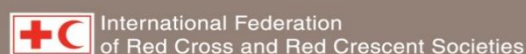




Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Tanzania: Election Preparedness



DREF n°	MDRTZ028	Glide n°:	N/A
For DREF; Date of issue:	08 October 2020	Expected timeframe:	2 months
Operation start date:	07 October 2020	Expected end date:	31 December 2020
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow			
DREF allocated: CHF 142,233			
Total number of people at risk	Approximately 100,000 people in hotspot areas	Number of people to be assisted:	10,000 people or 2,000 households (10% of estimated people at risk)
Provinces affected:	Entire country	Provinces/Regions targeted:	Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mara, Iringa , Pemba and Unguja
Host National Society(ies) presence: In the targeted regions, the preparedness and response is closely coordinated with the 11 regional branches in the hot spot areas. In the 11 regional branches, there is a total capacity of 4,000 volunteers, 80 National Disaster Response Team members (NDRTs), 4 Regional Disaster Response Team members (RDRTs), 350 Branch Action Team members, 600 trained First Aiders, 10 Restoring Family Links (RFL) trained volunteers and 13 vehicles to support the operation.			
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)			
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: TRCS is working closely with the National Electoral Commission (NEC), Tanzania Police Forces (TPF), Office of Prime Minister – Disaster Management, Ministry of Health (MOH), Media, Civil Society, the public and NGOs/ UN agencies.			

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A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Every five (5) years, Tanzania holds national Presidential Elections. The next elections are planned to be held this year, on the 28th of October 2020. Below an overview of critical dates and timelines of this year's election process:

1. Registration of candidates: 24 – 27 August,2020
2. Voter registration: done since 2019
3. Election campaign: from 28 August to 27th October,2020.
4. Election day :28 October,2020
5. Announcement day: starting 28 October,2020

While the situation in Tanzania has remained calm during past elections, with limited incidences of violence or protests linked to elections, there is an increased risk that violence may be experienced in hotspot regions within the country in the 2020 elections, due to strengthened opposition, increase in youth involvement and overall voter registration. In September, 10 foreign missions in Tanzania called for a free and fair election amid concerns by rights group about increased repression of opposition parties and non-governmental organisations. The number of registered voters increased from 20 million in 2015 to 29 million in 2020. This prompted TRCS to develop a contingency plan to respond effectively to any potential imminent humanitarian needs associated with the election process. The contingency plan focuses on both preparedness and response, including repositioning and distribution of Household Items (HHIs),

provision of First Aid (FA) and Psychosocial support (PSS), dissemination of RCRC Principles and peace promotion and emergency WASH services.

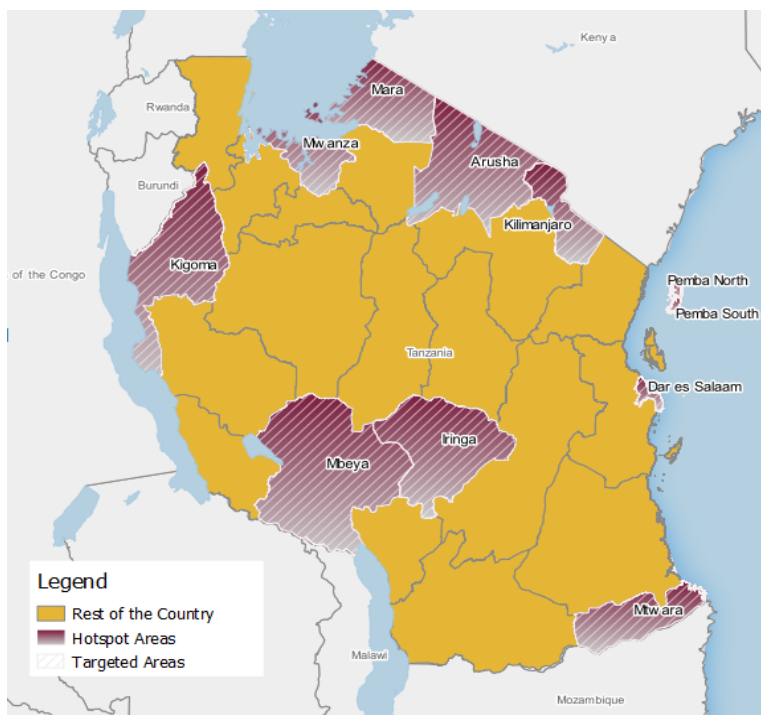
Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society Response Action

In preparation to respond to the 2020 elections, TRCS is planning to have 300 volunteers ready for deployment and 38 staff to cover 11 hot spot provinces including **Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mara** and **Iringa** in mainland, and **Pemba** and **Unguja** in Zanzibar.

These localities were identified as hot spots due to strong opposition presence and after tensions were recorded following registration of candidates and during campaigning.

TRCS has branches in all its 31 regions in the country which are coordinated through the headquarters. The regional branches have developed their regional election preparedness and response plans in line with the national contingency plan. TRCS has prepositioned preparedness stock to respond to a total of 1,000 families.



