

Emergency appeal operation update

Timor-Leste: Drought

Emergency appeal n° MDRTP004	GLIDE n° DR-2016-000048-TMP
Operation update n° 1	Date of issue: 8 July 2016
Reporting period: 16 April to 30 June 2016	Operation timeframe: 16 April 2016 to 28 February 2017
Appeal budget: CHF 798,618 DREF allocated: CHF 215,752	Appeal coverage: CHF 277,152 (35%) Funding gap: CHF 521,466 <i>Click here for the latest donor response</i>
N° of people affected: 120,000	N° of people targeted: 20,000 (4,000 families)
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste (CVTL) is working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in this operation.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government ministries and agencies such as Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment (MCIE), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior (MOI), Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS), Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications and National Disaster Management Department (NDMD) • UN agencies such as FAO, OCHA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO • International NGOs such as CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps, Oxfam, PLAN and World Vision 	

Summary

This update provides an overview of the progress made since the launch of an Emergency Appeal operation on 18 May 2016 to support CVTL in meeting immediate and recovery needs of 20,000 people affected by drought attributed to El Niño in the districts of Baucau, Viqueque and Lautem. During the period under review, the focus by CVTL – with IFRC support – has been on assessments and planning for provision of safe drinking water, procurement of food items, procurement of household water storage containers, and setting the groundwork for cash transfer programming (CTP) and livelihoods assistance. In this regard, 97,695 litres of safe water per day have been distributed to 1,333 households. Furthermore, detailed assessments have to date enabled CVTL to select 674 households to be reached with cash transfers for addressing a range of immediate needs.

The situation

The ability of communities across five districts of Timor-Leste – Baucau, Covalima, Lautem, Oecusse and Viqueque – to cope with mother nature have been pushed to the limit by dry spells and droughts caused by El Niño. In addition to effects on food security, the situation has resulted in water shortages and directly affected the livelihoods of thousands of people, especially rural and agriculture-dependent populations. Communities that are more reliant on livestock and single-season farming have felt the most impact since loss of livestock and significantly reduced yield bring food security and household income concerns. A rapid assessment conducted by Timor-Leste's MAF indicated that as of April, some 120,000 people across the 5 districts were feeling severe effects of El Niño-induced drought conditions.

According to the latest seasonal forecast issued by the International Research Institute for Climate and Society, the 2015-2016 El Niño phenomenon in the Pacific region has effectively ended with models suggesting that La Niña is likely to form sometime during the third quarter of the year. While the El Niño phenomenon has officially ended, its social, economic and humanitarian impacts continue to be felt across Timor-Leste.

Coordination and partnerships

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

In addition to its cooperation with the IFRC, CVTL has a longstanding working collaboration with the ICRC, having implemented various programmes including during the conflict. CVTL also works with a number of Partner National Societies (PNSs) in longer-term integrated community-based risk reduction (ICBRR) and nutrition programmes. As well as IFRC, other longer-term programming partners of CVTL are Australian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, Republic of Korea National Red Cross and New Zealand Red Cross.

Movement Coordination

Scheduled Movement coordination meetings are organized by CVTL, in which IFRC, ICRC and PNSs with presence in Timor-Leste, participate. The IFRC organizational development (OD) delegate, based in Dili, is supporting CVTL with in-country coordination with Movement partners specifically on this response.

The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta and the Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) in Kuala Lumpur are also supporting coordination with Movement partners including through sharing regular updates on the National Society's response, plans and gaps. British Red Cross has seconded human resources to support provision of quality technical and operational management. In this regard, a British Red Cross livelihoods specialist – deployed from Bangladesh for ongoing support to the ICBRR programme – has provided technical support to the livelihood and CTP components of the operation while a surge operations manager arrived in Dili on 30 June to lead the operation pending recruitment of an operations manager for the entire duration of the operation. Furthermore, the Philippine Red Cross has deployed one staff member to provide peer-to-peer support to CVTL in livelihoods and CTP.

