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# Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Central African Republic: Floods Bambari

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<b>DREF operation n°</b> MDRCF023	<b>Glide n°</b> FL-2017-000134-CAF
<b>Date of issue:</b> 16 September 2017	<b>Date of disaster:</b> 31 August 2017
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<b>Operation start date:</b> 1 September 2017	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 3 months (1 September-30 November 2017)
<b>Overall operation budget:</b> CHF 120,337	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 3,500 persons	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 350 households or 1,570 persons
<b>Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b> 12,000	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> Local administrative authorities	

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

The city of Kouango, located 415 km from Bangui (the capital of the CAR), has been flooded since the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August<sup>1</sup>. These floods caused significant material and human damages. The provisional record shows 350 households, or 1,750 people affected by this tragedy. At least 276 houses are completely destroyed and 74 houses partially destroyed. Some people found shelters in host families and others are in the farm fields. The communication network in the area is not functional, and according to the National Society there has been no other actors present in the area or providing any humanitarian response to the disaster. It also has to be mentioned that these scales of floods happened in this specific area every ten years. The last ones were registered in 2007.

The two deputies of Kouango as well as the President of the Special Delegation of the city of Kouango came down on the ground to sympathize with the victims. The Chairman of the Sub-Prefectural Committee of the Red Cross of Kouango and 30 volunteers visited the districts affected to assess the extent of the damage and to register the victims.

Therefore, the Central African Republic Red Cross (CAR RC) requests for a DREF to urgently assist these vulnerable. If this fund is allocated, the National Society will be active in four sectors: Distribution; Health emergency; Emergency Shelter; Water Hygiene and Sanitation.

This operation will be implemented over a period of three months and will be completed by 30 November 2017, the final report will be available three months after the end of the operation (28 February 2018). It should be noted that weather forecasts continue to indicate flooding risks in the Central African Republic as heavy rains are forecasted, and this could aggravate the situation of these already vulnerable populations if nothing is done.

<sup>1</sup> <http://rjdh.org/centrafrique-maisons-ecroulees-a-kouango-suite-a-pluies-diluviennes/>

DATES	Type of emergency	Affected area	Number of affected Households to be assisted	Number of Affected persons
31 August 2017	Floods	Kouango	350	1,750

## Summary of the current response

### Overview of Host National Society

As soon as the disaster was announced, the volunteers of the local committee of the Red Cross of Kouango immediately set to work. Thus, the following actions were carried out:

- Visit of the Chairperson of the Sub-District Committee of the Red Cross, accompanied by her Secretary General, the Local Disaster Management Officer and the volunteers in the affected neighborhoods;
- Rapid assessment of damage caused by floods:
- First aid provision and evacuation of victims to the Kouango Regional Hospital;
- Request for external assistance by the local Kouango Red Cross Committee for victims;

The CAR Red Cross has implemented several DREF and other operations in the country, namely: operation on cholera, floods, armed conflicts, violent winds. It has National Disaster Response Teams and volunteers trained on the first, WATSAN, community development activities and community health. The CAR RC does not have pre-positioned stock for rapid and effective implementation of disaster-related activities.

### Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The CAR has an IFRC Country office based in Bangui since August 2013 under the Global Fund and are implementing activities in the prevention of malaria, provision of treatment for malaria, tuberculosis and HIV. The ICRC has had a permanent presence in CAR since 2007 with its main office in Bangui and sub-offices currently in Ndele, Kaga Bondolo and Birao; most of its activities implemented in partnership with the CAR RC include emergency first aid, livelihood support, water and sanitation, inmate visits, Restoring Family Links and promotion of International Humanitarian Law compliance.

The CAR RC works in close collaboration with each component of the Movement, including ICRC There is also the Netherlands Red Cross and the French Red Cross who are more active in in the west of the country focusing on youth training, preparedness and response activities, health, water and sanitation activities. Qatari Red Crescent and the Sudanese Red Crescent have presence in supporting CAR RC activities.

