: Improved food consumption in food insecure households through a mobile cash transfer programme for five months	Designing of beneficiary selection tools.	100%
	Stakeholder engagement and notification	100%
	Beneficiary selection and verification	100%
	Malnutrition screening and referrals of the severely malnourished people to health centres	0%
	Preparation of monthly Mobile cash transfer and uploading of plan	75%
	Beneficiary training and sensitization on mobile cash transfers	100%
	Volunteers trained in beneficiary selection. managing of mobile cash transfers	100%
	Engaging of local service providers for cash distribution	100%
	Community notification of distribution date and time	75%
	Distribution of cash amounting to 2,166 households for 4 months	75%
	Post distribution monitoring, reporting and feedback to partners	50%
Output 1.2: Increased diversified farming and improved knowledge in climate smart agriculture and post-harvesting of grain	Training of 100 lead farmers in crop production, seed preservation, food processing and preservation, market linkage / marketing and costings for income generation (Training on traditional farming systems also to be taken into consideration for good high yielding harvests)	40%

	Identification of short season varieties that are tolerant to drought and traditional varieties that are cheaper and locally available	100%
	Post-harvest technology and nutrition training for improved dietary intake at household level targeting 100 lead farmers	40%
	Cascading of training to 2166 households by lead farmers.	Ongoing
	Distribution of drought resistant vegetable seeds to 2166 households	44%
	Monitor good practices by households in post-harvest handling	Ongoing

2,166 households are being assisted through mobile cash transfer to meet their food needs for the lean period from January to April 2016. In Mudzi each household has been receiving a total amount of USD 40. So far three cash transfers have been conducted and two post distribution assessments have also been done in both districts. Highlights from the post distribution monitoring indicate that the money received in both districts was put to good use as families mainly spent the money on food though a few families spent it on school fees.

Generally, cash was the preferred transfer modality as households felt that it gave them the freedom to choose what to purchase depending on their needs.

This operation adopted the lead farmer approach, where ZRCS selected and will train 100 lead farmers. Each lead farmer will then be responsible for cascading knowledge and skills to an average of 20 households. To date 40 lead farmers (26 males and 14 females) have been trained in Muzarabani district. Cascading of the new acquired knowledge by the lead farmers is ongoing. For Mudzi, the training is yet to be conducted due to limited funding availability and priority has been given to cash transfers.



Beneficiaries cashing out in Muzarabani



Seeds distribution in Muzarabani

To ensure increased food production at household level, the operation provided drought resistant seeds to the households. A total of 944 households in Muzarabani received 5kgs maize seeds as support for the 2015/16 agricultural season. However this was affected by the poor rains received in the district.

In Mudzi, stakeholders have requested that seeds be replaced with small livestock support as gardens do not do well in the district due to lack of water. It is therefore proposed that an amount of CHF 10,830 meant for vegetable seeds be used to support 1,222 families with small livestock (goats).

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protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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## Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe *		Programme	MDRZW011
Budget Timeframe	2015/9-2016/12	Budget	APPROVED
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Subsector:	*		

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## 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
<b>A. Budget</b>		<b>832,900</b>				<b>832,900</b>	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Cash contributions</b>							
<i>British Red Cross</i>		100,000				100,000	
<i>British Red Cross (from Beit Trust*)</i>		26,903				26,903	
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		32,748				32,748	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		27,500				27,500	
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		57,095				57,095	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		5,490				5,490	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		119,802				119,802	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)</i>		25,750				25,750	
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government*)</i>		81,119				81,119	
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>		<b>476,407</b>				<b>476,407</b>	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		<b>476,407</b>				<b>476,407</b>	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		<b>476,407</b>				<b>476,407</b>	

\* 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>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>C. Income</b>		476,407				476,407	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-382,369				-382,369	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		94,038				94,038	

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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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			<b>832,900</b>			<b>832,900</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Seeds & Plants	13,330						13,330	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	36,274						36,274	
Teaching Materials	3,000						3,000	
Cash Disbursement	465,690						465,690	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>518,294</b>						<b>518,294</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Others Machinery & Equipment	3,900						3,900	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>3,900</b>						<b>3,900</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	22,002		5,334			5,334	16,669	
Logistics Services			2,500			2,500	-2,500	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>22,002</b>		<b>7,834</b>			<b>7,834</b>	<b>14,169</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	35,000		15,239			15,239	19,761	
National Society Staff	87,892		1,976			1,976	85,916	
Volunteers	6,650		19			19	6,631	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>129,542</b>		<b>17,234</b>			<b>17,234</b>	<b>112,308</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	20,000		1,186			1,186	18,814	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>20,000</b>		<b>1,186</b>			<b>1,186</b>	<b>18,814</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	10,400		5,167			5,167	5,233	
Information & Public Relations	11,172		2,291			2,291	8,881	
Office Costs	14,040		772			772	13,268	
Communications	13,680		750			750	12,930	
Financial Charges	4,500		10,156			10,156	-5,656	
Other General Expenses	23,049		983			983	22,067	
Shared Office and Services Costs	4,211		7,509			7,509	-3,298	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>81,052</b>		<b>27,628</b>			<b>27,628</b>	<b>53,424</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			302,039			302,039	-302,039	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>302,039</b>			<b>302,039</b>	<b>-302,039</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recover	50,361		23,135			23,135	27,227	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>50,361</b>		<b>23,135</b>			<b>23,135</b>	<b>27,227</b>	
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								
Pledge Earmarking Fee			1,214			1,214	-1,214	
Pledge Reporting Fees	7,748		2,100			2,100	5,648	
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>	<b>7,748</b>		<b>3,314</b>			<b>3,314</b>	<b>4,434</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>832,900</b>		<b>382,369</b>			<b>382,369</b>	<b>450,531</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>450,531</b>			<b>450,531</b>		

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**IV. Breakdown by subsector**

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
<b>BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people</b>							
Disaster response	832,900		476,407	476,407	382,369	94,038	
Subtotal BL2	832,900		476,407	476,407	382,369	94,038	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>832,900</b>		<b>476,407</b>	<b>476,407</b>	<b>382,369</b>	<b>94,038</b>	