Map of Tanzania highlighting hot spot provinces ©IFRC

Table 1: Overview of HR capacity at national level and in the 11 targeted regions

	TRCS STAFF	TRCS VOLUNTEERS	NDRT	RDRT	ACTION TEAMS	FIRST AIDERS	RFL	RFL SPECIALIST	FLEET VEHICLES
NS CAPACITY	500	10,000	310	20	1550	8000	19	2	>30
HR CAPACITY IN HOT SPOT REGIONS	38	4000	80	8	350	600	10	2	13

As of 21 September, TRCS has engaged in the following activities:

- Development of a national election contingency plan and branch election preparedness and response plans.
- Internal dissemination of the crisis communication and communication policy (CP) to staff, members, volunteers and board of TRCS
- Dissemination sessions on International Humanitarian Law to the community/political leaders, security forces and others
- Regular update meetings and emails to all Departments/regions on the development of the response
- Preposition regional stock like FA kits and stretchers in the hotspot regions
- Check on workable communication means and develop contact lists (with phone numbers) of all team leaders
- Briefing NDRT/BDRT/Action teams on the preparedness and response plan
- Establish contact with key stakeholders
- Provide FA services during campaigning
- Activate the TRCS Hotline to respond to community questions and feedback
- Activate the TRCS Information Centre/Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for up to date information sharing and timely decision making.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Actions in country

IFRC East Africa Country Cluster Support Team regional finance delegate and disaster management delegate based in Nairobi, are providing technical support to the operation, monitoring the situation as well as carrying out overall coordination of the Movement response.

IFRC and TRCS have reached out to the in-country partners (ICRC, Spanish and Belgium Red Cross) to ensure coordination and information sharing. The contingency plan, including planned response has been presented to all in country partners. IFRC, ICRC, Partner National Societies (PNS) and TRCS meet weekly to discuss ongoing

emergencies as well as election updates and preparedness activities. Updates on the operations are being discussed and coordinated through this platform.

ICRC provides technical support to the election preparedness and response, Belgium RC, through its long term Disaster Preparedness program has supported First Aid trainings in 6 of the 11 hot spot regions. The DREF will focus on FA trainings in the remaining 5 regions.

Overview of other actors' actions in country

The National Electoral Commission (NEC/ZEC) is mandated with overall supervision and conduction of the Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Tanzania. The mandate includes voter education, coordination and supervision of institutions offering voter education. NEC/ZEC developed regulations and guidelines that facilitate the effective operationalization of the day-to-day electoral duties, including services offered by TRCS and other partners. The Tanzania Police Forces (TPF) are responsible for security and law enforcement during elections. The Office of the Prime Minister – Disaster Management oversees coordination of emergency responses.

TRCS works with the Disaster Management department to ensure humanitarian assistance is in place. The Ministry of Health (MOH), ensures health and wellbeing of the communities are maintained. TRCS works with MoH to manage health risks throughout the election process, including COVID-19 risk communications, injuries and other health issues. The Media, Civil Society, the public and NGOs/ UN agencies are also active stakeholders in the election process.

There is currently no coordination mechanism in place to coordinate response to election violence. However, UN agencies and local NGOs are expected to prepare and respond.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

Given the increased opposition presence, as well as recorded tensions in the 11 hotspot regions, there is a risk that the elections of 2020 may result in tensions and violence. In some high-tension provinces and communes, signs of potential confrontations have recently been observed. Tensions and violence would request First Aid and Psychosocial support, as well as humanitarian assistance in case the scale of violence would significantly increase.

The campaign gatherings have been noted to include massive groups of people of different ages and backgrounds, calling for a need to be prepared to respond in case of any unrest. In addition, mass gatherings expose the population to COVID-19 risks and a possible new epidemic phase in the country.

The areas that have specifically been identified as potential hotspot for eruption of violence are on the mainland: **Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mara and Iringa** and in Zanzibar there are **Pemba and Unguja**.

TRCS anticipates that in the event of civil unrest, protests and clashes related to the elections the following needs will emerge:

- Dissemination of RCRC Fundamental Principles and Peace promotion to ensure Safe Access.
- First Aid and psychological support to affected people.
- Shelters to displaced populations.
- Provision of household items including dignity kits to displaced populations.
- Restoring Family link services: tracing and unification of separated families
- RCCE during the election process to minimize risk of the spread of COVID 19

Targeting

It is estimated that at least 100,000 people living in the 11 identified hotspot areas are at risk of being affected in the event of pre or post electoral crisis. As such, TRCS will initially focus its actions on targeting some **10,000 people or 2,000 HH** (10% of population estimated at risk) in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mara, Iringa, Pemba and Unguja, which have been identified as hotspot areas for this elections.

To meet the above target., this DREF operation will serve to support Red Cross preparedness across all the hot spots in eleven (11) provinces across the country. This will allow TZRC to:

- Support the deployment of 300 volunteers during campaigning, election day and results announcement, to provide First Aid services, psychosocial support, RCCE and conduct dissemination activities.
- Support volunteers with adequate training, equipment, protective clothing, and relevant wellness services.

Vulnerable groups are more exposed to impact of electoral turmoil due to their special needs during emergencies. These groups include persons with disabilities, the sick, older persons, children, women among others. To preserve the dignity of affected population, TRCS will ensure they access required services, participate in the response activities and ensure their safety. When providing services, TRCS will consider access by every gender and will sensitize all the staff and volunteers engaged in the interventions on the same.

The plan of action will be updated in due course, to reflect evolving situation and as such the preparedness operation might move to response phase, with changes in targeting.

