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Operation Update Report

Guinea: Floods in Kankan

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Operation update n° 1 Date of issue: 07 December 2020	Timeframe covered by this update: 16 September 2020 – 16 November 2020
Operation start date: 16 September 2020	Original operation timeframe: 03 months End date: 31 January 2020 Revised operational timeframe: 05 months End date: 28 February 2020
DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 254,032	DREF amount revised: CHF 268,942
N° of people being assisted: 19,814 people (3,963 households)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: The Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) has more than 650 volunteers and 21 employees in Kankan	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: National Service for Humanitarian Action (SENAH), National Health Security Agency (ANSS), WFP, UNICEF, FAO, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), Plan International Guinea, and UNDP.	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

One month after the presidential elections held on 18 October, the situation in Guinea continues to remain tense. In the aftermath of the election, as even more following the publications of preliminary results on 24 October which gave victory to the current President, Alpha Conde (59.5% of preferences) against his opponent, Cellou Dalein Diallo (33.5% of preferences) demonstrations started in the capital Conakry, as well as in different provinces with social unrest events, violence and vandalism. Heavy repression by law enforcement resulted in a large number of injured and at least 21 deaths, according to official figures.

In this tense environment, the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) suffered as well from act of vandalism and looting perpetrated by individuals who forcibly entered the National Society (NS)' offices in Conakry on 21 October. Damages reported on infrastructure and assets were significant, with two vehicles and several motorcycles burned and others damaged. Since 23 October 2020, the NS is experiencing difficulties on telephone and internet networks, as well as accessibility to office for staff and volunteers, the latter due to the attack as well as to the general insecurity in country. Despite the NS was not deliberately targeted, and did not suffer from other attacks, a joint Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement was made, with the support of the IFRC, to condemn the act.

As per consequence, the NS experienced difficulties in activities implementation, especially those requiring publication of tenders at national level for the procurement of shelter kits, Non Food Items (NFI) as well as hygiene and sanitation materials, which was done on 30 October only. This caused significant delays in the process of procurement as well as the reception, transportation and distribution of kits and various materials.

Therefore, the NS requests, the extension of the operation for **2 additional months**, with 28 February 2021 as new end date, to complete all activities as per EPoA. In parallel with the timeframe extension, a request was made to **extend the Surge's contract** for an equal period at an **additional cost of CHF 14,000**, which brings the budget from **CHF 254,032 to CHF 268,942**.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

From 6 to 7 September 2020, 26 out of the 27 districts of the urban commune and the 12 sub-prefectures of Kankan experienced heavy rains causing major damage to people and properties. Based on initial assessments, 9,907 households or 49,536 people were affected by floods which caused as well significant damages to agriculture and animal husbandry. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), through the Sahel Country Cluster, launched an on 16 September 2020, with an allocation from DREF for CHF 254,032 to address the urgent needs of 19,814 people (3,963 households) most affected by the floods in Kankan.

As of 11 November, the current needs of households affected by the floods has not changed in relation to the document of reference (EPoA - MDRGN011).

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

The flood response operation started in Guinea on 16 September 2020 through the releasing of DREF funds amounting CHF 254,032 and a three (3) months initial timeframe. The Operation was initially expected to end on 31 December 2020. However, due to social disturbance events following political elections, additional timeframe resulted necessary to complete all activities planned with 28 February 2021 as new end date. Moreover an additional allocation of CHF 14,000 is requested to extend the contract for the Rapid Response personnel deployed in the field for 2 months. This brings the total buffer to CHF 268,942.

Despite the situation in country, from the beginning of the operation, the NS implemented the following activities:

- Realization of a detailed needs assessment;
- Identification and registration of beneficiaries;
- Market analysis;
- Realization on a training for 100 volunteers on Wash (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene);
- Organization of sanitation campaigns led by volunteers;
- Realisation of trainings for community 'members on water and sanitation (water storage and treatment);
- Realization of a training for 60 volunteers on shelter construction;
- Launch of tenders for the procurement of kits and materials, as well as their transportation to the field.

In relation to the last point, as per EPoA, shelter kits should have been donated from the IFRC and transported from Dakar to intervention area. Although difficulties related to border closure due to COVID-19 rules, following a tender procedure, a service provider was identified to realise the activity.