Coordination with public authorities and local actors

As an auxiliary to the public authorities, CVTL maintains a strong relationship with Government bodies through participation or collaboration with relevant ministries – including MAF, MCIE, MOI and MSS – as well as the NDMD. CVTL is working closely and engaging with public authorities to ensure an informed analysis of needs, to track the assistance provided in order to avoid duplication of efforts but instead fill gaps and complement the assistance to affected households. On 16 June, representatives of CVTL and IFRC met with MOI and took the opportunity to update the Government about the progress of the Red Cross response.

Inter-agency coordination

CVTL and IFRC are permanent observers in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and continue to coordinate with UN agencies and international NGOs within this context. Using the HCT platform, as well as the humanitarian clusters, CVTL and IFRC are sharing information with other humanitarian actors to avoid duplication of efforts. Outside the EI Niño, CVTL and IFRC participated in a civil-military simulation exercise organized in Dili on 13 to 18 June. During the event, IFRC made a presentation about how the IFRC system relates with the military in humanitarian action and disaster response. Meantime, CVTL and IFRC are coordinating with the UN system on the upcoming visit by the Special Envoy of UN Secretary General for EI Niño and Climate.

Operational implementation

Overview

During the period under review, CVTL prioritized completion of assessments, provision of safe drinking water, procurement and distribution of food items, procurement of household water storage containers, and setting the groundwork for CTP and livelihoods assistance. The National Society is now set to pursue the objective of this operation, i.e. to deliver immediate and recovery support to 20,000 affected people in the 3 districts of Baucau, Viqueque and Lautem.

The CVTL response is focused on meeting immediate household needs, as well as needs in relation to health, livelihoods, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and community-based risk reduction in line with its mandate and capacity. The process of selecting target households is now underway and has been informed by discussions with other actors to avoid duplication of efforts.

In-country procurement process for jerry cans had been initiated during early June but was abandoned during the period under review. The procurement is now being done through the APRO Regional Logistics Unit (RLU), with the jerry cans arriving in Dili on 9 June. The decision to procure via the RLU was arrived at after it was determined that the in-country supplier earlier identified would require a long period to deliver the quantity of jerry cans required and of the desired quality.

Quality programming			
Outcome 1. Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1. Needs assessments are conducted and response plans updated according to findings		70%
Activities		Is implementation on time?	
		Yes (x)	No (x)
		% progress (estimate)	
1.1.1. Mobilize staff and volunteers for assessments		x	80%
1.1.2. Undertake assessments to determine specific needs of beneficiaries		x	100%
1.1.3. Develop detailed response plans with activities that will meet identified beneficiary needs		x	100%
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.2. Additional assistance is considered where appropriate and incorporated into the plan		50%
Activities		Is implementation on time?	
		Yes (x)	No (x)
		% progress (estimate)	
1.2.1. Ensure that any adjustments to initial plans are informed by continuous assessment of needs		x	50%
1.2.2. Conduct post-action surveys to determine the level of satisfaction among beneficiaries		x	Not started
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.3. Mechanisms are in place to facilitate two-way communication with and ensure transparency and accountability to affected people		Continuous
Activities		Is implementation on time?	
		Yes (x)	No (x)
		% progress (estimate)	
1.3.1. Provide appropriate information, including on the scope and content of projects, to affected people		x	50%
1.3.2. Create awareness on CTP in communities and among key stakeholders		x	Not started
1.3.3. Ensure that affected people can deliver feedback, report complaints in confidence and that such are actioned by CVTL		x	Not started
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.4. Management and delivery of the operation is informed by an appropriate monitoring and evaluation system		Continuous
Activities		Is implementation on time?	
		Yes (x)	No (x)
		% progress (estimate)	
1.4.1. Develop and utilize an appropriate M&E system for the operation		x	10%
Progress towards outcome			
Assessments			
CVTL teams have conducted detailed assessments in the three districts of Baucau, Lautem and Viqueque. Based on the findings of the assessments, the National Society has identified villages that will be covered by its interventions. The assessments will also inform the revision of the emergency plan of action in the coming weeks.			
Community engagement and accountability			
Preparations have been made to ensure that CVTL receives relevant support to put in place a mechanism for community engagement and two-way communication with affected communities. This support will be provided through technical persons from the CCST and APRO starting July.			
Monitoring			
The surge operations manager initiated support aimed at enabling CVTL to properly monitor and manage data to inform decision-making. However, it is acknowledged that there are gaps and as such, remote support has been sought from the information management (IM) delegate of the IFRC Philippines Country Office.			

