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Operation Update no. 1 Cameroon / Floods in Far North Region

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Operation update n° 1; 25 January 2021	Timeframe covered by this update: from 02 October to 8th January 2021
Operation start date: 02 October 2020	Operation timeframe: 4 months (End date: 28 February 2021)
Funding requirements: CHF 241,871	DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 294,392
N° of people being assisted: 8,925 people or 1,531 households	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the French Red Cross (FRC)	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: DG ECHO, UNFPA, WFP, OCHA, Solidarités International, ABIOGET, APA	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This DREF Operation Update aims to inform stakeholders of the progress made in implementation of the Floods DREF operation since its launch. The Operations Update also highlights challenges faced by implementing team and informs of a downwards budget revision of the operating budget from CHF 294,392 to **CHF 241,874**, i.e., a reduction of CHF 52,519. This is linked to some budget lines being readjusted, while others were completely deleted. Indeed, items including lamps, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits for women and girls and shelter tool kits were donated to the National Society by the ICRC and IFRC CCST from their stocks in sufficient quantity to cover the targeted households. To note, the downwards budget revision does not change DREF allocation. As such, final report for this operation will be on full allocation (CHF 294,392) as these funds were already transferred from the Fund. In addition, a few indicators have been reviewed or added to better reflect the scale and impact reached by the operation.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

On 11 and 12 September 2020, intense and continuous rains poured in the Mayo-Danay (19,218 people) and in the Mayo-Kani (7,184 people) divisions of the Far North Region with an unprecedented level of rainfall ranging between 40mm and 85mm. According to the initial data collected by the local Red Cross committees in the concerned divisions, more than **26,402 people** were affected.

Prior to this event, during the month of August 2020, torrential rains fell with an important peak on 31 August 2020, causing floods and substantial damage, such as the collapse of a bridge in the city of Maroua, and affecting the Logone-and-Chari, Mayo-Sava, Mayo-Danay, and Mayo-Kani Divisions. Such a geographical extent of floods at this level was a new situation for the Far-North and rainfall continued into November in the Logone-et-Charri division. As a result, five divisions out of the six in the Region suffered the devastating effects of the floods, both material (destroyed houses, devastated farms, loss of animals, destruction of road infrastructure reducing mobility and

accessibility in certain disaster areas, etc.) and human (displacement of people and even entire villages, loss of human life).

With support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Cameroon Red Cross (CRC) launched this [DREF operation](#) for CHF 294,392 targeting 8,925 people or 1,531 households for four months (end date: 28 February 2021).

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

As part of this Floods response operation in the Far North Region, the Cameroon Red Cross, in close collaboration with IFRC and ICRC has been able to:

- Conduct a detailed assessment in the targeted areas of the two divisions
- Conduct community consultations to define selection criteria for distributions of shelter/NFIs and WASH kits
- Train 5 trainers in emergency shelter construction
- Train 40 volunteers in emergency shelter construction
- Train 88 volunteers in WASH (hygiene promotion, household water treatment) with an introduction on Protection, Gender and Inclusion
- Conduct briefing for 88 volunteers on distribution techniques including on Covid-19 prevention measures to respect during distributions
- Train 32 volunteers in Psychological First Aid and CEA with a focus on Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Provide all volunteers with visibility jackets and protective washable face masks
- Distribute shelter/NFIs kits to 500 households (200 in Mayo-Kani and 300 in Mayo-Danay)
- Distribute WASH kits to 1,531 households (691 in Mayo-Kani and 840 in Mayo-Danay).
- Provide support to communities for building of emergency shelters (87.5% in Mayo-Kani and 88.7% in Mayo-Danay)
- Initiate hygiene promotion awareness raising with 180 sessions conducted on good hygiene practices to date
- Identify 2,600 women and girls to receive menstrual hygiene kits and conduct distributions (1,000 in Mayo-Kani and 1,600 in Mayo-Danay)
- Conduct a mapping of damaged boreholes and latrines in targeted areas as a result of the floods and plan for repairs
- Take part in coordination meetings on the floods response at regional level in the Far North region
- Conduct two management oversight missions, one PGI technical mission and one financial support mission from headquarters to ensure proper implementation of activities.