Scenario planning

Scenario	Humanitarian consequence	Potential Response
<p>Scenario 1 The country is likely to experience political tensions and incidences of violence in the areas considered as hotspots for a short period of time. The campaigns for general elections are conducted in a peaceful manner and disputes settled amicably. There is free and fair election in general.</p> <p>Triggers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of hateful speeches - Voter bribery - Denial to opposition to hold rallies 	<p>No humanitarian consequences</p>	<p>Operation is closed per agreement with IFRC.</p>
<p>Scenario 2 Conflicts between the supporters of political parties result in clashes across the 11 hotspot regions in Tanzania. Some political parties do not accept the announced results leading to continued conflicts, violence and protests beyond the election process.</p> <p>Triggers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biased reporting by TV and Media - Weak security provision to opposition parties - Delay in announcing the results - Clashes erupt in all hotspots between political parties with reports of injuries and fatalities - 	<p>Injuries, loss of lives, and damage to infrastructure.</p> <p>In the course of violence, more than 10,000 people affected and need humanitarian assistance.</p>	<p>Response remains within the proposed DREF operation and may be revised to respond to any increased humanitarian needs.</p>
<p>Scenario 3 The election related violence and protests spreads across the whole country affecting more than 120,000 people with 10,000 injured. Affected population flee from homes, seeking refuge in safer locations.</p> <p>Triggers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International observers condemn the results which is contested by Government - Denial of primary results - Violence turning into religious divide - Preventive mass displacement - Deployment of armed forces - Use of excessive force by military/police 	<p>Injuries, loss of lives, and damage to infrastructure.</p> <p>Continued violence affects more than 120,000 people with 10,000 injured, who need humanitarian assistance.</p>	<p>The operational strategy will be revised with possible upscaling of the DREF operation or launching of an Emergency Appeal.</p>

Operation Risk Assessment

During the implementation of the operation, TRCS foresees the following operational risks:

- Violent clashes between supporters of the main political parties, leading to deterioration of the security situation with acts of vandalism, widespread violence would challenge safe access for TRCS staff and volunteers.
- TRCS staff and volunteers may also be affected by the violence personally, by affecting the capacity of the NS to deliver humanitarian assistance.
- Risk for TRCS to be negatively perceived due to deterioration of the security environment which may limit movement of staff and volunteers being targeted.
- Large gatherings during the campaigning period exposes TRCS staff, volunteers and population in general to escalation of COVID-19 cases.

As a mitigation strategy, TRCS will undertake awareness campaigns to sensitize the police and army, as well as the political and administrative authorities, on the role and responsibilities of the National Society in emergency situations.

The Code of Conduct will be disseminated and signed by staff and volunteers involved in emergency response operations. A briefing on the Safer Access Framework will be included in the First Aid training curriculum which shall include a session on Psychological First Aid and basics of self-care.

The current DREF operation and its operational strategy considers the risks related to the current COVID-19 pandemic and is aligned with the IFRC global emergency appeal that supports National Societies to deliver assistance and support to communities affected or at risk of being affected by the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak.

As auxiliaries to public authorities, Red Cross and Red and Crescent National Societies have a strong role to play in supporting domestic operations focused on preparedness, containment, and mitigation against the pandemic. National Society responses to COVID-19 are supported through the global appeal, which will facilitate supporting them to maintain critical service provision, while adapting to COVID-19. Business continuity plans for IFRC at all levels have been developed and are continuously being adapted as the situation changes. Focus is given to supporting National Societies to maintain critical service provision through ongoing operations, while adapting to COVID-19. This includes ensuring the health and safety of staff and volunteers and developing plans specifically for emergency health service provision where relevant. As such, the National Society actions dedicated to COVID-19 and those conducted through ongoing operations will be mutually beneficial and built upon common synergies.

TRCS will continue emphasizing the communities to take precaution and preventive measures. TRCS will use the country guideline for preparedness and response to COVID 19 to communicate risks during elections. TRCS will use Risk Communication and Community Engagement approach to disseminate COVID-19 messages to the communities. Local medias, influential people and social mobilization structures will be used and resources trained under COVID-19 response will be activated for the same. Community feedback, from the hotline and volunteer teams, will also be incorporated and strengthened. In collaboration with MOHCDGEC HPS key messages will be developed specifically for COVID 19 alert during elections, which will be aired by radio and TV channels to remind communities the risks. All staff and volunteers engaged in elections response will be oriented on COVID 19 preventive measures and provided with PPE for their safety

This DREF operation is aligned with and will contribute to the current [global strategy](#) and [Regional Emergency Plan of Action for COVID-19](#) developed by the IFRC Africa Regional Office, in coordination with global and regional partners. IFRC continues to assess how emergency operations in response to disasters and crisis should adapt to this crisis and provide necessary guidance to its membership on the same. The NS will keep monitoring the situation closely, focusing on the health risks, and revise accordingly if needed taking into consideration the evolving COVID-19 situation and the operational risks that might develop, including operational challenges related to access to the affected population, availability of relief items and procurement issues, and movement of NS volunteers and staff as well as international staff. For more information please consult the Covid-19 operation page on the IFRC Go platform.

To note, since April 2020, there has been no official communication shared on the COVID-19 situation in country and no lockdown has been imposed in country. TRCS has thus continue implementing its activities uninterrupted. However, aware of the risks posed by COVID-19, NS will ensure to respect epidemic control measures as advised by MoH and WHO.