### Movement Coordination

Coordination of activities is achieved through joint planning and regular meetings on different components of the Movement. The components of the Movement present in Bangui hold coordination meetings to share information on the activities carried out and address security issues. There is strong partnership and complementarities within the Movement. IFRC has discussed with ICRC about DREF plan of action to supplement their efforts to NS`s response. Activities are synchronized with ICRC`s support in NFIs for 237 flood affected families in Bamabari to avoid duplication.

### Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The local authorities of Kouango have been providing support to the victims but not international NGO has yet responded to the situation.

## Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

Following the disaster, the extent of the damage is as follows.

- Number of affected households: 350;
- Number of persons affected: 1,750
- Number of injured: 0
- Number of water points damaged: 65
- Number of latrines damaged: 76
- Number of houses destroyed: 276
- Number of houses partially destroyed: 74
- A school building with roofs removed;

There is a need of training of CAR RC volunteers to effectively respond to the emergency and support families in effectively implementing the activities. This training will cover modules on distribution, awareness-raising, treatment of water points (weeding, disinfection, fencing, construction of margins), environmental sanitation and planning and reporting in emergency situations.

### Risk Assessment

The worst scenario is prolonged rainfall that put more than 3,500 people in need of humanitarian assistance with the destruction of agricultural products and food reserves. Kouango being a post-conflict area, this worst-case scenario would increase if an armed conflict breaks out because of disputes over food. In poor water, hygiene and sanitation conditions, the likelihood of cholera, malaria and famine is high.

### B. Operational Strategy and plan.

The CARC RC seeks a DREF to urgently assist 1,750 vulnerable people. If this fund is allocated, the NS will carry out activities in the following sectors: Assessment and registration of affected people; Distribution of basic NFI's Health Emergencies; Emergency Shelter; Water Hygiene and Sanitation. The activities will be carried out over a period of 3 months.

The proposed intervention is Kouango which is different from ICRC support to 237 NFI kits and mosquito nets provided for 237 families affected by first spell of floods in Bamabari.

### Overall objective

Contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of 3,500 people affected by the floods in the city of Kouango.

### Proposed strategy

In view of the rapid assessment made by the volunteers of the Kouango Red Cross Local Committee, the most urgent activities in view of the current situation are as follows:

- Provide non-food aid through the distribution of non-food items
- Helping to build shelters (Shelter)
- Participate in WATSAN activities
- Malaria prevention activities
- Sensitization and Behavior Change Communication to reduce the risk or effect of probable diseases.

Following the assessment, needs were identified in several areas (relief / distribution, emergency shelter, facilitation of access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene promotion).

Based on the assessment results, the families whose houses were partially or completely destroyed are in need for shelter materials such as 700 tarpaulins (2 per family), 1050 nets (3 nets per family), As many water points have been damaged there is a need to facilitate access to safe drinking water and sanitation, 1050 buckets of 3 buckets per family will be needed for water supply, 700 Jerrycans (2 Jerrycan per family) to conserve the water; 1750 pieces of 250 g soap (5 pieces per family). For personal hygiene: 1750 toilet sets (5 per family) and 350 tool kits (one kit per family). It should be noted that the city of Kouango is a post-conflict city and it is important that activities under the culture of peace and social. The CAR RC is committed to

working with the involvement of the affected community to contribute to the improvement of their living conditions and their recovery.

### **Operational support services**

Support services will be offered in logistics, planning, assessment, communication, coordination, community engagement and accountability and monitoring.

### **Human resources**

For the effective implementation of planned activities, fifty (30) team volunteers will be trained by IFRC and CAR RC. The volunteers will work under the supervision of 02 members of the National Disaster Response Team, all of which will be coordinated by the leader of the National Disaster Management Team. The IFRC will deploy an RDRT for 2 months to the NS for close technical support and exchange of experience, which will assist in the collection of supporting documents and reporting and will work closely with the Disaster Management Department. A finance officer, a logistics manager and two drivers will support in the implementation and monitoring of the operation.

The IFRC will also contribute to the provision of the NS of an RDRT which will provide technical, financial, logistical and administrative support.