Beneficiary registration for distribution in Guere, Mayo-Danay ©CRC/IFRC

Table 1: Number of people reached with distribution of relief items per location

DIVISION	SUB-DIVISION	NUMBER OF SITES	BENEFICIARIES HH		
			MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
MAYO KANI	KAELE	2	48	99	147
	MOULVOUDAYE	5	441	103	544
	SUB TOTAL 1	7	489	202	691
MAYO DANAI	KAIKAI	1	19	151	170
	VELE	2	183	87	270
	GOBO	2	85	115	200
	GUERE	1	19	181	200
	SUB TOTAL 2	6	306	534	840
TOTAL GENERAL		13	795	736	1,531
<i>Ratio</i>			52%	48%	100%

Remaining activities to be implemented:

The below activities from the EPoA are left to be completed:

- Repair of latrines and boreholes in targeted areas
- Construction of emergency shelters to be finalised
- Hygiene promotion awareness raising activities for the remaining period of time
- Communications activities
- Post-distribution monitoring
- Lessons learned workshop.

Main challenges:

Although the National Society has made good progress in implementation, it faced a few challenges as highlighted below:

- Logistical challenges to dispatch HHIs/WASH kits to field locations caused delays in organising some distributions in Mayo-Danay
- The necessity to organise distributions only during weekends in respect of local authorities' recommendations was a supplementary delay factor
- Late start of the two-month awareness raising activities in hygiene promotion (starting mid-December)
- The harvest period that keeps target population busy at this time of year makes it difficult to organise awareness sessions
- Conflicting priorities for key CRC staff who had to attend trainings and go on missions to support other operations also led to delays in implementation
- The security situation in Far North Region requires to reduce activities over the month of December and end of year holidays until beginning of January 2021 to prevent security incidents.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The IFRC has supported this response through:

- Provision of funding via the DREF
- Insurance of 80 volunteers and 10 supervisors involved in this operation
- General operational management support and coordination with external partners including UN agencies
- Donation of 125 shelter tool kit, 1531 jerrycan to NS from CCST stocks to cover the needs
- Procurement process of shelter, NFI and WASH kits
- Deployment of Shelter surge delegate on 22nd October for 3 months to support the operation and particularly the shelter component
- Deployment of a Security delegate on 3rd December 2020 for 1 month to finalise the review of the Minimum Security Requirements
- Logistical support with 1 vehicle and driver made available for this operation

ICRC has supported the operation with:

- Donation of 500 kitchen kits (1 cooking pot, 1 frying pan, 1 cooking pot with lid, 05 bowls, 05 plates 075l, 05 cups, 05 spoon tablespoons, 05 forks table, 05 knives table, 01 kitchen knife, 01 wooden stirring, 01 serving spoon, 01 serving ladle;
- Donation of Emergency Household Items (EHI) kits including: 1,000 tarpaulins, 3,000 mats, 1,500 covers, 1,500 mosquito nets, 500 solar lamps, 1,000 fabrics for clothing; 1,000 buckets with lids, 4,000 soap bars
- Donation of 2,600 menstrual hygiene kits;
- Logistical support including: provision of warehouse facilities and dispatching to Mayo-Kani and Mayo-Danay's main cities prior to secondary dispatching to field-based distribution sites (organised by CRC with IFRC's support)
- Movement tracking of joint CRC/IFRC teams while in the field through their radio room
- Emergency response through relief distributions in Logone-et-Chari and Mayo-Sava – other divisions affected by floods but not included in this DREF operation.

The French Red Cross conducted two emergency needs assessments in the Diamaré division and applied for funding to support response activities on 1st December with no feedback to date from the donor.

Overview of other actors actions in country

The CRC maintains good relations with the government as an auxiliary to the authorities. The National President and the Secretary General coordinate all these activities at the national level. In the field, activities are coordinated through divisions (Prefectures, town halls, village chiefs, religious authorities, etc.) through meetings, consultations, and correspondence with Red Cross actors from the Departmental Committees targeted by the DREF operation.