B. Operational strategy¹

Overall Operational objective:

The overall objective of the operation is to strengthen the capacities of TRCS to respond to humanitarian needs which could arise from election related violence and conflicts. This will be done through training, equipping and deployment of 300 volunteers and 11 regional branch directors. These preparedness actions aim to equip TRCS volunteers to reach

¹ The plan should be prepared by the National Society, with support from the Secretariat technical departments and support services.

out to at least 10,000 people (2,000HH) in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mara, Iringa, Pemba and Unguja with FA services and psychosocial support, as well as RCCE, during campaign, voting and result proclamation phase of the election period.

Operational Strategy

This DREF will contribute to strengthened TRCS preparedness to allow TRCS to fulfill its mandate to respond to the humanitarian needs and provide assistance to the affected people in case the coming general elections turn violent.

The operation will focus on the 11 hot spot regions and readiness of respective branches. The strategy involves effective preparedness of TRCS regional branches and First Responders in the hotspot areas with high opposition presence. This will enable TRCS to respond timely to the humanitarian needs during election campaigns, voting and announcement of results. The strategy also involves continuous mapping and surveillance of areas identified as high risk and strengthening of coordination with Government, movement partners and other response agencies.

The DREF activities will focus on preparedness as well as First Aid and Psychosocial support services provision. However, prepositioned disaster preparedness stock currently stored in the central warehouse in Dodoma will be used initially if a humanitarian response is required. Strategic repositioning in regional warehouses is currently being undertaken for FA kits, stretchers and fleet. Increased violence and tension will trigger additional repositioning of NFIs to regional warehouses. In the event NFIs are distributed in response to an eventual escalation of the existing tensions, these will be replenished to TRCS through a second allocation to this DREF operation.

Activities of the operation focus on the below two sectors for the time being and are as follows:

I. Health (Target: 10,000 people)

TRCS will deploy 300 volunteers to provide First Aid and Psychosocial support during campaigning, election and announcement day. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) will be integrated in the response, to advocate for preventive measures during the election process, including the implementation of social distancing, use of face masks and hand washing. The 11 targeted regions count with 600 trained First Aiders. Belgium RC long term Disaster Preparedness program supported ToTs in 6 of the 11 hot spot regions. A Training of Trainers (ToT) will be conducted in the remaining 5 regions to ensure cascading and refreshing of First Aid skills and knowledge.

The following activities will be implemented with support from the DREF:

1. First Aid Training of Trainers for 100 volunteers in 5 regions
2. Procurement, replenishment and distribution of 150 First Aid kits to the 11 regional branches
3. Deployment of 300 volunteers to provide FA services and Psychological First Aid services) during and immediately after the election process. Each volunteers will be deployed for 10 days.
4. Procurement and distribution of 99 stretchers. Depending on the number of hotspots in each region, branches will receive 8 to 10 stretchers across all the eleven regions
5. Dissemination of the crisis communication and communication policy (CP), SAF, and signing of Code of conduct, to staff, members and volunteers and governance members in each region
6. Procurement and distribution of COVID 19 volunteer protective equipment like gloves and face masks at least and a disposal bag so that they don't just throw the PPEs away anywhere. Alcohol based hand rub/sanitiser and soap to be made available for all the volunteers depending on the areas
7. Integrate COVID 19 RCCE awareness, through local media, social mobilization structures and trusted community influencers, in elections process
8. Provide a basic PFA training to 344 volunteers (at least 4 per region)
9. Provide PFA to staff and volunteers in distress
10. Ensure that regional branch directors and volunteers follow the eLearning modules in Public Health in Emergencies, Basic First Aid, COVID-19, PFA and possible Home based care for COVID-19 on the IFRC Learning Platform
11. Technical coordination and collaboration with the MoH and other stakeholders including a workable referral mechanism if the need arises
12. A tentative plan of addressing mass casualty and gunshot injuries
13. A listing of helpline numbers for immediate referrals/communications with MoH / other state – non state actors that may be willing to assist
14. A record of number of patients /persons /injured/provided support to be documented for generating evidence
15. A record of the number of patients referred to be there if possible in order to gather evidence.

II. Protection, Gender and Inclusion (Target: 338 people)

If the elections lead to widespread violence and displacement, the affected population will be at a higher risk of protection concerns. Displacement to temporary shelter exacerbate sexual and gender-based violence and violence against children. The elderly, persons with disabilities, women, girls and children will require support in an event of violence and displacement. The following activities will therefore be implemented by the NS as a preparedness measure:

1. Organise a basic training for 33 volunteers and 11 staff on protection principles (3 per region), including Child Protection (CP), Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Safe Identification and referral.
2. Ensure that referral systems are in place for SGBV cases and to provide psychosocial support to children.
3. Volunteers, staff and contractors sign, are screened for, and are briefed on child protection policy/guidelines. Briefed and sign Code of Conduct. Briefing to include prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

III. Strategies for Implementation

TRCS is generally well accepted in Tanzania. The NS is recognized by the Government National Disaster Management Policy as First Line Responders during emergencies particularly on emergency response, First Aid provision and emergency shelter assistance. However, in the context of elections, there is need to raise awareness on the RCRC principles and TRCS mandate to ensure Safer Access. As such, staff and volunteers will receive detailed briefings on the Code of Conduct (CoC), and all volunteers will have to sign the CoC before deployment. In addition, TRCS will conduct dissemination of International Humanitarian Law among law enforcers (police and army) to promote an understanding of IHL and increasing awareness of TRCS and its independent/neutral role.

