



DREF final report Georgia: Flash Floods

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

Summary: CHF 59,960 has been allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 25th of June 2011 to support the Georgia National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,750 beneficiaries for a period of three months. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged

In Western and Eastern Georgia many regions were affected by unceasing rains from 12 to 22 June 2011 with landslides that followed. Seven people lost their lives. Over 3,000 houses have been affected, with 1,500 of them badly damaged. The ground floors of 350 houses were made unsuitable for living due to water/ damage. Additionally, the mudslides and the water have damaged/ polluted farming soil, roads, bridges, canals, and water supply system and communication network. The residents of affected regions amounting to 70000 people have been cut off from the water and gas utility system. The water has swept away several roads, leaving many settlements isolated. At many farms, cattle and poultry drowned.

The Georgia Red Cross Society assisted 350 most vulnerable families approximately 1,750 people, who were residing in the upper floors of their flooded and damaged houses, or living in their relatives houses, with mattresses, blankets and hygiene parcels in Shida Kartli Region (Surami, Khashuri) which is situated 145 km from Tbilisi to the west, and Dusheti Municipality 65 km from Tbilisi to the north. This operation was implemented in 3 months, and was completed by 24th of September 2011.

The Georgia Red Cross Society through this operation provided relief to the affected population in the target regions, where families lost their homes and/or possessions as a result of the disaster.

The assistance helped to improve living and sanitary conditions in the affected households and contributed to the reduction of social and economic hardships in the affected region.

The situation

In Western and Eastern Georgia three regions were affected by unceasing rains from 12 to 22 June 2011, which resulted in several landslides. During the disaster seven people lost



Affected population in Dusheti is receiving relief items from DREF Operation. Photo: Georgian Red Cross Society

their lives. Over 3,000 houses have been affected, out of which 1,500 were badly damaged, severely deteriorating living conditions for the residing families, endangering their health and safety. The ground floors of 350 houses were flooded and have become unsuitable for living. Half of the residents were living on the first floors of their houses and the other half have moved to live with less affected neighbours or relatives. Roads and canals were blocked by the mudslides that struck the settlements during the last few days of non-stop rains. Mud and water have flooded farming soil, roads, bridges, sewer and water supply system as well as the telecommunication network. Approximately half of the population in the area has been cut off from the water and gas utility system. Many farms lost their livestock in the floods – thus losing their source of food and income. The highway connecting West and East Georgia (Gudauri-Kobi sector) has been blocked at ten sections by the landslide. Shida Kartli Region (Surami, Khashuri) is situated 145 km from Tbilisi to the west, and Dusheti Municipality 65 km from Tbilisi to the north.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Georgia Red Cross Society team consisting of staff members and volunteers from HQ and Branches went for rapid needs assessment to the Chartali Community of Dusheti Municipality (its population approximately 315 families) and to Khashuri municipality on 22nd of June, 2011. The rapid assessment trip included meetings with the local authorities and local residents guided by local Red Cross branch representatives for identifying the most affected population and to receive preliminary information on the damages and affected households in the region as well as the population's needs. The team visited the affected households and other points of notice. The team members and local authorities agreed on future steps and the activities for assisting the affected population.

More in-depth assessment has been carried out in the subsequent weeks by the Red Cross Society of Georgia in the affected regions, in line with its auxiliary role to the Government of Georgia during crises and disasters. The Red Cross mobile response team consisting of volunteers and staff from local branches and the headquarters visited the regions of Chartali and Dusheti and met with the affected population and local officials to gain precise information and numbers and identify the needs of the most vulnerable population. GRCS actively coordinated all planning activities for distribution of relief items to the most affected with local authorities.

A monitoring list of beneficiaries receiving distributed goods was done jointly with a Government representative as was the informing of the affected population about distribution points and times. In addition, local volunteers were mobilized and the local authorities provided warehouse space for the relief items. All procurement and transportation of relief items was done by Georgia Red Cross. GRCS volunteers at central level worked on sorting and packaging the goods.

