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# DREF Operations Update No. 1

## NAMIBIA: Flooding

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<b>DREF n°: MDRNA010</b>	<b>Glide n°: FL-2017-000027-NAM</b>
<b>Expected Operational Timeframe: 3 months</b>	<b>Expected timeframe: 6 months</b> <b>End date: 20 September, 2017</b>
<b>Initial DREF allocated: CHF 80,202</b>	<b>Revised DREF Budget:</b>
<b>Total number of people affected: 2,502</b>	<b>Number of people to be assisted: 417 HHs</b> <b>(2,502 people)</b>
<b>Host National Society presence: Namibia Red Cross Society</b>	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Spanish Red Cross and IFRC</b>	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Directorate of Disaster Risk Management in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Regional Disaster Risk Management Committees (RDRMCs) in Oshana, Oshikoto, Omusati, Ohangwena, Kavango and Zambezi regions, Government Ministries (Ministry of Health and Social Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Ministry of Safety and Security, Ministry of Gender and Social Welfare, and Namibia Water Corporation).</b>	

This operations update seeks to provide an update of the implementation of activities so far whilst at the same time seeking a **3-month extension** to finalize international procurements. The logistics requisition (replenishment of family kits, tarpaulins and jerry cans and distribution of family tents) has now been submitted to the regional office and the order submitted to Dubai for action. Expected timeframe for delivery is 6-8 weeks pending no further delays.

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

Heavy rains during the period of January-March 2017 within the Cuvelai River Basin in Angola and localized rainfalls in Oshana, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Omusati resulted in localized flooding in lishana (shallow flood plains).

On 09 March 2017, the Hydrological Services Namibia (HSN) in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (MAWF) in collaboration with the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), and Meteorological Services issued a joint statement on the looming floods. HSN further warned that the flooding situation in the Cuvelai was comparable to that of 2011, which caused major damages in houses and infrastructure and requested for contingency preparedness and activation. The Hydrological Department in Ondjiva in Angola informed HSN that flood water had reached and flooded Ondjiva, which was likely to increase water levels in Namibian Cuvelai lishana as a result of heavy rainfall in the catchment area. HSN hydrological gauging stations recorded highest water levels as compared to the floods that hit the same areas in 2008, 2009 and 2011 due to heaving rains in Namibia and in the bordering areas. Through the Regional Disaster Risk Management Committees of Oshana and Omusati regions, Namibia Red Cross Society Regional staff conducted field visits to relocation camps in both regions to investigate the extent and impact of the floods. The table below highlights the total number of the affected people:

Region	Number of Households displaced	Number of people affected
Oshana region	122	732
Omusati region	60	360
Ohangwena	44	140
Zambezi region	235	1,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>2,502</b>

In Zambezi region, the Zambezi River was flowing at 6.44m compared to 5.6m the same time last year. The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry on 12 April 2017 confirmed a flood wave that is developing in upstream Zambia at Lukulu, and it was expected that water levels in Zambezi region would rise again. So far, the floods in Zambezi region have displaced 1,410 people and this number is likely to rise to 2,000 as more flood waves hit Namibia from Zambia.



*NRCS Zambezi staff distributing relief items to flood affected families.*

The affected communities could not access some of the basic services such as health and education. Most of the schools were inaccessible resulting in school children and teachers having to walk through water channels to access and this also applied to health facilities. Displaced communities currently in relocation camps have limited access to proper accommodation, sanitation facilities, access to safe clean water, and lack of preventative items such as mosquito nets. This increases the likelihood of outbreak of diseases such as malaria and diarrhea thus putting the affected communities at more risk.

## Summary of Current Response

In response to the effects of the floods Namibia Red Cross Society has engaged in disaster response activities aimed at reducing the impacts of the floods on the affected communities through provision of shelter, WASH interventions, restoration of family links (RFL) and continued flood monitoring and surveillance. NRCS has responded to the 4 affected regions reaching out to a total number of 417 households (2,502 people).

NRCS managed to activate its volunteer base and make use of the various platforms to ensure a coordinated response. Regional staff in Omusati, Oshikoto, Ohangwena and Zambezi regions participated in coordination meetings organized by the respective Regional Disaster Risk Management Committees. The RDRMCs were aimed at coordinating preparedness and response activities, resources mobilization and community engagement. Three (3) regional RDRMCs were conducted in each region, in which it was agreed that NRCS would provide family kits and family tents in Omusati, Oshana and Ohangwena. Due to the NS's widely available pool of volunteers in the regions, it was further discussed and agreed that NRCS complement the coordinated response activities with Hygiene promotion activities in relocation camps.

## Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent actors' in-country

NRCS continues to engage with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Southern Africa Cluster Office in Pretoria, South Africa, on current developments.

## Movement Coordination

There is ongoing consultation with the Spanish Red Cross Society present in the country as only Movement partner. The Spanish Red Cross has indicated availability to assist in providing technical support to response activities. DMIS was issued on 7 April 2017.

## Overview of non-Red Cross / Red Crescent actors in-country

The government through the Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena and Zambezi respective RDRMCs have conducted field visits to affected communities during end February/early March to familiarize themselves with floods situation in the affected communities. At Headquarters level, NRCS continues to engage and work closely with the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). In addition, NRCS Disaster Management continues to liaise with regional offices to monitor the situation and provide technical support. NRCS continues to engage other non-Red Cross members including the United Nations Resident office to communicate its intended response plans and discuss possible

integration of activities. UNFPA country office has committed to support NRCS with N\$ 12,000 towards relief activities specifically to procure treated bed nets for distribution to pregnant and expecting women, children and elderly.

**The Regional RDRMC stakeholders have jointly identified and been involved in the areas outlined below:**

- Conducting joint situational assessment;
- Preparing more evacuation and relocation of affected people;
- Provision of temporary shelter to accommodate expected people as floods increase;
- Provision of food and other non-food basic relief items;
- Provision of emergency health services;
- Provision of safe water and sanitation facilities;
- Preparing to provide educational facilities as most schools in the affected areas are closed;
- Camps management; and
- Roads reconstruction.

## Needs Analysis, Beneficiary Selection, and Risk Assessment

### Needs assessments

The NRCS together with government stakeholders conducted needs assessments in the affected areas so as to identify the priority areas of intervention. Due to their forced displacements, most of the households required non-food items which included blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits, shelter, assistance with transport to relocation centres especially for women of child bearing age, access to improved sanitation and hygiene promotion. There was also a need for facilitating the access to medication for children, pregnant and lactating mothers and People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV) to ensure continued medication. In addition to the immediate needs, the affected families also had long term needs which mainly focused on the revival of their livelihoods which were affected by the floods.

The rationale of providing assistance for this period was based on the historical lessons of similar operations that displaced people would stay in relocation centres of which their needs must be met. The response targeted provision of relief items as per the mandate of the NRCS in responding to humanitarian needs in emergencies in line with SPHERE Standards. NRCS further engaged with government and UN agencies such as UNICEF and UNFPA to ensure the integration of children and gender issues in emergencies such as gender-based violence and sexual reproductive health are provided and met.

### Beneficiary selection

Due to the nature of the disaster posing vulnerability to all the affected communities, the NRCS response targeted all displaced people in relocation camps. However, special needs were prioritised for children, pregnant and lactating women, people with disabilities and those with special needs such as People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV). Among criteria applied include (but not exclusive to) women, children and single people headed households, pregnant and lactating mothers, and households with three or more children under the age of five years. Selection and validation of beneficiaries was conducted in collaboration with the local government, local authorities, NRCS volunteers and camp managers to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable people were met. The above criteria complemented the IFRC commitment to prioritising gender to ensure equality for women, children and people with special needs.

### Risk Assessment

NRCS conducted a risk assessment which identified the following issues and mitigation measures:

Risk Sector	Type of Risk	Mitigation measures
Transport	Limited access to safer roads and transport.	Request for water based transport from government.
Hydrological/Climate	Risk of more flooding affecting more people	NRCS continue to monitor weather through Hydrology and local communities for possible flooding as more rains may fall in the catchments
	Potential of being attacked	Engage local leadership to regularly warn

Drowning and Wild life risks	while crossing water streams.	communities to not cross fast moving streams including at dark and to regularly watch school children. Distribute stay safe messages to school children
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## B. Operational strategy and plan

### Overall Objective

To provide the immediate basic relief items of non-food items (NFIs) for the 182 HHs representing 1,092 affected and displaced people in Oshana, Omusati, Ohangwena and Zambezi regions.

### Proposed strategy

The DREF operation will last for 6 months and will support flood surveillance and monitoring and the provision of shelter-health- and WASH-related NFIs to the most vulnerable flood-affected populations. The National Society will focus on the four affected regions of Oshana, Omusati, Ohangwena and Zambezi targeting 417 households (2,502 people).

