

Emergency appeal n° MDRGT003
GLIDE n° [TC-2011-000157-GTM](#)
6-month consolidated report
20 July 2012

Period covered by this Ops Update: 19 October 2011 to 15 April 2012. This update represents a six-month summary of the operation.

Revised Appeal target: CHF 715,933 Swiss francs [<Click here to view the Revised Appeal Budget, here to view the interim financial statement and here to view the contact details>](#)

Appeal coverage: 93%

Appeal history:

- An [Emergency Appeal](#) was launched on 26 October 2011 for 786,728 Swiss francs for 9 months to assist 1,500 families.
- 240,190 Swiss francs were initially allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) [Disaster Relief Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#) on 19 October 2011 to support the National Society to respond.
- The current update extends the period of implementation to one year, until 31 October 2012, to ensure that the National Society is able to provide technical support through the whole planting cycle of the early recovery activities; and it features a revised budget of CHF 715,933.



The Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC) met the immediate needs of some 9,000 persons affected by the Tropical Depression 12-E with the support of the Emergency Appeal. Source: GRC

Summary: In October 2011, Tropical Depression 12-E severely affected all countries in Central America. Its intense rains caused flooding and landslides in Guatemala as the soils in the country were already saturated and river levels high due to previous precipitations. The weather front affected more than 500,000 persons in Guatemala, of which 82,913 were severely affected. Given the situation, the Guatemalan government decreed a State of Public Calamity on 16 October, and the National Society developed a Plan of Action to assist some 7,500 beneficiaries (1,500 families).

After six months of operation, the Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC) has surpassed many of the targets established in their original plan. Following an integrated approach, where the same communities received assistance in all sectors, a total of 1,500 families (9,007 persons, or 120 per cent more than the original estimation of 7,500) were assisted with food parcels, blankets, jerry cans, and hygiene kits, enabling to meet some immediate needs of these families. In an effort to control epidemics and promote better health, 1,426 families were reached with epidemic prevention and other control measures, and 436 families from Alta Verapaz and Petén were reached with psychosocial support. The National Society also coordinated with the Ministry of Health and UNAIDS, to develop a flipchart on the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in times of emergency. This material will be used during the coming months to reach selected communities. Additionally, at 1,500 families (9,007 persons) from Alta Verapaz, Petén and Retalhuleu have access to safe drinking water. This was achieved through three different strategies: distribution of water filters to 1,500 families, installation of a water treatment

plant in the community of Granada, Retalhuleu assisting 296 families for 30 days, and the cleaning of 215 wells in Retalhuleu. During the reporting period, the GRC also reached 876 families using the PHAST methodology to discuss several hygiene and sanitation topics. On the incoming months, the GRC will focus their efforts towards completing their health and early recovery outcomes and starting an evaluation process of the operation.

Even though the majority of the activities have been completed, the early recovery activities were delayed under the suggestion of the Ministry of Agriculture, Stockbreeding, and Food (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentos, MAGA) to wait until the planting period of May-June, where the weather conditions would also be more favourable. In order to provide better technical support throughout the planting cycle and assess the impact of the first harvest, the GRC calls for an extension of three months. The operation will therefore be completed by the end of October 2012. In line with the IFRC's reporting standards, the final report (narrative and financial) is due 90 days after the end of the operation (by the end of January 2013).

The IFRC and the National Society are thankful to the following Partner National Societies and governments for their kind support to the Appeal and whose contributions were essential in the aforementioned achievements: American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross (Australian government), British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society (and Canadian government), Japanese Red Cross Society, Norwegian Red Cross, Red Cross of Monaco and Swedish Red Cross (and Swedish government). The IFRC also expresses its gratitude to external partners for their contributions: VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief.

The situation

In the second week of October, Guatemala felt the effects of the remnants of Tropical Depression 12-E. Severe precipitations caused flooding and landslides in Guatemala as the soil was already saturated and river levels were high as a result of previous rains. The Guatemalan government decreed a State of Public Calamity on 16 October. More than 500,000 persons were affected across the country, of which 82,913 were severely affected.

Affection	N° of people
Deaths	39
Missing	4
Injured	18
Persons in collective centres	21,451
Severely affected persons	82,913
Total no. affected persons	550,752

Source: [CONRED, bulletin No. 2204](#) – Data as of 21 October 2011.