The IFRC Country Office in Bangui and the Regional Office in Yaoundé will also provide technical support to DREF operation through the provision of their personnel as needed.

### **Logistics and supply chain**

Non-food items will be purchased in close coordination with the Head of Logistics of the IFRC Central Africa, Representation and the Bangui Country Office and transported to Bangui. Other items will be dispatched from the Yaoundé warehouse to be transported to Bangui. A warehouse for the operation will be in Bangui at the CAR RC Headquarters to store these items and a secondary warehouse can be rented in the town of Bambari to help store necessary quantities for urgent use.

The NS Logistics Manager will coordinate the warehouse in Bangui while the NDRT will be responsible for managing the Bambari warehouse for the distribution of items on the distribution sites.

Some items will be procured from the local market in Bangui by the IFRC country office or by the NS depending on the case.

All logistics activities will follow IFRC procedures and will be carried out in a transparent and cost-effective manner and in perfect collaboration

### **Information technologies (IT)**

Internet and communication costs are detailed in the budget. Currently the VSAT used by the NS for internet has been out of service.

### **Communications**

The National Society, with the support of the IFRC, intends to use the local media (radio, television, press, etc.) to inform the public about the Red Cross's activities in improving the living conditions of the flood victims in Bambari.

### **Security**

As CAR is still under conflict, the CAR RC commits itself with the support of the IFRC to respect all the procedures of compliance with security rules throughout the territory including Bambari which is also an area of strong tension.

Volunteers and all staff working for the DREF flood will be provided with the Red Cross logo and will be insured. No risk will be incurred in case of trouble. The volunteers will be briefed especially on the very important point of security

**Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)**

Planning will be done with a well-established activity chart. This involves briefings organized with NS officials, organizing training sessions. The plans will be revised based on realities on the ground once implementation begins. All reporting will be based on the plans highlighting progress, challenges, opportunities and steps taken to mitigate against delayed delivery. There will be an operational update if a second allocation is requested and a final report.

- Monitoring will be done by the two (2) NDRT members in close collaboration with volunteers on the ground ensuring regular monitoring of implementation and identifying lessons learnt to improve implementation.
- Finally, RDRT deployed by the IFRC will provide technical assistance to the operation and contribute towards improvement of NS overall operational planning. They will be responsible for supervising and monitoring, guiding the teams in the field, making available the collection and reporting tools and producing the final report.
- PMER from IFRC will also provide technical support and capacity building as required.

Weekly updates on progress of implementation will be issued for IFRC.

**Administration and Finance**

The Finance and Administration Officer will be important during the implementation of the activities. The Officer will monitor the advances for the field mission and help for the financial reporting.





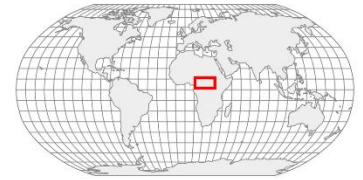
## D. Budget

### CAR floods

Budget Group	DREF Budget	Grant	Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	32,760		32,760
Shelter - Transitional	0		0
Construction - Housing	0		0
Construction - Facilities	0		0
Construction - Materials	0		0
Clothing & Textiles	6,300		6,300
Food	0		0
Seeds & Plants	0		0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	27,253		27,253
Medical & First Aid	1,852		1,852
Teaching Materials	2,966		2,966
Ustensils & Tools	9,936		9,936
Other Supplies & Services	0		0
Emergency Response Units	0		0
Cash Disbursements	0		0
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>81,067</b>		<b>81,067</b>
Land & Buildings	0		0
Vehicles Purchase	0		0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0		0
Medical Equipment	0		0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0		0
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	0		0
Distribution & Monitoring	0		0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,911		2,911
Logistics Services	0		0
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>2,911</b>		<b>2,911</b>
International Staff	12,000		12,000
National Staff	0		0
National Society Staff	3,058		3,058
Volunteers	5,329		5,329
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>20,387</b>		<b>20,387</b>
Consultants	0		0
Professional Fees	0		0
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	1,955		1,955
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>1,955</b>		<b>1,955</b>
Travel	0		0
Information & Public Relations	834		834
Office Costs	1,049		1,049
Communications	1,789		1,789
Financial Charges	3,000		3,000
Other General Expenses	0		0
Shared Support Services	0		0
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,673</b>		<b>6,673</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	7,345		7,345
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>7,345</b>		<b>7,345</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>120,337</b>		<b>120,337</b>