Food security, nutrition and livelihoods			
Outcome 2. Food and economic security of the target worst-affected households is restored	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 2.1. Cash transfers are provided to target households for the purchase of food		5%
Activities		Is implementation on time?	% progress (estimate)
		Yes (x)	No (x)
2.2.1. Select 500 households that will receive cash transfers		x	10%
2.2.2. Design the cash transfer process, train CVTL staff and volunteers on it and provide selected households with orientation		x	10%
2.2.3. Provide cash transfers to target households		x	Not started
2.2.4. Conduct post-distribution monitoring on the usage of cash transfers (covering at least 10% of target households)		x	Not started
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 2.2. Affected households have increased access to livelihood options for income generation		Not started
Activities		Is implementation on time?	% progress (estimate)
		Yes (x)	No (x)
2.3.1. Consult and agree the criteria for selection of target households (through a participatory process)		x	Not started
2.3.2. Select beneficiary households, prepare beneficiary lists and sensitize them on the distribution process		x	Not started
2.3.3. Provide cash transfers or inputs for restoring or diversifying income generation sources to target households		x	Not started
2.3.4. Undertake monitoring to ensure that households that receive assistance have restored or diversified income generation sources		x	Not started
Outcome 3. Nutritional status of the target community is improved	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 3.1. Families with pregnant or lactating women, infants and young children have increased access to nutrient-rich food		5%
Activities		Is implementation on time?	% progress (estimate)
		Yes (x)	No (x)
3.1.1. Procure supplementary, nutrient-rich, food items and dispatch them to affected areas		x	50%
3.1.2. Select households that will receive nutrient-rich food		x	20%
3.1.3. Distribute supplementary, nutrient-rich, food items to selected households		x	Not started
3.1.4. Select pregnant and lactating women who will receive nutrition training		x	Not started
3.1.5. Organize nutrition training for selected pregnant and lactating women		x	Not started
3.1.6. Implement demonstration projects on homestead gardening (keyhole gardening) as a strategy for growing nutrient-rich food		x	Not started
3.1.7. Support selected households to establish keyhole gardens or other homestead gardening strategies for growing nutrient-rich food		x	Not started
Progress towards outcome			
Cash transfers			
Through technical support by a British Red Cross cash and livelihoods specialist and one staff member deployed by Philippine Red Cross to provide peer-to-peer to CVTL, the groundwork for piloting CTP has been set. Since this is the first time that CVTL is undertaking CTP, there is a need to build the capacity of staff and volunteers to deliver under this operation as well provide technical support for developing CVTL standard operating procedures for CTP.			
In addition to getting much needed resources to the affected population, the interventions will also contribute to enhancing the capacity of CVTL in implementing a CTP.			
Food			
Each selected household will receive red beans (5kg), black beans (5kg), green beans (5kg), vegetable oil (5 litres), milk (10 cans), salt (1.5kg), sugar (5kg) and eggs (48). Selection is based on a points system focusing on female-headed households, households with pregnant or lactating mothers, households with children under five years old and households with elderly or disabled members.			