In the housing sector, authorities reported 16,609 homes with minor damage, 5,571 with moderate damage, 753 with severe damage and 5,291 homes still at risk. In addition, the national road network was severely damaged, with estimates indicating 167 sections of roads affected and 9 destroyed, while 55 bridges were damaged and 30 destroyed. Another source of concern is the damage in the agricultural sector, with estimated losses of over 521 million Quetzales (approximately 57.6 million Swiss francs) and 66,120 families affected as a result of crops lost. A food security alert was launched by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) due to the combined effects of losing family subsistence crops as well as a decrease in job opportunities in the sector of commercial crops.

The families affected by Tropical Depression 12-E have returned to their homes and all monitored rivers were back to normal levels. In January 2012, there was a change in government officials, such as Mayors, that required the reestablishment of coordinating networks and sometimes the change of strategies. However, many of the new officials are supporting the activities of the National Society, either with technical support as is the case of the Ministry of Agriculture or with transportation as some municipal offices. Another important recent development is the increase in protests from indigenous and community-base groups. Although these have not yet affected the operation, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement components in the country are supporting the Guatemalan Red Cross in the monitoring of the situation.

Coordination and partnerships

Since the start of the emergency operation, the GRC has been actively coordinating with the Executive Board of the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres, CONRED). In addition, to reduce duplication of efforts and to combine efforts against common challenges, the

National Society coordinates with the Guatemalan Humanitarian Network which includes several international organizations and United Nations agencies.

Within the Movement, the National Society has worked in close partnership with the IFRC. The Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) jointly with the Regional Logistics Unit coordinated the dispatch of humanitarian relief items such as hygiene kits, blankets, jerry cans and mosquito nets. PADRU, alongside the Canadian Red Cross, also supported with the deployment of a member of the Regional Intervention Team (RIT), a delegate from the Mexican Red Cross who assisted with the use of the MEGA-V bar code system of distribution, and later with an appeal coordinator who is currently supporting all early recovery activities. The appeal coordinator will remain in country until a month after the end of the operation timeframe in order to ensure the closure of administrative and financial tasks.

During the emergency phase of the response, the Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross worked alongside the National Society in the damage and needs assessments and the distribution of safe water and relief items. Additionally, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was fundamental for the introduction of relief items into the country that were dispatched from the Regional Logistics Unit's warehouses in El Salvador and Panama. For the recovery phase, the National Society and the IFRC's appeal coordinator are implementing a monitoring strategy with four local coordinators who travel between selected communities, meet with volunteers at the branches to establish progress and organize future actions. These local coordinators then send regular reports to the GRC's headquarters using established formats.

National Society Capacity Building: The current operation has supported the National Society capacity for emergency preparedness and response through the training of volunteers, the revision of emergency procedures and the use of new tools for a more efficient response.

With the support of the Emergency Appeal, the **Mega-V barcode system** was implemented and eight volunteers were trained in its use. This system reduces the time of distributions to some 40 seconds per family, and facilitates the registration of beneficiaries, improving the tracking of people reached and improves the prioritization of families with small children, elderly members, or those with needs of especial medication. Currently, PADRU is negotiating with the Mexican Red Cross, the developers of the system, to install the required software in all branches of the GRC and train more volunteers to make the utilization of this tool a permanent asset of the National Society.

Another important element is the promotion of the **volunteer management cycle** through the Emergency Appeal to improve the management of the human resources. As part of this initiative, trainings have been completed on the Code of Conduct, introduction to the World of the Red Cross and the correct use of the emblem. Thus far, 51 members (22 men and 29 women) from the branches of Cobán and Retalhuleu, of which 5 were members of the board of directors, have received information in this regard. In addition, the Emergency Appeal has also supported the continuous **promotion of the Strategy 2020** with members of the National Board to improve decision-making process in cases of emergency, particularly the improvement of information management and control systems for better accountability. Furthermore, during the reporting period, the disaster response and administration teams of the National Society gathered to discuss this and previous operations, analyzing challenges and difficulties in order to **review and update administrative procedures** in times of emergencies and increase efficiency. Finally, the IFRC and other Partner National Societies facilitated the first stages of the **development of the National Strategic Plan for the next five years** in line with *Strategy 2020* and the Inter-American Framework for Action. The experiences gained thus far in this operation, discussed in the first workshop of this process, were essential in the prioritization of some of the institutional goals.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