On 19th of July, 2011 relief items were distributed among affected population in the following communities of the Dusheti Municipality: Dusheti, Bandur-Ckhvedieti, Chartali, Chonkadze, Ananuri, Gremiskhevi, and Magaroskari. Red Cross staff and volunteers, the International Federation and International Red Cross Committee representatives, journalists, local authorities and local population were all present as 100 affected families in Dusheti Municipality received humanitarian aid.

On 5th of August relief items were distributed to the affected families in Khashuri and Surami. Again Red Cross staff and volunteers, the International Federation and International Red Cross Committee representatives, journalists, local authorities and local population were all present and 250 affected families in Khashuri and Surami received humanitarian aid.

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: The 350 most affected families are provided with non-food items (700 blankets, 700 mattresses and 350 hygiene parcels and from left over funds additional 108 hygiene parcels).
Outputs: Assessment of the affected area to identify the most affected households <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of relief supplies from local suppliers according to Federation standards • Distribution of relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user • Monitoring and evaluation the relief activities and reporting on relief distributions

Impact: The DREF funds were used for the detailed needs assessment, for identification of the most vulnerable and affected families with the support of local authorities (using mutually agreed criteria such as: low level of social security, single mother families, older people living alone), procurement of relief goods and transportation and distribution of disaster response items to the affected population.

The relief items were purchased following the International Federation's standard tendering procedures. In total, **700 blankets, 700 mattresses and 350 hygiene parcels** were purchased. It was also possible to purchase additional **108 hygiene parcels**, which were distributed to the affected population in Dusheti municipality to the same beneficiaries, because they were the most vulnerable of all the affected population.

Humanitarian relief items distribution list

Area	Family	Beneficiary	Mattresses	Blankets	Hygiene Parcels	Additional hygiene parcels
Dusheti	100	500	200	200	100	108
Khashuri	250	1250	500	500	250	
Total	350	1750	700	700	350	108

For the vulnerable families living in poverty even before the disaster, often lacking even elementary things for normal living, support received from the Red Cross was a big advantage in going back to their normal living routines. The affected population was able to preserve its health due to access to the provided relief items and this was most useful to them as they were repairing their houses and getting ready to resume the normal living.

Challenges:

Heavy rains and the following floods and landslides affected more than 3000 families' soil and properties. With the allocated Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) operation GRCS managed to assist only 350 the most affected families in the target region. Other affected population was left without assistance. Understandably, the national society was during and after the distribution faced with demands to explain why it could not assist all the affected population.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 25 June 2011 for CHF **59,960** for 3 months to assist 1750 beneficiaries.
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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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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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FINAL REPORT

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/06-2011/10
Budget Timeframe	2011/06-2011/10
Appeal	MDRGE003
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	59,960					59,960
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	59,960					59,960
C4. Other Income	59,960					59,960
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	59,960					59,960
D. Total Funding = B + C	59,960					59,960
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	59,960					59,960
E. Expenditure	-59,960					-59,960
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0					0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		59,960					59,960	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	33,600	32,934				32,934	666	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene		5,211				5,211	-5,211	
Other Supplies & Services	4,200						4,200	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	37,800	38,145				38,145	-345	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,000	761				761	239	
Distribution & Monitoring	6,000	5,532				5,532	468	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,850	2,365				2,365	485	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	9,850	8,657				8,657	1,193	
Personnel								
National Staff	2,500	1,779				1,779	721	
National Society Staff	2,950	3,619				3,619	-669	
Total Personnel	5,450	5,398				5,398	52	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relations	600						600	
Office Costs	1,500	1,042				1,042	458	
Communications	600	1,053				1,053	-453	
Financial Charges	500	1,859				1,859	-1,358	
Other General Expenses		146				146	-146	
Total General Expenditure	3,200	4,101				4,101	-900	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	3,660	3,660				3,660	-0	
Total Indirect Costs	3,660	3,660				3,660	-0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	59,960	59,960				59,960	-0	
VARIANCE (C - D)		-0					-0	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Goal 1: Disaster Management							
PGE034	Floods	0	59,960	-59,960	0	59,960	-0
Sub-Total Goal 1: Disaster Management		0	59,960	-59,960	0	59,960	-0
Total	Georgia - Floods	0	59,960	-59,960	0	59,960	-0