Moreover, since the beginning of the operation, the National Society has been working closely with the National Service for Humanitarian Action (SENAH) through its regional representation, as well as with city halls, civil protection, prefectures and governorates.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Spanish RC and the ICRC are the only Movement partners present in Guinea. However, only the IFRC provided support to the NS for responding to the flood event, including through the deployment of a Rapid response's person for a period of 2 months to support the NS in the implementation of flood response activities. However, due to delays in activity implementation, a request for an extension of his deployment was made from the NS, with an increase of CHF 14.000 to the overall budget.

Overview of other actors in country

The floods response is led by the Government of Guinea which in coordination with the following actors:

- Local authorities;
- The Red Cross Society of Guinea;



Figure 1: Training of volunteers on hygiene and sanitation activities.

- United Nations Agencies;
- National Service for Humanitarian Actions (SENAH) which started a process of household items, food and non-food items mobilization from local institutions.

The final report will provide a detailed analysis of all support provided by the different actors, highlighting complementarities in the provision of assistance.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

Needs of flood-affected households remain unmet after 3 months of the operation. As such, the type of support to provide does not change from what identified by the initial assessments: rehabilitation of shelters, distribution of NFIs (blankets, mats, kitchen kits), provision of sanitation and hygiene as well as access to drinking water. However, although the targeted beneficiaries for this DREF operation remains **3,963 households** (approximately 8,914 people), selected from all affected households on the base of vulnerability criteria, the NS will re-validate the beneficiary list drafted following the first assessment, together with local authorities and communities, to ensure relevance of the action.

Operation Risk Assessment

The current DREF operation and its operational strategy took into account the risks associated to the current COVID-19 pandemic and supports the Red Cross Society of Guinea to assist communities affected or at risk of being affected by the COVID-19.

The risk for the NS of being victim of vandalism and looting as consequence of post electoral social disturbance was not considered among operational risk. In fact, although the area of operation was not directly affected by this attack, indirectly suffered with delays in procurements, as consequence of office closure established to protect NS' personnel and assets.

All other risks highlighted in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) - MDRGN011 remain relevant.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Overall Operational objective:


The objective of this operation is to provide immediate Shelter and WASH assistance to 19,814 people (3,963 households) affected by the floods in Kankan Prefecture. The RCSG intends to implement these activities in the 12 sub-prefectures and the 26 affected neighborhoods, according to the criteria mentioned above. The implementation time for this operation is extend to 5 months (end date: 28 February 2021).

As for procurements, shelter items only, available at Dakar level as part of IFRC contingency stock, will be transported from Senegal to Guinea. Others NFI and kits, are sourced locally. Their distribution is planned to start from the month of December.


Proposed strategy

The operation's strategy for the floods response has not changed from the approved EPoA. Please refer to the [DREF operation](#) (page 10) for more information.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

	<p>Shelter</p> <p>People reached: 1,315 people (263 households)</p> <p>Male: 618</p> <p>Female: 697</p>	
<p>Shelter Outcome 1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions.</p>		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Total number of households having benefitted from shelter assistance	263	0

Shelter Output 1.1: affected households receive short-, medium- and long-term shelter and housing assistance.		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of detailed evaluations conducted	1	1
# of market study conducted	1	1
# of people assisted with distribution of shelter tool kits	263	0
# of affected people assisted through household kits	263	0
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>During the first two weeks of October, the GRCS' logistics team carried out a market assessment of the intervention area to know, among others, traders' supply capacity.</p> <p>Due to social turbulences, the procurement process for the purchase of equipment and materials to be sourced Locally (tarpaulins, blankets, and kitchen kits) was delayed, with the launch of tenders on October 30th only.</p> <p>As for the 263 shelter kits, part of the IFRC pre-positioned stock in Dakar, to be moved from Senegal to Guinea, a service provider was identified for their transportation. However, materials have not been transported yet. Guinea still have its land borders closed due to COVID-19. To overcome this difficulty, a request was sent from the NS to Governmental authorities to allow transportation of humanitarian materials.</p> <p>A training on the construction of emergency shelters, distribution and awareness techniques was realized on 17 October. Refresher sessions will be conducted once materials will reach the area of the operation.</p>		
Shelter Output 1.2: Technical support, guidance and awareness raising in safe shelter design and settlement planning and improved building techniques are provided to affected households.		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers mobilized	60	60
# of volunteers trained in shelter construction, distribution and awareness raising	60	60
# of information meetings organized with the communities	3	3
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>On the base of vulnerability criteria i) households with houses completely destroyed and ii) household with pregnant/lactating women, with more than 2 children under 5 years old, chronically ill people, elderly or disabled people) were identified between 4 to 6 October. Moreover, 60 volunteers were trained by the NS on shelter and distribution techniques on October 17. The same volunteers will be mobilized for the distribution of shelter kits provided by the IFRC.</p>		