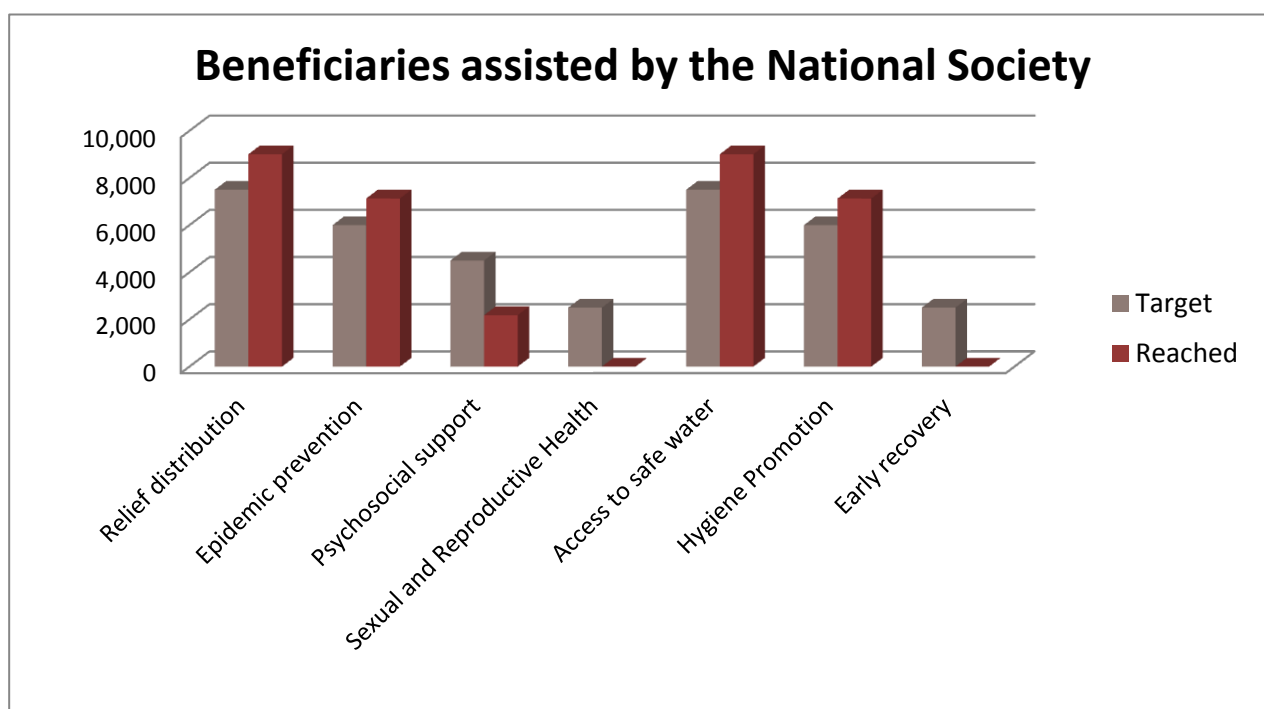
Overview

During the first six months of the operation the GRC achieved the following in their work towards the planned outcomes:

- A total of 9,007 persons, 120 per cent more than the original estimation of 7,500, were assisted with food parcels, blankets, jerry cans, and hygiene kits, meeting the immediate needs of the affected families and enabling them to resume daily activities.
- 1,426 families were reached with epidemic prevention and control measures, 119 per cent of the original target of 1,200 families.

- 26 volunteers of the GRC were trained in methods to provide psychosocial support. These volunteers were then mobilized and worked with 436 families from nine communities in the departments of Alta Verapaz and Petén, 48.4% of the original target.
- In coordination with UNAIDS and the Ministry of Health, the National Society developed a flipchart on the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in times of emergency. This material will be used during the coming months of the operation to reach selected communities.
- At least 1,500 families (9,007 persons) from Alta Verapaz, Petén and Retalhuleu have access to safe drinking water. This was achieved through three different strategies: distribution of water filters to 1,500 families, installation of a water treatment plant in the community of Granada, Retalhuleu assisting 296 families for 30 days, and the cleaning of 215 wells in Retalhuleu.
- 1,426 families from 28 communities in Alta Verapaz, Petén and Retalhuleu were part of community workshops on control of epidemics, safe use and rationing of water, personal hygiene, and cleaning of living spaces and public areas. Later on, 876 families were also reached using the PHAST methodology.
- Concluded the organization of communities and coordination with providers and local authorities in preparation for the early recovery activities that will start in May and June 2012.

It must be mentioned that the plan of action was designed following an integrated approach, with all activities taking place in the same set of selected communities. As the graphic below demonstrates, the National Society surpassed most of the targets established in their original plan. During the upcoming months, the GRC will focus their efforts towards completing their health and early recovery planned outcomes and start an evaluation process of the operation. In order to monitor the crops recovery projects until at least the first harvest in order to better provide technical support and assess its impact, the GRC will extend the timeframe of the operation until October 2012.



Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: The immediate needs of 1,500 families affected by Tropical Depression 12-E are met through the distribution of food items and non-food items.

Outputs	Activities planned
1,500 families (7,500 people) receive food parcels and blankets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop beneficiary selection and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Procure locally humanitarian relief items.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute food parcels (1 time distribution for all target families) • Distribute 5 blankets per family (based on an average family of five members) <p>Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.</p>
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Progress: This sector of the plan of action was achieved 100 per cent, with 1,500 families having their immediate needs for food and warmth covered. **A total of 9,007 persons, 120 per cent more than the original estimation of 7,500, were assisted with food parcels and blankets** (as well as jerry cans, hygiene kits, and water filters, as mentioned in the following sectors). For detailed information on the location and number of families selected for assistance through the Emergency Appeal please refer to Annex 1.

Department	No. of target families	% reached with relief items
Retalhuleu	800	100
Petén	400	100
Alta Verapaz (Cobán)	300	100
Total	1,500	100

The National Society selected communities with high levels of affectation, with 90 per cent or more of the families affected by the Tropical Depression, and living in hard to access areas that reduced their chance of receiving assistance. The GRC paid particular attention to those families with children, elderly, and members with a disability or in need of especial medical treatment. Of the 9,007 persons reached, 40.6 per cent were men, 42.1 per cent were women, 13.1 per cent were children under five, and 4.2 per cent were elderly.

Department	Men	Women	Children < 5	Adults > 60
Retalhuleu	1856	1929	548	247
Alta Verapaz (Cobán)	750	780	239	41
Petén	1,051	1,087	387	92
Total	3,657	3,796	1,174	380
Percentage	40.6 %	42.1 %	13.1 %	4.2 %

One of the main elements in implementing this sector of the Emergency Appeal was the use, for the first time in Guatemala, of Mega-V, a barcode system for registration and distribution. The use of the Mega-V barcode technology resulted in a swift process, taking an average of 40 seconds per family and concluding distributions within the hour of arriving in each community. Additionally, it enabled the collection of detailed information of the number of people reached and some of their characteristics.

The revised budget also includes 1,000 tarpaulins and 5 tents, which were donated by the American Red Cross. This in-kind contribution has been prepositioned in the National Society.

Challenges: The main challenge encountered by the GRC was the distance between selected communities. To facilitate monitoring of activities, a regionalization strategy was established. Several regional coordinators were designated to contact and work alongside community members throughout the whole process, from selection of communities to implementation of activities.

Emergency health

Outcome: the health risks in the emergency affected population are reduced in the medium and long term through a strategy based on a community health approach.

Outputs	Activities planned
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<p>Rapid Health Assessments (RHA) are carried out to understand the health situation and immediate risks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the development and maintenance of inter-institutional coordination. • Assess the health situation within the affected population in coordination with the Ministry of Health. • Review and update inventories of equipment and medical supplies.
<p>Affected population has access to first aid services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fully equipped first aid kits to 10 branches. • Provide first aid care to the affected population.
<p>At least 80 per cent of the population targeted in the emergency appeal are reached with epidemic prevention and control measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of mosquito nets to 1,500 families. • Carry out a workshop for target families focusing on the appropriate use and care of mosquito nets. • Train health National Intervention Teams through the Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) tool kit. • Implement educational activities to prevent health risks in communities.
<p>HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) prevention and essential management is provided to 2,500 persons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct preventive actions to raise awareness at the level of collective centres and communities on STDs, HIV and AIDS, family planning and counselling. • Distribute condoms in collective centres and to the affected communities. • Carry out voluntary HIV counselling and testing.
<p>At least 60 per cent of the population targeted in the emergency appeal are reached with psychosocial support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train GRC volunteers in community based psychosocial support and psychological first aid. • Provide psychosocial support to targeted affected groups in communities and collective centres. • Monitor, evaluate and provide reporting on activities.
<p>Emergency health interventions are linked to longer-term community health programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community-based health first aid training for volunteers (CBHFA) • Implement educational activities to promote behavioural change related to health care for the communities.

Progress: During the first six months of the operation, the GRC made significant progress in achieving the outcome of the emergency health sector.

First, the National Society **reached 1,426 families with epidemic prevention and control measures**, 119 per cent of the original target of 1,200 families. With the support of the Epidemic Control for Volunteers toolkit, 21 newly trained volunteers provided information on the prevention of dengue and malaria, as well as the appropriate use and care of mosquito nets. The community workshops took place one or two days prior to the distribution of relief items (such as mosquito nets and hygiene kits) to ensure that affected families had knowledge on the items to be received and their value for epidemic control. Through the support of the Emergency Appeal, 4,500 mosquito nets were distributed (three per family), and the members of 1,500 families have the possibility of sleeping in protected beds as part of a strategy to prevent mosquito-transmitted diseases. For details on the families reached and their location, please refer to Annex 2.