Along dissemination of this plan, TRCS Values, IHL and Mandate and roles in all hotspot areas will be intensified. Regional coordinators, staff, members and volunteers will be equipped with information dossier/ tools relevant for dissemination. Key messages will be prepared and shared with all TRCS staff and volunteers concerned. The TRCS dissemination in charge will coordinate planned dissemination to ensure key groups such as community/political leaders, journalists, security forces and other relevant institutions like universities and colleges are covered. Knowing the power of Media, TRCS will engage with Media houses to disseminate TRCS role and mandate and engage them in disseminating TRCS role and Mandate.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA): CEA will be mainstreamed throughout the election preparedness and response to guarantee maximum and meaningful participation of the affected communities. TRCS will work through its existing hotline to collect and respond to feedback and complaints. The phone number will be provided for the collection of perceptions and feedback from the public and the capacity of the hotline will be upscaled with support from the DREF, adding 2 additional phonelines. Additionally, communities will be made aware of the existence of the TRCS hotline, how to use it, as well as the role of the volunteers in the feedback process.

TRCS will address all complaints through this existing NS system and structure. Community feedback will be documented, responded to, and used throughout the operation to adapt the response to community needs and improve our services. HR will lead the team in handling sensitive feedback, not directly to her.

Operational Support Services

Human resources: To implement this operation, 300 volunteers will be mobilized, trained and deployed to support the implementation of TRCS elections preparedness and response plan. All volunteers will be insured and equipped with protective gears. A total of 6 staff from the Disaster Management Department, 2 staff from Organization Development Department including communication and public relation, and 2 staff from the Health department are directly involved in the operation. At branch level, the response will be coordinated by the regional Branch directors. TRCS developed a pool staff from headquarters' desk who will be supporting branches and collecting information on daily basis.

Communication: To support volunteers in the election preparedness and response as well as the visibility of Red Cross actions on the ground, TRCS will provide its volunteers with protection and visibility including PPEs, Red Cross bibs, Volunteer tags, where needs be in case of rain –TRCS will procure 50 raincoats to complement existing stock. TRCS will use its own megaphones to evacuate at risk members of the community.

The compliance to the existing communication policy, staff and volunteers will be reminded to follow the NS policy during preparedness and response. Moreover, TRCS will involve the identification of opportunities to engage media to conduct informative radio and TV interviews. The media initiatives will also be supported by online communication using social media platforms to engage the digital public. In this regard, the TRCS will use its strong social media presence on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and reporting (PMER): IFRC Eastern Africa CCST will provide TRCS with the necessary PMERL support, especially with regards to monitoring and reporting of this DREF operation. Regular field visits by TRCS teams will ensure daily/weekly supervision of activities, during the operation. Continuous needs and situation assessments will be carried out during the DREF implementation to inform decision-making. TRCS has developed a data collection through KOBO tool whereas all regional coordinators and focal person have been oriented on how to use and do-reporting on daily basis.

Field staff will provide weekly updates/reports about the ongoing operation to the Disaster Response Manager based at the HQ. TRCS will be responsible for providing an operational and financial report (1 months after the end of the operation). This way, IFRC Eastern Africa Cluster would be able to consolidate the report and ensure that it is published within 3 months from the end of operation.

At the end of the operation, a lesson learnt workshop will be organized by TRCS with IFRC and the other stakeholders of this operation to systematically collect experiences (Positive as well as negative) made during the DREF operation as well as to draw conclusions from them in order to improve handling of future similar DREF operations. This workshop will allow for informed planning in future operations planned and implemented by TRCS, but also will allow the NS to reflect on its disaster readiness status, given that it is prone to flooding.

Logistics and Procurement: Logistics responsibilities will include sourcing the most urgent and relevant relief items, delivered and distributed equitably to those in need, in a timely, transparent and cost-efficient manner. For the initial response, available prepositioned TRCS stocks will be utilized.

Procurement: TRCS procurement procedures will be adhered with consideration of the emergency procurement in case of scenario changes on the ground. In case of conflicts, TRCS will not procure items centrally in case safer access is impaired, rather local procurement will be considered for timely and efficient humanitarian response.

Warehousing: Warehousing plays a significant role in this operation. TRCS will use its central warehouse to store items in advance of distribution activities as well as its 7 regional warehouses for regional repositioning.

Information and Technology: Through the TRCS Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) Plan of Action, IT and communication equipment has been procured to strengthen TRCS response capacity at branch and national level. The procured items (which also include portable generators) also enhance TRCS Emergency Operations Centre. The IT and communication equipment has been prepositioned at branch level to ensure the National Society's capacity at all levels to implement early warning activities as well as timely communications and response during emergencies in the country. The communication equipment also strengthens staff and volunteer safety measures by enabling timely two-way communication between the field and branches and the branches and HQ. The following items have been procured and distributed to 29 TRCS' branches as per TRCS PER PoA -

- Mobile Phones (50 pieces)
- Internet Router (40 pieces)
- Generator (15 pieces)
- Mobile Voucher Pre-paid @ 200,000 (35 pieces)

IFRC Eastern Africa CCST will provide technical assistance in the strengthening Information Management Unit to improve the information flow and sharing by equipping the Centre with ICT equipment. The unit plan to procure two TV monitoring screens and three TV Decoders from two different subscribers to scan and monitor news and information flow. This will enhance the PER facilities to improve communication, documenting and reporting events from regions branches and sub-branches. TRCS information centre is normally depended by public during the voting days and results announcement for communicating emergencies which needs immediate response. To date, TRCS Hotline is operated by technical management staff and two CEA oriented volunteers for 12 hrs daily.