The operation will target the following Outcomes, Outputs, and Activities as priority:

#### 1. Early warning and emergency response

**Outcome 1:** Continuous surveillance monitoring in Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Kavango and Zambezi regions is maintained to enable operations respond timely to further floods and related impacts on beneficiaries'.

**Output 1.1:** Surveillance monitoring and Floods Rapid Assessments are conducted to properly inform the response of the NS and coordination with partners to integrate responses.

##### Activities planned:

- Regularly monitor Hydrological Early Warning reports from the Hydrological Services Namibia to inform regional branches on ground situation
- Conduct regular field visits with Regional RDRMCs in affected regions
- Participate in joint assessments (to identify emerging needs) in Oshana, Ohangwena and Omusati regions with RDRMCs upon government sanctioned announcement
- Revise Response Plan based on the surveillance and Rapid Assessment results
- Continuously engage local volunteers and regional Councilors on situation development and revise plans accordingly
- Where necessary, deploy HQ supporting Disaster Response Team to the affected areas to support Regional staff and volunteers' response Teams

#### 2. Emergency Shelter

**Outcome 2:** At least 2,502 flood-affected people basic relief needs are provided and met in line with SPHERE standards.

**Output 2.1:** Procurement and distribution of basic relief items to 1,092 flood affected people

##### Activities planned:

- Procure and distribute protective clothing for field staff and volunteers (gum boots)
- Transport of relief items from Head Quarter to the affected regions
- Replenish already NRCS distributed 100 tarpaulins.
- Provide 182 family kits to 182 families in relocation camps. Family kits consist of 1 tarpaulin, standard cooking utensils and 3 blankets).
- Construction of 12 bathing facilities (4 communal baths per camp)

**Outcome 3:** At least 300 flood affected people (50 families) have access to safe SPHERE compliant shelter.

**Output 3.1:** Affected 300 people in relocation camps have access to improved temporary shelters

**Activities planned:**

- Procure and distribute 50 family tents (ready to erect tents)
- Mobilize volunteers and conduct sensitization to beneficiaries for constructions of their shelters
- Procure and distribute 364 treated mosquito nets

**3. WASH**

**Outcome 4:** At least 1,092 flood affected people basic hygiene needs are met in line with SPHERE standards

**Outcome 4.1:** Procurement and distribution of hygiene related relief items to 1,092 flood affected people

**Activities Planned:**

- Transport of relief items from Headquarters to the affected regions.
- Provide and replenish 182 family kits to 182 families in relocation camps. Family kits consist of (10L bucket, 13 bars of bathing soap, 2 cloth washing bars, 1 flash light with radio, 10L collapsible jerry can).

**Outcome 5:** The risk of water-borne and water-related diseases reduced through hygiene promotion to 182 Households in Omusati and Oshana regions for 06 months.

**Output 5.1:** Target 1,092 population is provided with information on how to reduce the risks of water related diseases

**Activities planned:**

- Replenish already 68 units NRCS distributed 10L foldable jerry cans
- Source and distribute IEC WASH poster materials for hygiene promotion
- Conduct refresher training for 42 volunteers to conduct camp based WASH education
- Procure five fully equipped First Aid Kits to be used for emergency services for the affected communities.

**4. Restoring Family Links**

**Outcome 6:** Disaster separated families Omusati and Oshana regions are reunited with their families.

**Output 6.1:** Families' missing relatives as result of the disasters are unified through search and rescue and family unifications

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct RFL Tracing refresher training for Regional and Volunteer field staff in affected regions
- RFL staff visit camps to create awareness on RFL and record cases for action
- Interview families who have reported missing relatives
- Provide family counselling after reunifications

**5. Communication and Advocacy**

**Outcome 7:** To better profile and position the NRCS as a leading organization in disaster management in Namibia.

**Output 7.1:** NRCS operations are documented to increase visibility

**Activities planned:**

- Procure 42 t-shirts, umbrellas and raincoats for field staff and volunteers
- NRCS Humanitarian Diplomacy Manager conduct joint media field visits to operation areas

**6. Areas common to all sectors (Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation)**

**Outcome 8:** Operations of the National Society is informed by two way communications

**Output 8.1:** Affected communities have platforms to communicate their satisfaction with provided services by communicating to the National Society

**Activities planned:**

- Conduct post-distribution survey
- Conduct DREF review

**Operational support services****Beneficiary communications and accountability**

Prior to distribution of relief items, beneficiaries were engaged through community based volunteers and their local representatives to organise meetings and discuss operations. Meetings were necessary to ensure that beneficiaries participate in the planning and provision of their needs taking in consideration their needs. Meetings were proceeded with families' registration to ensure that there was no duplication of relief items distribution and maintaining order. A post distribution consultation was conducted with beneficiaries including provision of a focal volunteer to collect beneficiaries complains, if any requiring NRCS response.