Department	No. of Communities	No. affected families	No. trained families	% reached
Alta Verapaz (Cobán)	8	300	287	95.7
Petén	8	400	346	86.5
Retalhuleu	12	800	793	99.1
TOTAL	28	1,500	1,426	95.1



Twenty six volunteers of the GRC were trained on how to provide psychosocial assistance to affected families.
Source: GRC

Second, **436 families from 9 communities in the departments of Alta Verapaz and Petén were reached with psychosocial support**, 48.4 per cent of the original target. To complete this, the National Society first trained 26 volunteers from nine branches whom then were mobilized to provide assistance to the selected communities. The workshops for volunteers also had the support of psychologists from the San Carlos de Guatemala University who are certified by the United Nations as facilitators of UNICEF's *Return to Happiness* methodology. As a result of this activity, GRC volunteers were able to provide assistance in relation to the emergency crisis, enabling persons to vent their fears, and support the community emotional recovery. With the support of games and mimes, the adult members of the selected families received information on the importance of recreational activities, as well as introspection and self-assessment. Furthermore, the GRC also worked directly with the communities' children through activities in the schools.

Through games and drawings, the children expressed their future hopes for their communities, with some clearly describing homes safe from future emergencies. It must be noticed that only 48 per cent of the original target was achieved because activities were completed only in Alta Verapaz and Petén and not in Retalhuleu as planned. This was the result of more detailed coordination within the Movement, and it was decided that the GRC would reach the families in Retalhuleu with the support from Partner National Societies in country, the Norwegian Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross.

Department	No. communities	No. of families reached
Alta Verapaz	4	200
Petén	5	236
TOTAL	9	436

Another important element of the National Society's plan of action was to contribute to the **prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in times of emergency**. Although the awareness and prevention campaign is slightly behind schedule, the GRC has concluded all the preparations needed to complete the output. As the National Society did not have any materials to complete this, they developed a new flip-chart with the support of the Ministry of Health and The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The flip-chart was validated with different age groups and corrections added. At the time of the closing period of this report, the National Society had started their community work in this regard and plans to conclude at the end of May 2012.

Finally, the GRC also completed a training on basic first aid care for 22 volunteers from the branches of Coatepeque, Retalhuleu, Concepción, Chiquirichapa, Mazatenango, El Estor and the headquarters. Many of these volunteers will be later involved in the Community-Based Health and Fist Aid training and activities, replicating the knowledge with the communities more vulnerable to disasters to strengthen their response capacity.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases is reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion within the population affected by Tropical Depression E-12.

Outputs	Activities planned
1,500 families have access to safe water (through water filters and water treatment plants).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the existing coverage of water supply and select the most vulnerable families in coordination with the established national mechanism. Distribute safe water to 600 families in collective centres and affected communities through water treatment plants. Clean affected wells.

<p>1,500 families receive hygiene kits and jerry cans.</p> <p>At least 80 per cent of the population targeted in the emergency operation are reached with hygiene promotion and sanitation activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute hygiene kits, jerry cans and water filters. • Conduct hygiene promotion talks to affected families. • Conduct vector control activities (for dengue and malaria) to targeted affected groups in communities. • Conduct monitoring and evaluation of activities.
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Progress: At the end of the reporting period, **1,500 families (9,007 persons)** from Alta Verapaz, Petén and Retalhuleu had **received water filters, ensuring the access to safe drinking water, as well as jerry cans and hygiene kits.** Therefore, the GRC completed the first and second outputs 100 per cent. For details on beneficiaries reached, refer to the relief distribution sector and Annex 1.

The household water filters distributed enable families to have access to 10 gallons of safe drinking water every 24 hours for one year. The 1,500 filters distributed are equivalent to the distribution of 5,475,000 gallons (24,911,250 litres) of safe water for one year. To ensure that the filters are properly used and cared for, the National Society coordinated with the company providing the filters so they could provide training to beneficiaries.



Members of the community Las Brisas, Department of Alta Verapaz, receive participates in hygiene promotion and sanitation activities. Source: GRC

In addition to the distribution of water filters, during the early stages of the emergency, the National Society **installed a water treatment plant** in the community of Granada, Retalhuleu, with the capacity of treating 4,000 litres per hour. The safe water was then transported through water trucks to tanks (1,100 litres) installed in strategic locations in six communities, **assisting 296 families for 30 days.** Furthermore, in its efforts to ensure access to safe water, the GRC also **cleaned 215 wells in Retalhuleu.** As mentioned in previous updates, families from affected communities are being organized and trained to continue the cleaning and maintenance of the communities' wells.