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion			
Outcome 4. The immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 4.1. Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and WHO standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
4.1.1. Conduct continuous assessments to identify gaps in meeting water needs of affected communities	x		100%
4.1.2. Coordinate with local authorities and other humanitarian actors to maximize efforts	x		100%
4.1.3. Hire and deploy trucks to distribute water to 4,000 families (20,000 people) in target communities	x		10%
4.1.4. Procure and distribute household water storage containers to 500 households	x		10%
4.1.5. Install rainwater harvesting systems in target communities (to benefit up to 20,000 people)	x		Not started
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 4.2. Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population		Not started
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
4.2.1. Mobilize and (re)train volunteers and train them on conducting hygiene promotion	x		Not started
4.2.2. Identify 4,000 families (20,000 people) to be reached with hygiene promotion	x		Not started
4.2.3. Reproduce information, education and communication materials for hygiene promotion	x		Not started
4.2.4. Conduct hygiene promotion activities, including on safe water and food handling, in target communities	x		Not started
4.2.5. Monitor hygiene practices in target communities, including correct use of sanitation facilities and safe water and food handling	x		Not started
Progress towards outcome			
Provision of safe water			
<p>CVTL staff and volunteers have undertaken detailed assessments to identify gaps in water needs of affected communities. CVTL has also coordinated with local authorities and other humanitarian actors and thereafter selected sites where it will install water provision capacity. Distribution of safe water began on 9 June and will continue until the rains come.</p> <p>Meantime, procurement of jerry cans is now being done through the APRO RLU. The decision to procure via the RLU was arrived at after it was determined that the supplier earlier identified would require a long period to deliver the quantity of jerry cans required and of the desired quality. The jerry cans arrived in Dili on 9 June and have now been distributed to all target households.</p>			

Health and care			
Outcome 5. The immediate and medium-term risks to the health of affected populations are reduced	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 5.1. Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to the target population	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
5.1.1. Mobilize and (re)train volunteers and train them on conducting community-based disease prevention activities	x		Not started
5.1.2. Organize disease prevention and health education sessions for 4,000 families (20,000 people) in target communities	x		Not started
5.1.3. Distribute community-based disease prevention promotion materials alongside disease prevention and health education sessions	x		Not started
Progress towards outcome			
<p>Community-based disease prevention and health promotion activities will be planned if the funding of the appeal reaches 100%. Based on current coverage, this activity does not have a planned start date.</p>			

Institutional disaster response capacity enhancement			
Outcome 6. National Society capacity to respond to disaster and crises is strengthened	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 6.1. CVTL headquarters and branches have improved staffing and office facilities	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
6.1.1. Recruit project staff at the national headquarters and requesting branches (if gaps are identified)	x		50%
6.1.2. Provide essential items and personal protective equipment to the national headquarters and branches	x		50%
	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 6.2. Capacity of CVTL headquarters and branches to respond to disasters is strengthened		Not started
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
6.2.1. Organize refresher training for CVTL national and branch disaster response teams	x		Not started
6.2.2. Develop a contingency or readiness plan for the projected La Niña	x		Not started
6.2.3. Procure and preposition preparedness stocks adequate to meet the needs of 300 families	x		Not started
Progress towards outcome			
Staffing and office facilities			
The process of recruiting project staff has been initiated to ensure that longer-term programmes are not disrupted through diversion of existing human resources. Essential materials for the office, including computers and phones for a hotline, are being procured and are expected to be delivered in July.			

Community-based risk reduction			
Outcome 7. Community resilience to disasters is protected and restored	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 7.1. Target communities have improved knowledge and skills to assess risk, plan and implement disaster risk management measures	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
7.1.1. Ensure integration of risk reduction initiatives across all recovery sectors	x		Not started
7.1.2. Interpret La Niña forecasts into simple language and disseminate them to target communities for early warning	x		Not started
7.1.3. Conduct awareness raising sessions on preventable disaster risks in target communities	x		Not started
7.1.4. Harmonize recovery and CBRR interventions with approaches of the ICRR programme	x		Not started
Progress towards outcome			
Nothing to report in this period.			