**Feasibility and delivery capacity**

All prepositioned relief items were transported with a hired truck from the Headquarter warehouse to regional warehouses. Volunteers were mobilized to assist with the loading and offloading of relief items. During periods of actual response, volunteers were mobilized to assist in the loading, offloading and distribution of relief items. Volunteers were further responsible for engaging beneficiaries' registration, signing off receiving items and maintaining orders during actual distributions. Criteria for various relief items were explained by regional managers overseeing the operations.

**Operational support services****Human Resources**

Operations were led by the National Disaster Risk Reductions Coordinator with support of National Disaster Management Officer based in Headquarter to support regional staff in Oshana, Ohangwena, Zambezi and Omusati regions and their volunteers. Since volunteers were highly involved in the operations, provision was made for the insurance during operations according to the IFRC policy of which names of those involved will be provided. Further provision was made for the visibility materials for field staff and volunteers to enable smooth operations in communities as visibility ensures community access.

Apart from fulltime staff within the NRCS, 60 volunteers were mobilized to support the implementation of the DREF operation. Volunteers were responsible for the assessment, hygiene promotion, distributions and monitoring of the situation. The number of volunteers was based on the ration of 1 volunteer serving 20 affected people according to SPHERE standards pertaining to flood relief response. Each volunteer received bib to ensure visibility and safety. Volunteers involved in sanitation activities were also issued with protective equipment such as water proof gum boots.

**Logistics**

All in country relief items were procured in the local market through the NRCS procurement standards which are compliant with the IFRC standards. Prepositioned relief items were transported from Headquarters warehouse to regional warehouses to ensure effective responses. All items were stored at guarded warehouses and transported only during actual days of distribution to beneficiaries to limit the risks associated with theft.

**Communications**

NRCS Humanitarian Diplomacy engaged with non-Movement partners to update on operations and solicit further support to the operations. Two (2) television interviews were conducted on the national broadcaster by the Communications Management and the Secretary General in April 2017. The Communications Manager also organised a coordinated media field visit to enable coverage of the NRCS operations and advocate for the plight of the displaced families. IEC Materials pertaining to WASH education were further developed to ensure that beneficiaries' outreach is enhanced.

**Organizational Development**

The Human Resources and Organisational Development Manager oversees the mobilisation and overall conduct for all volunteers (based on 1:20 ratio for flood response) and ensures that volunteers were trained on Code of Conduct

according to the Red Cross codes. OD further facilitated the conduct of Volunteer refresher trainings including safety during operations and provide visibility materials for volunteers involved with field work and ensuring all volunteers involved were insured according to IFRC standards.

### Logistics and supply chain

Logistics planning, procurement, and stock management were integral to the success of the operation. Proper adherence to logistics and standards ensured that relief items are delivered to the appropriate locations on time in the right quantities. A logistics officer from the National Society is involved in mobilizing the relief items from the NS warehouse to be dispatched to the affected areas for distributions.

### Resource mobilization

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### Risks assessment and Security

Regional Managers of the affected regions ensured that all volunteers were briefed on staying safe and ensuring that no unauthorised field travels were conducted to ensure the safety of the volunteers and staff. All field response operations were well informed on the conditions of the roads while volunteers were provided with safety clothing and bibs for easy identification by communities. To reduce potential risks associated with riots during distribution of relief items, response teams engaged with their respective Regional Disaster Risk Management Committees and ensured accompanying by Constituency Councillors during distribution of relief items. The presence of higher office ranking officials ensured communities trusted the National Society and disassociate such with political affiliations. NRCS further ensured that relief items were distributed in accordance with the RCRC principles.

### Monitoring & Evaluation

DREF implementation was spearheaded and conducted by the Disaster Management Department with support of the line Departments and Regional officers and volunteers. PMER supported the monitoring and evaluation of the operation and ensured volunteers could collect data as required. Monthly monitoring visits were carried out by the Regional Heads overseeing regional operations to give technical support to the staff and volunteers in the field. Internally, the M&E unit facilitated the conducting of a post distribution monitoring assessment to evaluate the extent to which the response has effectively meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

### Finance and administration

The NRCS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the IFRC clearly stipulating the implementation of the DREF including financial procedures. The Project Accountant with the support of the Finance Manager constantly liaised with IFRC South Africa Country Cluster in compiling financial reports with justifications as per the policy.