Community	No. of affected families	No. of families organized	No. of wells cleaned
Las Maduras	90	80	58
Aldea Granada	47	47	47
El Pijuy	80	53	77
San Juan el Húmedo	34	25	33
Total	271	222	215

The **hygiene promotion and sanitation activities** were completed through two different approaches. On the one hand, the **GRC** completed workshops on the day before distributions (alongside the ones mentioned in the emergency health sector) **that reached 1,426 families from 28 communities** (see Annex 2). During these workshops trained volunteers provided information on the safe use and rationing of water, as well as the preservation of water sources. In addition, volunteers also covered the use of the items included on the hygiene kit, and the cleaning of living and public areas topics as means to prevent diseases. On the other hand, the National Society used the hygiene and sanitation PHAST methodology with 876 of these families, covering topics of personal hygiene, waste management, excreta disposal, and construction and maintenance of latrines.

Families reached with PHAST methodology		
Department	No. of communities	No. Families reached

Alta Verapaz	8	325
Petén	8	354
Retalhuleu	2	197
TOTAL	18	876

In order to complete the promotion activities, technical personnel from the National Society's Emergency Health Programme and three volunteers of the National Intervention Team (NIT) specialized in water and sanitation trained 17 volunteers from the branches of Retalhuleu, Petén and Cobán.

Logistics

Outcome: The local logistics capacity of the Guatemalan Red Cross to respond is strengthened with technical support for procurement and distribution.

Outputs	Activities planned
Enhanced logistics capacity is achieved and technical support facilitates the procurement and distribution of relief items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase mosquito nets and non-food items from the America Zone Global Logistic Service as required. • Provide technical support during the local procurement processes. • Maintain stock levels in the El Salvador sub-regional warehouse to meet required demand in the region.

Progress: In support of the emergency operation, the IFRC's America Zone Global Logistics Service (GLS) launched a mobilization table for in-kind donations, and delivered 700 hygiene kits, 3,500 blankets, 4,500 mosquito nets and 2,100 jerry cans. The National Society and the IFRC coordinated with the ICRC to facilitate the introduction of relief items through customs. The National Society has not required further support from the GLS during the reporting period.

Early Recovery

Outcome: Contribute to the early recovery of 500 families who have lost their livelihoods as a result of the floods.

Outputs	Activities planned
500 families receive technical and material support to recover their agricultural production.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and develop a technical assessment and intervention strategy in prioritized affected areas. • Establish mutual collaboration agreements with national institutions (agricultural associations and/or non-governmental organizations). • Establishment of a livelihoods cash transfer system. • Provide technical support. • Conduct monitoring and evaluation activities.

Progress: The GRC concluded the selection process of communities to be assisted and decided, alongside the community members, on strategies to recover lost livelihoods. Following recommendations from the Ministry of Agriculture, Stockbreeding and Food (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación, MAGA), the planting of new crops will start between May and June 2012, with first harvests expected between August and September 2012.

The National Society with the support of the IFRC's appeal coordinator completed several visits to the affected communities between January and March in order to better understand their needs. After analyzing the information gathered, 12 communities were selected based on the following criteria:

- Level of affectation: communities selected by the GRC had around 90 per cent of affectation in their crops, homes or infrastructure.
- Accessibility and distance: The National Society purposely selected communities farthest from urban centres, many near the border with Mexico, requiring several days of travel to reach, or with difficult access routes.
- Support from other actors: the selected communities were not already recipients of assistance from government or other humanitarian actors. However, some municipal authorities are supporting the National Society with transportation.

Department	Selected communities	No. Families
Alta Verapaz	Entre Rios	24
	Senoja	28
	Yalicar	58
	San José Icbolay	25
	Islas de las Tortugas	38
Peten	Monte Sinaí	34
	Belén	62
Retalhuleu	San Juan El Húmedo	63
	Santa Inés	34
	Aldea Granada	50
	La Presa Santa Fe	50
	Nueva Rusia	34
Total n° of families		500

Of these 12 communities, 10 solicited support to recover crops and will be receiving seeds, particularly corn seeds, while the remaining 2 requested assistance to recover their farm animals, particularly their poultry. The National Society already identified the providers of seeds and animals who also agreed to carry out educational talks with the communities. It must also be mentioned that all activities in the sector are being completed with the support of two volunteers of the GRC who are agronomists, therefore reducing the expenses of hiring a consultant to provide technical support.