Within the humanitarian sector, OCHA is leading on the response coordination at regional level through their office in Maroua. CRC and IFRC attend all coordination meetings and contribute to information sharing for the targeted divisions.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

Data collected during initial assessments by the volunteers of the Red Cross Divisional Committees of Mayo-Danay, Mayo-Sava and Mayo-Kani, Diamaré and-Logone-and-Chari on 19 September 2020 indicated that a total of 22,976 households had been affected (approximately 158,279 people) with:

- 561 villages affected across the 5 localities and the 2 divisions
- 17,046 houses destroyed o 7,959 animals carried away by rainwater
- 17,656 hectares of cultivated land flooded, dozens of collapsed latrines and water points destroyed or contaminated by water across the entire flooded land
- 74 deaths were also recorded.

After the launch of the DREF operation, the NS conduct a detailed assessment in the two targeted divisions (specifically in 24 villages in Mayo-Danay and 10 villages in Mayo-Kani) which revealed that 13,832 people representing 3,152 households were affected by the floods in these two divisions as seen in Table 1 below.

Table 2: Overall number of people affected in targeted divisions

Division	Sub-division	Number of villages assessed	Number of affected households	Number of affected people	Average size of Households
Mayo-Danay	Gobo	5	1,124	4,333	3.8
	Guéré	8	565	2,180	3.8
	Vélé	7	527	2,528	4.7
	Kai-kai	4	314	1,567	4.9
Mayo-Kani	Moulvoudaye	8	450	2,779	6.1
	Kaélé	2	172	445	2.58
Total		34	3152	13,832	4.4

Amongst those, 62% have lost their shelter due to the damage of the floods (65% in Mayo-Danay and 49% in Mayo-Kani). Eleven (11) deaths have also been registered (10 in Mayo-Danay and 1 in Mayo-Kani), as well as damages to crops, livestock and household items. Access to latrines and safe water points have also been compromised with a majority of wells and boreholes out of service and over 96% of affected households who are reported to no longer have access to latrines.

The needs initially identified were confirmed during this detailed assessment. This includes needs in the areas of shelter and household items, food, water, hygiene and sanitation, health care, livelihoods, protection, education, and psychosocial support. For more details, kindly consult the [EPoA](#).

For mor details concerning **Targeting**, **Scenario planning** and **Operation Risk Assessment** in this operation, Please, refer to the [EPoA](#).

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Proposed strategy

The overall objective of this DREF operation is to provide assistance to 8,925 people (1,531 households) through emergency support in shelter, health, WASH and protection in Mayo-Danay and Mayo-Kani for 4 months. The same proposed strategy as the one designed at the time of the EPoA development will be followed for the remaining time of the operation.

No major changes on the strategy of intervention are to be noted, although the activity schedule had to be revised to factor in delays that were faced for several activities including distributions and the start of awareness raising activities.

Main achievements so far:

Table 3: Summary of achievements to date per sector

Sector	Achievements
Shelter/NFIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment from 10 to 12 October. The report of this evaluation report available at this link has served to specify the target for each sectors Training of 5 trainers in emergency shelter construction Training of 40 volunteers in emergency shelter construction Distribution of 500 shelter/NFI kits Support to communities for construction of emergency shelter and effective construction of 87.5% shelters in Mayo-Kani and 88.7% in Mayo-Danay
WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of 90 volunteers in household water treatment and hygiene promotion Distribution of 1,531 WASH kits Distribution of 2,600 menstrual hygiene management kits Launch of awareness raising activities on hygiene/health promotion Purchase of motor pumps and generators for CRC branches Mapping of water points and latrines affected by the floods
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of 1,500 mosquito nets to 500 HH Distribution of 3 washable masks to each volunteer (270 masks) Training of 32 volunteers in Psychological First Aid and CEA
PGI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing of 90 volunteers on PGI Distribution of 100 PGI Minimum Standard Commitment leaflets Briefing on Code of Conduct (CoC) and signing of 90 copies of the CoC by volunteers involved in the response Distribution of solar lamps to 500 vulnerable households
Strategy for implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision 90 jackets for visibility to 90 volunteers All volunteers were insured ToR for all volunteers were developed Deployment of shelter surge delegate for 3 months Supervision mission of CRC DREF Focal Point and IFRC PM Deployment of security delegate for 1 month to conduct assessment Translation of EPoA