	<p>Water, sanitation and hygiene</p> <p>People reached: 19,814 People (3,963 households)</p> <p>Male: 9,299</p> <p>Female: 10,515</p>	
WASH Outcome1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households receiving assistance in the WASH sector	3,963	0
WASH Output 1.1: Continuous assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene situation is carried out in targeted communities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers trained in WASH	30	100
# of people who received water treatment products	19,814	0
# of households having received water conservation equipment households	3,963	0

Progress towards outcomes

From 3 to 7 October a series of demonstration and sensitization sessions were conducted by the NS's Kankan committee volunteers on the proper use of water purification products and water storage and water conservation. Following these campaigns, conducted in the aftermath of the disaster, door to door sensitization sessions continue to be undertaken by volunteers in the field. The same will be intensified once equipment and NFI (chlorine, buckets and jerry cans), whose procurements were launched on 30 October, will be available in the field. Similarly, for Information Education and Communication materials which procurement is underway.

WASH Output 1.4: Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers mobilized in sanitation awareness activities	100	100
# of sanitation sessions organized	3	1
# of women who received dignity kits	2,628	0
# of soap pieces distributed	19,814	0
# mosquito nets distributed	7,926	0
# of IEC material produced	250	0
# of spots broadcast	30	0

Progress towards outcomes

On 17 October, a sanitation campaign was carried out by 100 volunteers. Sanitation campaigns, planned to be conducted at least once a month, will continue until the end of the operation. Distribution of equipment and materials, which procurements was launched on 30 October, is foreseen along with the realization of community sessions.

Key messages were developed with the NS' Communications Officer and are currently being validated. The identification of the radios to disseminate them was carried out and the signature of the contract is in progress.

Strengthen National Society

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.

Indicators:	Target	Target
% of volunteers involved in activities insured	100	100

Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected

Indicators:	Target	Target
# of volunteers provided with PPE	100	0

Progrès sur la réalisation des résultats

Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured

Indicators:	Target	Target
Percentage ratio of people supported versus people affected	40% (19,814)	0

Output S2.1.1: Effective and respected surge capacity mechanism is maintained.

Indicators:	Target	Target
# of RDRT deployed to support NS	1	1

Progrès sur la réalisation des résultats

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Output S2.1.3: NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved

Indicators:	Target	Target
# of volunteers trained in CEA	100	100
# of feedback mechanisms setup	1	0

Progrès sur la réalisation des résultats

On 27 October, a first meeting was conducted between the NS and local and community authorities for defining selection criteria for beneficiary identification. Beneficiary list was subsequently approved by all stakeholders.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and Gender Protection and Inclusion (GPI) concepts were included into the WASH training, to which benefitted 100 volunteers.

Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of monitoring missions undertaken by the CCST	2	0
# Translation works produced	N/A	1
# of lessons learned workshop (Target: 1 LLW)	1	0

Progrès sur la réalisation des résultats

Due to the instability of the country, the monitoring missions from CCST was postponed to early January. However, the IFRC ensures its presence in the country through the Rapid Response personnel deployed in floods area (Kankan).

D. Financial Report

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Original budget

MDRGN011	Deployment of 1 RDRT with relief background for 2 months	2	months	14,000 CHF
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Revised budget

MDRGN011	Deployment of 1 RDRT with relief background for 4 months	4	months	28,000 CHF
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Beyond the Surge deployment, no additional change was made to the initial approved budget. However, due to delays following the post-electoral situation, budget execution remains low. Moreover, although expenditures made have not been recorded yet into the IFRC system, the following table provides an overview of expenditures already made in the field:

Budget	GNF	CHF
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	57,500,000	5,444.00
Logistics, Transport & Storage	13,500,000	1,278.16
Personnel	49,500,000	4,686.57
Consultants & Professional Fees		-
Workshops & Training	63,000,000	5,964.73
General Expenditure		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	183,500,000	1,737,3,45

In addition to the above, 3 Tender Files are currently being finalized:

- Household Kits (**28.052,25 CHF**)
- Hygiene Kit (**21.920,68 CHF**)
- Dignity Kit for women and sanitation materials (**125.360,31 CHF**).

As such a total amount of **CHF 175,333.24** has been allocated to the ongoing purchase procedures.

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Click here for:

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- Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

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