Strengthening of the National Society

The Jalapa GRC branch, located in the Jalapa department, was affected by Tropical Depression 12-E. The heavy rains caused the collapse of the retaining wall around the branch's building; which puts in risk the security of the premises and the volunteers. After a technical revision, the value of the reconstruction is estimated at approximately USD 10,000. The volunteers of this branch provided support to the search, rescue and evacuation activities conducted in the departments of Alta Verapaz and Baja Verapaz. In addition, the Red Cross volunteers from the Jalapa branch supported the distribution activities in Coban. This branch has 35 volunteers, which implement community and youth education activities, provide pre-hospital care and establish school brigades. Therefore, the National Society has decided to repair the conduct repairs in the Jalapa branch, this new activity has been included under the revised budget.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

During the first six months of the operation, the Communications Department of the Guatemala Red Cross was significantly strengthened. Four new staff members have been integrated into the department, with new equipment and adequate working space provided to carry out daily duties and press conferences. These changes made possible the development of more press releases, information bulletins and the constant update of the National Society's webpage and Facebook profile. The increasing presence of the GRC in the national media and better information sharing with all actors, providing information of their actions and goals, resulted in the public recognition by the Guatemalan government of the work carried out by the Guatemalan Red Cross and its volunteers in response to the Tropical Depression 12-E.

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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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ANNEX 1: Location and number of families selected for assistance

Department	Communities	Families
Retalhuleu	Santa Fe Sector la Presa	49
	San Juan El Húmedo	63
	Vuelta el Niño	18
	Nueva Rusia	34
	Santa Inés	34
	El Pijuy, Champerico	111
	Aldea Granada, Champerico	47
	C-20 Los Encuentros, Parcelamiento La Máquina	91
	C-12 Sis Peraz, Parcelamiento La Máquina	68
	C-14 Güiscoyol, Parcelamiento La Máquina	112
	C-10 Los Achiotes, Parcelamiento La Máquina	119
	C-08 Polígono 7, Parcelamiento La Máquina	54
Petén	Pipiles (El Sacrificio)	180
	Kemania	27
	Ixcoch	35
	San Félix	33
	Bhetel	25
	La Técnica	40
	La Felicidad	40
	Monte Sinai	20
Alta Verapaz	Entre Rios	24
	Palo Grande Cocales	39
	San Jose Icbolay	18
	Senoha	28
	San Luis Palo Grande	70
	Plan Nuevo Amanecer	46
	Yalicar	58
	Las Brisas	17
	TOTAL	1,500

ANNEX 2: Families reached with epidemic control and hygiene promotion

Department	Community	No. affected families	No. trained families	% reached
Alta Verapaz (Copán)	Entre Ríos	24	24	100
	Yalicar	58	57	98.3
	Palo Grande Cocales	39	37	94.9
	Plan Nuevo Amanecer	46	46	100
	San Luis Palo Grande	70	70	100
	Brisas de Chixoy	17	12	70.6
	Senoha	28	23	82.1
	San Jose Icbolay	18	18	100
	Sub-Total	300	287	95.7
Petén	Sacrificio-Pipiles	180	157	87.2
	Quemania.	27	21	77.8
	Ixcoch.	35	29	82.9
	San Félix.	33	21	63.6
	Bethel.	25	25	100
	La Felicidad.	40	40	100
	Monte Sinaí.	20	17	85
	La Técnica.	40	35	87.5
	Sub-Total	400	346	86.5
Retalhuleu	Santa Fe Sector la Presa	49	49	100.0
	San Juan el Húmedo	63	55	87.3
	Vuelta El Niño	18	18	100.0
	Nueva Rusia	34	33	97.1
	Santa Ines	34	33	97.1
	El Pijuy	111	129	116.2
	Aldea Granada	47	48	102.1
	C-20 Los Encuentros La Máquina	91	93	102.2
	C-12 Sis Peráz La Máquina	68	66	97.1
	C-14 Güicoyol La Máquina	112	100	89.3
	C-10 Los Achiotes La Máquina	119	114	95.8
	C-08 Poligono 7 La Máquina	54	55	101.9
	Sub-Total	800	793	99.1