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



Shelter

Households reached: 500

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of households targeted with Shelter and HHIs assistance	500 HH	441 HH

Shelter Output 1.1: Shelter and settlements and basic household items assistance is provided to the affected families.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households reached with shelter kits	500 HH	500 HH
Number of coordination meetings with the authorities	8	5

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
Number of volunteers identified and mobilized for shelter intervention	44	44
Number of volunteers trained in construction of emergency shelters (<i>New indicator</i>)	44	44

Progress towards outcomes

All 44 volunteers (40 volunteers and 4 supervisors) have been trained in emergency shelter constructions as planned.

500 households have been provided with shelter/NFIs kits. The 200 households of Mayo-Kani received their kits between 8 and 10 November and the 300 households in Mayo-Danay on 28/29 November and then on 4th/5th December depending on the locations.

Volunteers were then deployed for three days to support communities in building their own shelters, however some delays were faced because during this season, communities spend a lot of time harvesting on the farms. To date, the completion rate of shelter construction is 87.5% in Mayo-Kani and 88.7% in Mayo-Danay.



Shelter training in Kaele in October 2020

It should be noted that amongst feedback from communities, the main negative comments related to the fact that bigger households of 7 or more people consider that the kit provided is insufficient to cover their families' needs. The recommendation going forward is to respect the Shelter cluster's recommendation and distribute 2 shelter kits to households of 7 or more members as it is commonly done in the Far North region.

Meetings with local authorities have been organised on a regular basis especially at the start of the operation to inform them of planned activities, identify relocation sites for people displaced by the floods and gather authorisation for distributions as well as advised on security. For instance, authorities recommended organising distributions only during the weekends and in a safe location (for instance schools) which was respected by the operations team.



Health

People reached: 8,925

Male: 4,284

Female: 4,641

Outcome 4: Improved knowledge about public health issues among target population.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households reached with health activities	1,531	1,531

Output 4.6: Improved knowledge about public health issues among populations in targeted areas

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers mobilised	90	90
Number of sensitization campaigns carried out	8	2
Number of people reached through awareness raising campaigns	8,925	2,963

Output 6.1: Psychosocial support provided to the target population as well as to RCRC volunteers and staff

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers trained in PFA	90	32

Since the start of the operation, 500 households received 1,500 mosquito nets as part of their shelter/NFIs kits (3 per Household).

Some 1,531 households received masks and 2 awareness-raising sessions on COVID-19 were held during the distributions of WASH and shelter kits.

Epidemic prevention and health messages are embedded in the hygiene promotion activities accounted for under outcome 3 (WASH). A one-day CEA training with a focus on Risk Communication and Community Engagement took place on 9th and 10 January 2021 to support volunteers in their effort to improve health literacy and knowledge of frequent epidemics in the region. 32 volunteers (16 in each department) have been trained.

They were trained on using the data collection tool that will help the team in tracking how many people are assisted with PFA.

All volunteers and supervisors were provided with protective washable facemasks.

The initial indicator for this activity was *Number of PFA sessions held* and has been changed to *Number of volunteers trained in PFA*.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 8,925

Male: 4,284

Female: 4,641

WASH Output 1.2: Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and WHO standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households reached with WASH activities	1,531 HH	1,531
Number of women and young girls who received dignity kits	819 women and girls	2,600
Number of water points rehabilitated (<i>new indicator</i>)	7	0

WASH Output 1.3: Adequate sanitation which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of latrines rehabilitated	50	0
Number of handwashing devices installed	50	0
WASH Output 1.5: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards and training on how to use those goods is provided to the target population		
Number of WASH kits distributed	1,531 kits	1,531 kits
Number of Dignity kits distributed	819	2,600
WASH Output 2.4: Hygiene promotion activities are provided to the entire affected population		
Number of sensitization campaigns carried out	8	2
Number of people reached via awareness raising activities (<i>new indicator</i>)	8,925	2,963

Progress towards outcomes

All 88 volunteers were trained in WASH including on household water treatment and hygiene promotion.