## C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

1. Early warning & emergency response preparedness		
Outcome 1: Continuous surveillance monitoring in Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Kavango and Zambezi regions is maintained to enable operations respond timely to further floods and related impacts on beneficiaries'.	Outputs	% of achievement
	Output 1.1: Surveillance monitoring and Floods Rapid Assessments are conducted to properly inform the response of the NS and coordination with partners to integrate responses	100
Activities	Is implementation on time?	% progress (estimate)

	Yes	No	
Regularly monitor Hydrological Early Warning reports from the Hydrological Services Namibia to inform regional branches on ground situation	x		100
Conduct regular field visits with Regional RDRMCs in affected regions	x		100
Participate in joint assessments (to identify emerging needs) in Oshana, Ohangwena and Omusati regions with RDRMCs upon government sanctioned announcement	x		100
Revise Response Plan based on the surveillance and Rapid Assessment results.	x		100
Continuously engage local volunteers and regional Councillors on situation development and revise plans accordingly	x		100
Where necessary, deploy HQ supporting Disaster Response Team to the affected areas to support Regional staff and volunteers' response Teams			N/A
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
<p>With regards to flood monitoring and surveillance, NRCS Disaster Management Department tracked the daily bulletins from the Hydrological Services of Namibia to monitor the flood situations in major river basins and provide technical guidance to regional focal staff within the NRCS. The bulletins provided potential looming situations that enabled NRCS to constantly review its preparedness plans and further engage communities to be alert.</p>			

2. Shelter and settlements (and household items)				
<b>Outcome 2: At least 1,092 flood-affected people basic relief needs are provided and met in line with SPHERE standards</b>	<b>Outputs</b>			<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 2.1: Procurement and distribution of basic relief items to 1,092 flood affected people</b>			80
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
Procure and distribute protective clothing for field staff and volunteers (gum boots)	x		100	
Transport of relief items from Head Quarter to the affected regions	x		100	
Replenish already NRCS distributed 100 tarpaulins.		x	0	
Provide 182 family kits to 182 families in relocation camps. Family kit consist of (1 tarpaulin, standard cooking utensils and 3 blankets)			104	
Construction of 12 bathing places (4 communal bathing places per camp)		x	0	
<b>Outcome 3: At least 300 flood affected people (50 families) have access to safe SPHERE compliant shelter</b>	<b>Outputs</b>			<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 3.1 Affected 300 people in relocation camps have access to improved temporary shelters</b>			90
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
Procure and distribute 50 family tents.	x		84	

Mobilise volunteers and provide sensitization to beneficiaries for constructions of their shelters	x		100
Procure and distribute 364 treated mosquito nets	X		87

### Progress towards outcomes

A total of number of 42 family tents were erected; of these a total number of 35 were erected in Oshana relocation camp, 4 in Ohangwena and 3 in Omusati. A total number of 92 tarpaulins were distributed (52 in Omusati and 40 in Ohangwena) reaching a total number of 46 households (230 beneficiaries). To counter the risks of contracting malaria vector borne, a total number of 317 LININ treated mosquito nets were distributed (82 in Omusati and 235 in Zambezi region). Given the fact that displaced households lost most of their property, the NRCS further distributed Class A family kits to a total number of 190 households. Of these, a total number of 143 were distributed in Oshana while the remaining 47 were distributed in Omusati. The kits included kitchen sets, jerry cans, 3 blankets, a rope, and tarpaulins.