EMERGENCY APPEAL

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Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	14,765			14,765
Shelter - Transitional				0
Construction - Housing				0
Construction - Facilities				0
Construction - Materials				0
Clothing & Textiles	49,815			49,815
Food	76,741			76,741
Seeds & Plants	125,658			125,658
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	108,605			108,605
Medical & First Aid				0
Teaching Materials	7,180			7,180
Utensils & Tools	12,925			12,925
Other Supplies & Services				0
Emergency Response Units				0
Cash Disbursements				0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLI	395,689	0	0	395,689
Land & Buildings				0
Vehicles				0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	3,590			3,590
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	8,976			8,976
Medical Equipment				0
Other Machinery & Equipment				0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	12,566	0	0	12,566
Storage, Warehousing				0
Distribution & Monitoring	11,668			11,668
Transport & Vehicle Costs	13,463			13,463
Logistics Services	808			808
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	25,939	0	0	25,939
International Staff	86,884			86,884
National Staff	7,809			7,809
National Society Staff	25,950			25,950
Volunteers	36,800			36,800
Total PERSONNEL	157,442	0	0	157,442
Consultants	4,937			4,937
Professional Fees				0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	4,937	0	0	4,937
Workshops & Training	25,580			25,580
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	25,580	0	0	25,580
Travel	15,797			15,797
Information & Public Relations	13,463			13,463
Office Costs	11,668			11,668
Communications	4,667			4,667
Financial Charges	4,488			4,488
Other General Expenses				0
Shared Office and Services Costs				0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	50,084	0	0	50,084
Partner National Societies				0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)				0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	43,695	0		43,695
Total INDIRECT COSTS	43,695	0	0	43,695
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees				0
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	715,933	0	0	715,933
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	715,933	0	0	715,933

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I. Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	715,933					715,933	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Cash contributions</u>							
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>	360,548					360,548	
<i>British Red Cross</i>	49,000					49,000	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	26,000					26,000	
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	44,978					44,978	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>	6,187					6,187	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	65,725					65,725	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	43,148					43,148	
<i>VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief</i>	300					300	
C1. Cash contributions	595,886					595,886	
<u>Inkind Goods & Transport</u>							
<i>American Red Cross</i>	46,401					46,401	
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	4,018					4,018	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	16,928					16,928	
C2. Inkind Goods & Transport	67,347					67,347	
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>Programme & Services Support Recover</i>	5,213					5,213	
C4. Other Income	5,213					5,213	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	668,446					668,446	
D. Total Funding = B + C	668,446					668,446	
Coverage = D/A	93%					93%	

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
C. Income	668,446					668,446	
E. Expenditure	-533,706					-533,706	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	134,739					134,739	

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III. 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)		715,933					715,933	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	14,765	14,614				14,614	150	
Clothing & Textiles	49,815	47,094				47,094	2,721	
Food	76,741	76,017				76,017	724	
Seeds & Plants	125,658						125,658	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	108,605	83,743				83,743	24,862	
Teaching Materials	7,180						7,180	
Utensils & Tools	12,925	12,812				12,812	113	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	395,689	234,280				234,280	161,409	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	3,590						3,590	
Office & Household Equipment	8,976						8,976	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	12,566						12,566	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage		16				16	-16	
Distribution & Monitoring	11,668	8,266				8,266	3,402	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	13,463	6,865				6,865	6,598	
Logistics Services	808	135				135	672	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	25,939	15,282				15,282	10,657	
Personnel								
International Staff	86,884	54,193				54,193	32,691	
National Staff	7,809	3,438				3,438	4,371	
National Society Staff	25,950	1,677				1,677	24,273	
Volunteers	36,800	9,967				9,967	26,833	
Total Personnel	157,442	69,275				69,275	88,168	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	4,937						4,937	
Total Consultants & Professional Fe	4,937						4,937	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	25,580	1,574				1,574	24,006	
Total Workshops & Training	25,580	1,574				1,574	24,006	
General Expenditure								
Travel	15,797	9,288				9,288	6,509	
Information & Public Relations	13,463	569				569	12,895	
Office Costs	11,668	2,366				2,366	9,303	
Communications	4,667	3,014				3,014	1,653	
Financial Charges	4,488	-9,713				-9,713	14,200	
Other General Expenses		13				13	-13	
Shared Office and Services Costs		1,826				1,826	-1,826	
Total General Expenditure	50,084	7,362				7,362	42,721	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		172,311				172,311	-172,311	
Total Operational Provisions		172,311				172,311	-172,311	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	43,695	32,082				32,082	11,614	
Total Indirect Costs	43,695	32,082				32,082	11,614	
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee		640				640	-640	

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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)		715,933					715,933	
Pledge Reporting Fees		900					900	-900
Total Pledge Specific Costs		1,540					1,540	-1,540
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	715,933	533,706					533,706	182,227
VARIANCE (C - D)		182,227					182,227	