All WASH kits distributions were completed with 1,531 households reached, including 691 in Mayo-Kani and 840 in Mayo-Danay.

Awareness raising activities on hygiene and health promotion have only started the second week of December with some delays. To date 180 sessions have been held reaching 1,000 people. IEC material is in the process of being printed and used by volunteers.

The mapping of boreholes and latrines was conducted and allowed the CRC to determine what material is procured to rehabilitate 50 latrines and the number of water points that can be realistically be rehabilitated with the available budget for this activity. The repairs will start in January 2021.



Preparation to the distribution of Wash kits in Moulvoudaye-Mayo Kani

The mapping of water points has been done in both divisions. From the general observation of the water points identified in the two target areas, there are many more boreholes than wells. However, despite the fact that most of these boreholes are out of service, the damage observed is not due to the effects of the floods but to pre-existing issues and old age. Therefore, only the few wells identified that were damaged and contaminated during the floods (07) will be fixed. Logistical procedures are already underway to initiate the rehabilitation process.

Regarding the latrines, the mapping of the 50 latrines (20 in Mayo Kani and 30 in Mayo Danay) to be rehabilitated has been carried out. The list of equipment to be provided for the rehabilitation established and logistical procedures are underway for the acquisition and provision to beneficiaries. Due to the limited number of emergency latrines to be built, the location and identification of beneficiary households considered specific vulnerability criteria depending on the type of latrine (family or community):

- 1- For family latrines criteria were the following: households that accommodate flood survivors, large households (≥ 7), households with more than 03 children under 5 years old, and / or with elderly people and people with reduced mobility.
- 2- For community latrines, the criteria were affected households as a group, large households (with more than 07 people).

Some five (5) WASH committees made up of 10 members per committee in 5 arrondissements of the operation area (Moulvoudaye in Mayo Tsanaga, Vélé, Gobo, Kai-Kai and Guéré in Mayo Danay) were established to support the rehabilitations.

The number of Menstrual Hygiene kits to be distributed has increased because ICRC have made more kits available and CRC decided to distribute them all considering the scale of needs. As such, 2,600 women and girls (1,000 in Mayo-Kani and 1,600 in Mayo-Danay) have been selected based on defined criteria to receive these kits. Distributions were then conducted the week of 14 December.

Department	Number of women/girls who received kits			
	14-17 years old	18-34 years old	35-50 years old	TOTAL
Mayo Kani	425	402	173	1,000
Mayo Danay	60	408	1,132	1,600
Total	485	810	1,305	2,600

Following the WASH/PGI training that took place in October it was noted that volunteers had a very weak knowledge in Menstrual hygiene Management. As such, a one-day briefing of volunteers on MHM has been conducted around the same time as distributions so that they can explain to communities how to use the kits and disseminate information about MHM.

An additional indicator was added to measure the impact of awareness raising activities: *Number of people reached via awareness raising activities.*

A new indicator has been added: *Number of water points rehabilitated.*



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

People reached: 8,925

Male: 4,284

Female: 4,641

Protection, Gender & Inclusion Outcome 1: Communities become more peaceful, safe and inclusive through meeting the needs and rights of the most vulnerable.

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.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers briefed on PGI	90	90
Number of people reached with PGI	8,925	8,925

Protection, Gender & Inclusion Output 1.2: Programmes and operations prevent and respond to sexual- and gender-based violence and other forms of violence especially against children.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of solar lamps distributed	500	500

Progress towards outcomes

Some 88 volunteers were briefed in PGI for the first time. 100 PGI minimum standard commitments leaflets were printed and distributed to volunteers and committees.

All volunteers received a briefing on CRC's Code of Conduct and signed a printed copy of the document.

PGI-related questions were included in the needs assessment at the beginning of the operation in a view of to taking into account the specific needs of the most vulnerable groups. During community consultations to select the beneficiaries, people with special needs were prioritised and various vulnerability criteria were based on this.