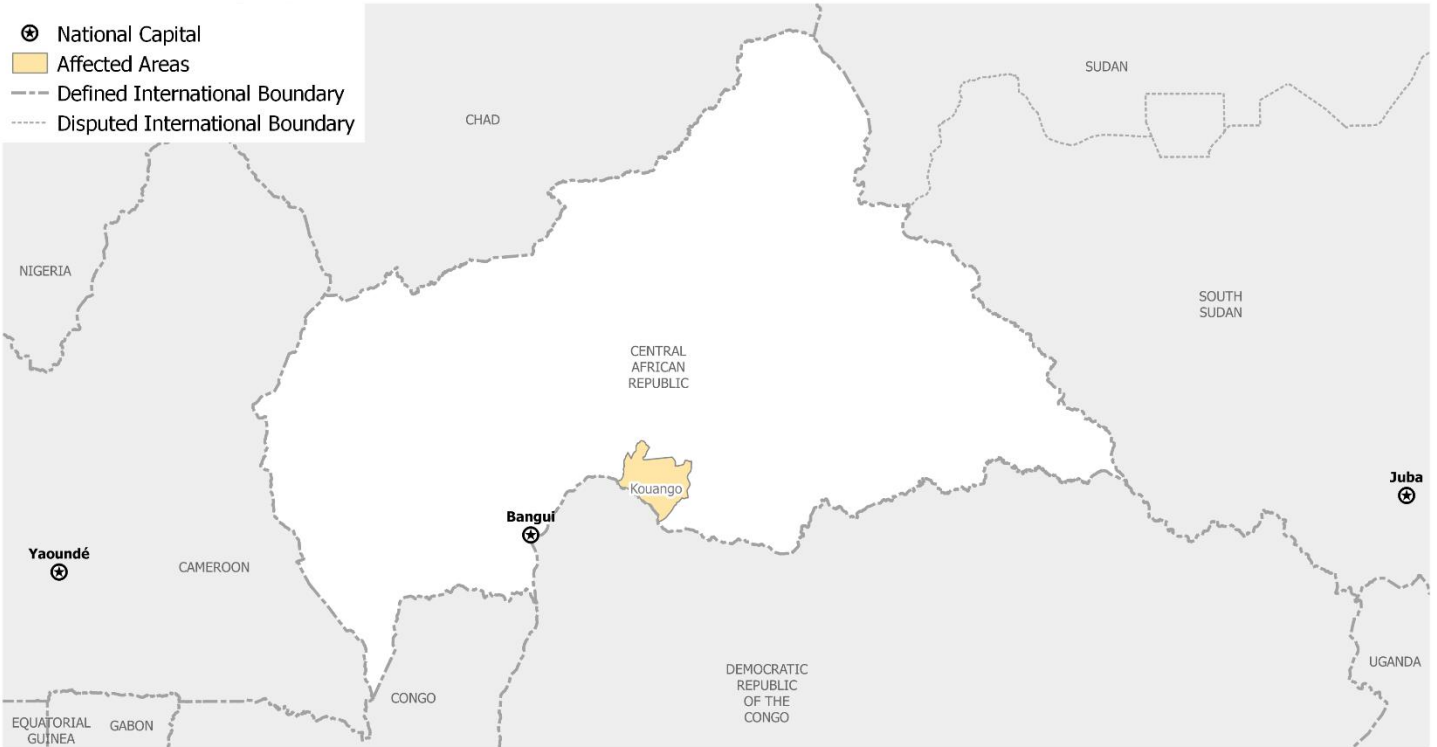


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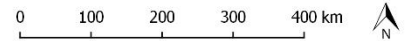


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and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



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



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

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