Operational support services

Human resources

The IFRC deployed a surge operations manager – from its Myanmar Country Office – to Dili during May in order to bolster capacity to provide quality technical and operational management support to CVTL. The surge operations manager was in place for one month and has now been replaced by a new surge operations manager seconded by British Red Cross. The second surge operations arrived in Dili on 30 June to lead the operation pending recruitment of an operations manager for the entire duration of the operation.

A British Red Cross specialist and one staff member deployed by Philippine Red Cross to provide peer-to-peer to CVTL have so far provided technical support in CTP and livelihoods components. Support for community engagement and accountability will be provided through technical persons from the CCST and APRO starting July.

Communications

A blog entry, titled '[The hidden toll of El Niño in Timor-Leste](#)' was published on the IFRC website on 27 May. PNSs have received information on the operation through the News Wire coordinated by the communications unit of APRO.

Information management

The IM delegate of the IFRC Philippines Country Office is providing IM support to the operation remotely. More details in this regard will be provided in the next operations update.

Logistics and supply chain

The APRO RLU is providing technical support according to IFRC standard procedures and is facilitating procurement of jerry cans. The RLU will also support the procurement of items meant for prepositioning once the requisitions are received from Timor-Leste.

Funding situation

So far, five hard pledges have been received towards this appeal, with two more soft pledges being processed. On behalf of the CVTL, IFRC would like to thank these partners and donors for their immediate response to this appeal.

In view of the extent of needs on the ground, IFRC is appealing partners and donors to provide urgent additional funds to enable the National Society to meet the immediate and recovery needs of the most vulnerable affected families.

Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Emergency Appeal](#)
- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)
- [Interim financial report](#)

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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 Humanitarian 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.

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



Save lives.
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**.

Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRTP004 - Timor Leste - Drought

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Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2016/4-2016/5	Programme	MDRTP004
Budget Timeframe	2016/4-2017/2	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		314,867	483,751			798,618	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government*)</i>			143,043			143,043	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>			26,400			26,400	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)</i>			26,741			26,741	
C1. Cash contributions			196,184			196,184	
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>			215,752			215,752	
C4. Other Income			215,752			215,752	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)			411,936			411,936	
D. Total Funding = B + C			411,936			411,936	

* 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			411,936			411,936	
E. Expenditure			-77,764			-77,764	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)			334,171			334,171	

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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)			314,867	483,751		798,618		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	7,800						7,800	
Clothing & Textiles	3,480						3,480	
Food	15,000						15,000	
Seeds & Plants	44,800						44,800	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	77,400						77,400	
Medical & First Aid	12,000						12,000	
Utensils & Tools	63,000						63,000	
Other Supplies & Services	4,800						4,800	
Cash Disbursement	120,600						120,600	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	348,880						348,880	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	11,000						11,000	
Office & Household Equipment	6,000						6,000	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	17,000						17,000	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	3,000						3,000	
Distribution & Monitoring	20,184						20,184	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	55,000						55,000	
Logistics Services	2,100						2,100	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	80,284						80,284	
Personnel								
International Staff	81,000						81,000	
National Staff	4,800						4,800	
National Society Staff	66,000						66,000	
Volunteers	20,502						20,502	
Total Personnel	172,302						172,302	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	20,000						20,000	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	20,000						20,000	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	41,100						41,100	
Total Workshops & Training	41,100						41,100	
General Expenditure								
Travel	26,500			1,485		1,485	25,015	
Information & Public Relations	18,000						18,000	
Office Costs				45		45	-45	
Communications	5,350			107		107	5,243	
Financial Charges	360			-90		-90	450	
Shared Office and Services Costs	20,100			1,662		1,662	18,438	
Total General Expenditure	70,310			3,208		3,208	67,102	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions				69,810		69,810	-69,810	
Total Operational Provisions				69,810		69,810	-69,810	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	48,742			4,746		4,746	43,996	
Total Indirect Costs	48,742			4,746		4,746	43,996	

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		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)			314,867	483,751		798,618		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	798,618			77,764		77,764	720,854	
VARIANCE (C - D)			314,867	405,987		720,854		