### 3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Promotion and Distribution of relief items

<b>Outcome 4: At least 1,092 flood-affected people basic hygiene needs are met in line with SPHERE standards</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Outcome 4.1: Procurement and distribution of hygiene related relief items to 1,092 flood affected people</b>		100
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
Transport of relief items from Head Quarter to the affected regions	x		100
Provide and replenish 182 family kits to 182 families in relocation camps. Family kit consist of (10L bucket, 13 bars bathing soap, 2 cloth washing bars, 1 flash light with radio, 10L collapsible jerry can)	x		104
<b>Outcome 5: The risk of water-borne and water-related diseases reduced through the provision of hygiene promotion to 182 Households in Omusati and Oshana regions for six months</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 5.1: Target 1,092 population is provided with information on how to reduce the risks of water related diseases</b>		80
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
Replenish already 68 units NRCS distributed 10 litres collapsible jerry cans		x	0
Reprint and distribute IEC WASH Poster Materials for hygiene promotion	x		100
Conduct refresher training for 42 volunteers to conduct camp based WASH education.	x		100
Procure 5 fully equipped First-Aid Kits to be used for emergency services for the affected communities.	x		100
<b>Progress towards outcome</b>			
To improve access to clean water and mitigate the risks associated with consuming contaminated water especially during the periods of flooding, the NRCS response teams in Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena and Zambezi distributed a total of number of 259 jerry cans (24 in Ohangwena, and 235 in Zambezi), while a total number of 355 collapsible jerry cans (120 in Omusati, and 235 in Zambezi) were distributed. Some 42,100 water purification tablets (41,600 in Zambezi and 500 in Omusati) were provided to affected families while 235 water dispenser buckets were distributed to beneficiaries in Zambezi region. Awareness materials were developed and printed in the hygiene promotion activities conducted. Various hygiene promotion sessions were conducted: four (4) in Omusati relocation camps, reaching a total			

number of 358 individuals. In Oshana, a total number of 960 people were reached through weekly hygiene promotion sessions conducted over a period of two (2) months. In Ohangwena, a total number of 113 people were reached through hygiene promotion sessions conducted on a weekly basis.

A total number of 4 factory First-Aid kits were procured to enable emergency first aid during response operations.

#### 4. Restoring Family Links

Outcome 6: Family members separated by the disaster in Omusati and Oshana regions are reunited with their families	Outputs		% of achievement
		<b>Output 6.1 Families' missing relatives as result of the disasters are unified through search and rescue and family unifications</b>	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes	No	
Conduct RFL Tracing refresher training for Regional and Volunteer field staff in affected regions.	x		100
RFL staff visit camps to create awareness on RFL and record cases for action		x	100
Interview families' reporting missing relatives.		x	0
Provide families counselling after reunifications		x	0
<b>Progress towards outcome</b>			
There were no reported missing families requiring tracing services.			

#### 5. Communication and Advocacy

Outcome 7: To better profile and position the NRCS as a leading organization in disaster management in Namibia.	Outputs		% of achievement
		<b>Output 7.1 NRCS operations are documented to increase visibility</b>	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes	No	
Procure 42 t-shirts, umbrellas and raincoats for field staff and volunteers	x		100
NRCS Humanitarian Diplomacy Manager conduct joint media field visits to operation areas	x		100
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
The National Society Humanitarian Diplomacy Manager in collaboration with local media and higher-ranking government officials conducted a field visit to Omusati, Oshana and Ohangwena flood affected relocation camps during the period of March 2017. The visits were aimed to mobilize local media to cover the NRCS flood response operations and to further ascertain the ground situation to enable resource mobilization within the country. Among the major outcomes of the field visits by the Communications and local media, there has been increased visibility of the NRCS operations; increased advocacy actions from NRCS through the media regarding the needs of the affected communities while there have been several documentations of the situation by the NRCS. These field visits has resulted in the coverage of the NRCS operations in local papers available at <a href="https://www.newera.com.na/2017/03/30/onghala-village-cut-off-by-floods/">https://www.newera.com.na/2017/03/30/onghala-village-cut-off-by-floods/</a> and <a href="https://www.newera.com.na/2017/03/30/onghala-village-cut-off-by-floods/">https://www.newera.com.na/2017/03/30/onghala-village-cut-off-by-floods/</a> respectively. The			

operations were covered on the national television broadcaster available at <https://www.nbc.na/news/red-cross-distributes-non-food-items-flood-victims-zambezi.3812>

**6.Areas Common to all sectors (Assessments, Monitoring and Evaluation)**

<b>Outcome 8: Operations of the National Society is informed by two way communications.</b>	<b>Outputs</b>		<b>% of achievement</b>
	<b>Output 8.1 Affected communities have platforms to communicate their satisfaction with provided services by communicating to the National Society</b>		90
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Is implementation on time?</b>		<b>% progress (estimate)</b>
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
Conduct Post distribution survey	x		100
Conduct DREF Review		x	0
<b>Progress towards outcomes</b>			
Prepositioned relief items were transported from NRCS Headquarter warehouse to regional warehouses for response.			

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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 (NGOs) 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.

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