Security: Crime, social unrest and religious tensions in the cities of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar have risen in the past few years. Mugging and petty crime remain among the most commonly reported crimes, though there has also been a steady increase in armed robberies and sexual assaults. Crime has similarly increased in the northern city of Arusha, with a marked increase in 2018, and rural districts bordering Kenya, but rarely affects foreigners. Demonstrations and public gatherings most likely to deteriorate into disturbances include those by students, religious groups and low-income communities with localised grievances. There is a latent risk of Islamist militancy against perceived Western targets, particularly in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar; however, religious tensions usually manifest themselves in acts of targeted violence between rival communities. There is a small risk of an Islamist insurgency in northern Mozambique spilling over into rural communities in southern Tanzania that border Mozambique.

To reduce the risk of RCRC personnel falling victim to crime, violence or road hazards active risk mitigation measures must be adopted. This includes situation monitoring and implementation of minimum-security standards. Security Plans needs to be developed before any deployment as well as confirmation that IFRC COVID BCP plans are implemented. Any IFRC personnel deployment should be coordinated with Regional Security Unit prior. All RCRC personnel actively involved in the operations must have completed the respective IFRC security e-learning courses (i.e. Stay Safe Personal Security, Security Management, or Volunteer Security).

In addition, staff and volunteers will be oriented on Safer Access key components to assist them in dealing with field safety and security measures, also items will be insured using TRCS internal control and procedures. Transportation of staff and goods will be guided by TRCS fleet guideline. All deployed volunteers will be provided with insurance cover in case of emergence, and during the election process they will be issued with Identification cards. Daily security situation briefs will be received at TRCS DM/HR office at Headquarters for continuous analysis and advice on preventive measures.

Administration and Finance: TRCS will implement the DREF operation in accordance with its administration and finance manual. EACCST Finance Delegate will support the financial management of the operation.

C. Detailed Operational Plan



Health

People targeted: 10,000

Male: 4,700

Female: 5,300

Requirements (CHF): 87,125

Needs analysis: The health coverage of the identified hot spots will require resources in terms of staff and volunteers (300 volunteers) more logistics in terms of vehicles, and first aid materials and equipment. TRCS will respond to health emergencies during the election process, including the campaign period, during the actual voting and the final results are announced. TRCS will deploy its teams and set up first-aid post with 4-5 TRCS volunteers placed at the polling stations, and in strategic points especially in urban areas to ensure a rapid and timely intervention whenever needed. It will also be necessary to train Volunteers and staff in FA and Psychological First Aid (PFA) and self care skills. A clear referral system will be developed to ensure safe and dignified referral of severe cases to specialised service providers.. TRCS will also integrate the COVID 19 awareness in election campaigns from the ongoing RCCE intervention as per country guideline through Local medias, influential people, and deployed volunteers to disseminate key messages approved by MOHCDGEC. Community feedback will also be incorporated and strengthened, Including dissemination of TRCS Hotline numbers. As part of the COVID-19 response, volunteers, staff and drivers will receive a pre-deployment course on COVID-19 to raise knowledge of volunteers, staffs and drivers about COVID-19 and ensure they know how, when and what type of preventive measures they should apply to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 during operations (including guidance on use of PPE (donning and doffing of full PPE/gloves/masks) during COVID-19 pandemic). To promote good visibility and protection, all staff and volunteers should wear vests during their interventions at all points of time, and all vehicles and service points must be branded with RC Flags.

Risk analysis: Long queues and large gathering of people without adequate social distancing of 2 m and without wearing a properly fitted mask increase the risk of spread of COVID-19 infections in the community: TRCS staff and volunteers may be affected by their continued exposure to violent scenes and may require care and support for their improved wellbeing.

Population to be assisted: The operation will directly assist an estimated 100,000 people with FA and PSS services, which is an estimated 1% of the registered population in the 11 forecasted hotspot regions.

Programme standards/benchmarks: The provision of health services will be governed by the SPHERE standard, NS FA basic guideline, Code of Conduct, Movement Fundamental principle, Country guideline for COVID 19 preparedness and response, SAFER ACCESS FRAMEWORK

P&B Output Code	Health Outcome 2: The immediate risks to the health of the affected populations are reduced through improved access to medical treatment						# of people reached with FA (target 10,000 people)										
	Health Output 2.1: Improved access to health care and emergency health care for the targeted population and communities.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of FA Kits procured, replenished and distributed (Target 150 Kits) • # of stretchers procured and distribute (Target 100 pcs). • # of Volunteers deployed (Target 300 volunteers) 										
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

AP022	Procurement, replenishment and distribution of 150 First Aid kits																		
AP022	Training of Trainers on First Aid in 5 regions																		
AP022	Deployment of 300 volunteers to provide FA services in election process across 11 regions																		
AP022	Procurement and distribution of 99 stretchers																		
P&B Output Code	Health Outcome 4: Transmission of diseases of epidemic potential is reduced	% of target population reached with RCCE on COVID-19 (target: 100%)																	
	Health Output 4.1: Community-based disease control and health promotion is provided to the target population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of staff reached with dissemination of crisis communication (100) # of volunteers provided with basic PPE (target:300) 																	
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
AP021	Dissemination of the crisis communication and communication policy (CP) to staff, members and volunteers and board of TRCS																		
AP021	Procurement and distribution of COVID 19 volunteer protective equipment for volunteers (face masks and gloves, alcohol-based sanitisers)																		
AP084	Integrate COVID 19 RCCE awareness in elections process. Ensuring social distancing of 2 m (6 feet) frequent hand washing and wearing masks																		
P&B Output Code	Health Outcome 6: The psychosocial impacts of the emergency are lessened	% of affected population reached with PSS services (50)																	
	Health Output 6.1: Psychosocial support provided to the target population as well as to RCRC volunteers and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of volunteers with PFA knowledge and skills deployed (50) # of Staff and Volunteers reached with PFA services (target 300) 																	
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
AP023	Identification of volunteers trained on psychosocial support and psychological first aid																		
AP023	Orient volunteers in basic PFA skills																		
AP023	Provide PFA to people in distress (including referral to specialised services)																		
AP023	Provide /PFA to staff and volunteers																		



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

People targeted: 338

Male: 169

Female: 169

Requirements (CHF): 2,748

Needs analysis: TRCS will mainstream PGI throughout the response. The intervention will take into consideration the different vulnerable groups and their potential special needs during the intervention. Vulnerable groups that have been identified are persons with disabilities, ill, elderly, children and women. TRCS works to ensure the Dignity, Access Participation and safety of vulnerable groups. TRCS will sensitize their staff and volunteers engaged in the interventions on PGI.

Risk analysis: TRCS will ensure all the sectors mainstream protection, gender and inclusion throughout the intervention and ensure participation of the target groups.

Population to be assisted: The operation will focus on training and preparing TRCS volunteers and staff on minimum standards for PGI

Program standards/benchmarks: The operation will seek to meet SPHERE standards and PGI minimum standards in emergencies

P&B Output Code	Protection, Gender & Inclusion Outcome 1: Communities become more peaceful, safe and inclusive through meeting the needs and rights of the most vulnerable.	# of staff and volunteers oriented in PGI guideline basing on the specific needs (Target 30%, 150)															
	Protection, Gender & Inclusion Output 1.1: Programmes and operations ensure safe and equitable provision of basic services, considering different needs based on gender and other diversity factors.																
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP031	Organise a basic training for ... volunteers and ... staff on protection principles, including Child Protection (CP), Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Safe Identification and referral.																
AP031	Mapping and strengthening of SGBV referral pathways																
AP033	Volunteers, staff and contractors are screened, briefed on and sign, 1.Code of conduct 2.Child protection policy/guidelines 3.PSEA																

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF): 52,360

P&B Output Code	S1.1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform	Minimum standards are met for the NS legal, ethical and financial foundation, system and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform.															
	Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of deployed volunteers with insurance cover – (Target 300) #of volunteers briefed on roles and risks associated to the operation (target: 300) # of active mechanism in place to share update with volunteers (target 2) 															
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP040	Ensure that volunteers are insured																
AP040	Provide complete briefings on volunteers' roles and the risks they face, ensure volunteers are aware of their rights and responsibilities																
AP040	Provide psychosocial support to volunteers																
AP040	Ensure volunteers' safety and wellbeing																
AP040	Ensure volunteers are properly oriented and periodically updated with relevant information																
AP040	IFRC monitoring visit																
P&B Output Code	Output S2.1.3: NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of volunteers trained on CEA (target: 24) # of community feedback reports generated (target: 4) % of community feedback responded to (target: 80%) 															
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	AP049	Conduct briefings with volunteers and staff to raise awareness on the Code of Conduct RCRC principles and TRCS mandate to ensure Safer Access.															
AP049	Conduct dissemination of International Humanitarian Law among law enforcers (police and army) to promote an understanding of IHL and increasing awareness of TRCS and its independent/neutral role.																
AP084	Community feedback systems (including rumour and/or perception tracking) are established, and feedback acted upon and used to improve the operation																
AP084	Orientation to volunteers on management of the EOC including feedback and rumour management																
AP084	Onboard call operators to manage the hotline																
AP045	Lessons Learnt workshop																

Funding Requirements

The overall amount required for this operation is CHF 142,233 as detailed in attached budget

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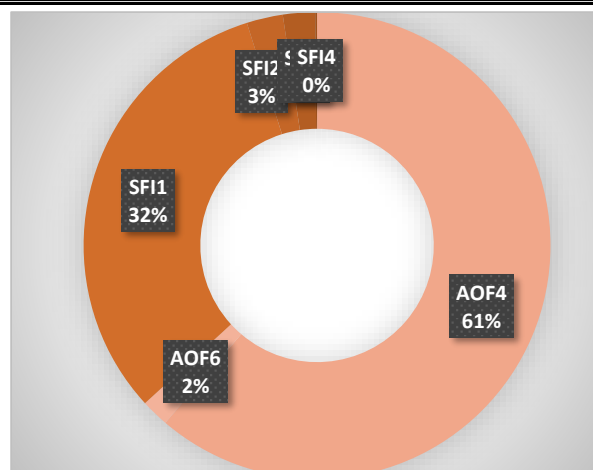
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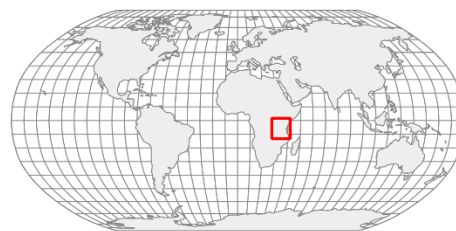
Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Medical & First Aid	19,200
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	19,200
Transport & Vehicles Costs	7,998
Logistics, Transport & Storage	7,998
National Society Staff	13,481
Volunteers	40,700
Personnel	54,180
Workshops & Training	27,036
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Travel	2,967
Information & Public Relations	7,740
Office Costs	226
Communications	4,300
Financial Charges	658
Other General Expenses	9,248
General Expenditure	25,138
DIRECT COSTS	133,552
INDIRECT COSTS	8,681
TOTAL BUDGET	142,233

Budget by Area of Intervention

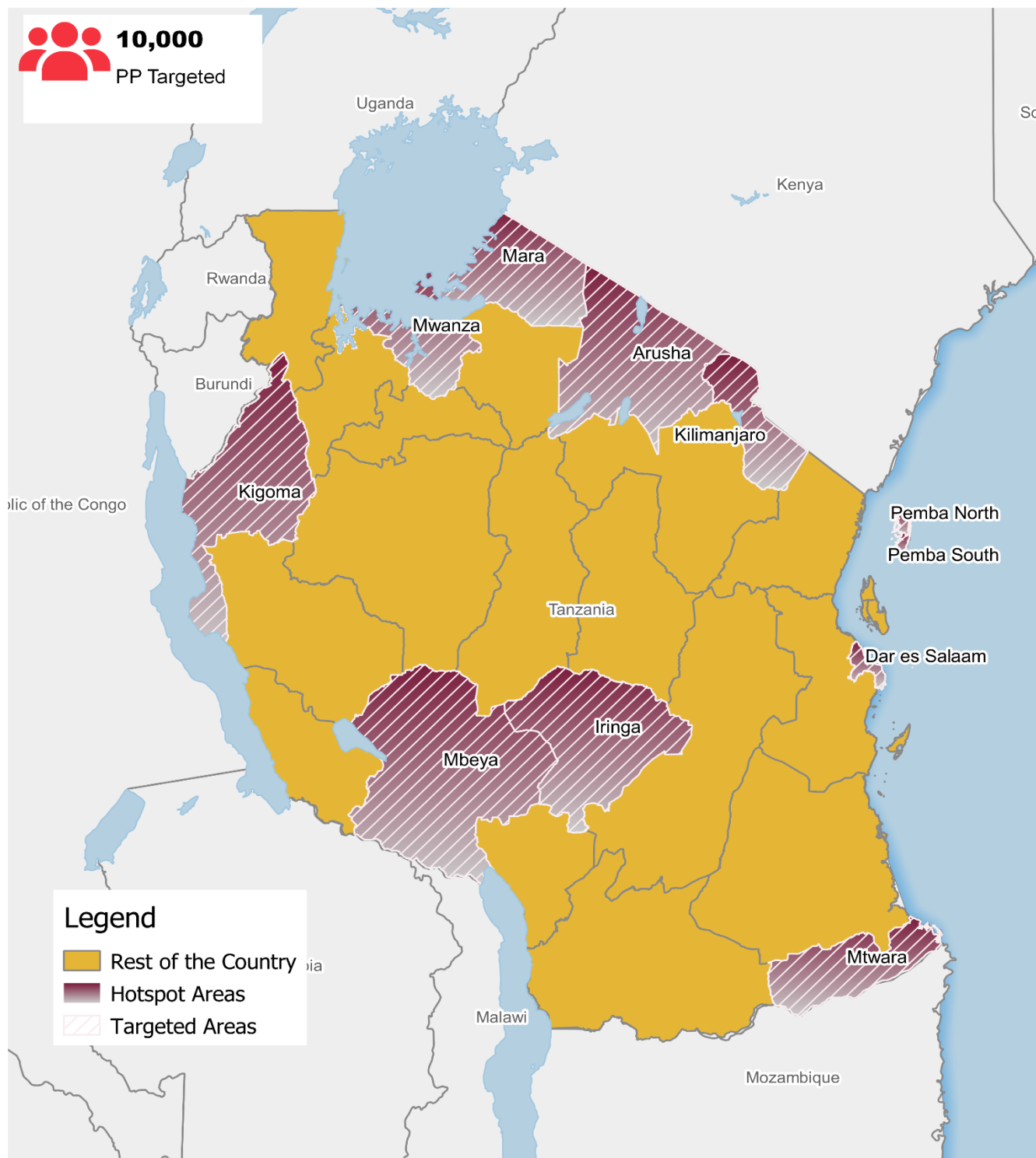
AOF4 Health	87,125
AOF6 Protection, Gender and Inclusion	2,748
SFI1 Strengthen National Societies	45,445
SFI2 Effective International Disaster Management	3,572
SFI3 Influence others as leading strategic partners	3,160
SFI4 Ensure a strong IFRC	183
TOTAL	142,233



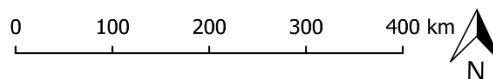


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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



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



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