500 solar lamps were distributed as part of the shelter/HHIs kits.

The indicator "A referral system is setup for PSS" has been removed as PSS is not part of the response, only PFA assistance. The indicator "number of volunteers briefing on PGI" was added.

Strengthen National Society		
<i>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</i>		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers involved in the response	90	90
<i>Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected</i>		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers who have received PSS	90	0
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>All volunteers involved in this operation have been mobilized and officially nominated by a note signed by CRC's President.</p> <p>All 90 volunteers were insured by IFRC's insurance scheme and briefing of Code of Conduct which they also signed. All volunteers received a visibility jacket.</p> <p>It was planned that 90 volunteers would receive PFA training to be able to provide each other PSS support. However, this number had to be reduced to 32 volunteers only due to budget limitations. Those who have been trained will be able to provide mutual support to the other, which is one of the objectives of the training courses, the well-being of the volunteers.</p>		

International Disaster Response		
<i>Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured</i>		
<i>Output S2.1.1: Effective and respected surge capacity mechanism is maintained.</i>		
Indicator:	Target	Actual
Number of Surge deployed	1 shelter/relief surge	1
<i>Output S2.1.3: NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved</i>		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers trained on CEA	90	0
Number of feedback systems setup	2	1
<i>Output S2.1.6: Coordinating role of the IFRC within the international humanitarian system is enhanced</i>		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of supervision missions from CCST	2	1
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>IFRC deployed a Shelter surge delegate from Burkina Faso Red Cross on 22nd October 2020 for 3 months to support the operation with a focus on the shelter component including the logistics around distributions.</p> <p>CEA training took place in the first week of January.</p> <p>Ad hoc feedback/complaints desks were set up during distributions however no formalised standalone feedback mechanisms have been set up to date.</p> <p>Project manager conducted a mission in November to the Far North to support CRC's focal point in coordinating the response. Another mission of the PMER assistant is underway to support the PDM.</p>		

Influence others as leading strategic partner		
Outcome S3.1: The IFRC secretariat, together with National Societies uses their unique position to influence decisions at local, national and international levels that affect the most vulnerable.		
Output S3.1.1: IFRC and NS are visible, trusted and effective advocates on humanitarian issues		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of communication works produced	3	0
Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of PDMs conducted	1	0
Number of LLW conducted	1	0
Number of translation works produced	3	1
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>A communication plan has been produced and will include 1 CRTV (national TV channel) report and an article in the newspaper Cameroun Tribune. The field visits to gather content for these reportages are underway mid-January. The NS are regularly post updates on the Red Cross response on Twitter and Facebook.</p> <p>A PDM is currently being conducted from the week commencing 11 January, and a lessons learned workshop for the last month of the operation.</p>		

Effective, credible and accountable IFRC		
Outcome S4.1: The IFRC enhances its effectiveness, credibility and accountability		
Output S4.1.4: Staff security is prioritised in all IFRC activities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of security assessments conducted	1	1
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>IFRC deployed a security delegate on 3rd December for 1 month and conducted a security assessment resulting in up-to-date security regulations for the Far North office. The assessment was conducted, and the revised regulations are in the process of being approved.</p>		

D. Financial Report

This operation update includes a reduction in the operational budget due to savings made in procurements. In addition, adjustments between some budget lines have been made. Overall, the budget is being reduced from **CHF 294,392 to CHF 241,874**. A reduction of CHF 52,519, around 18% with adjustments per cost categories as showed below and aligned in the attached revised budget. The level of expenditure reached CHF 168,262 on 30/11/2020.

Readjustment of the budget mainly due to compensations between budget lines following the necessary strategic adjustments during implementation. In particular, certain volunteer per diem lines used to extend the training lines in the shelter sector. As well as PGI mobilisation, whose assistance has been oriented in terms of support missions.

In addition to these readjustments, this revision aims to reduce the budget by removing purchases that have not been made because stock is available within the CRC through various donation mechanisms and reducing costs to the actual amount for purchases already made. The actual budget of the operation will take into consideration is as attached.

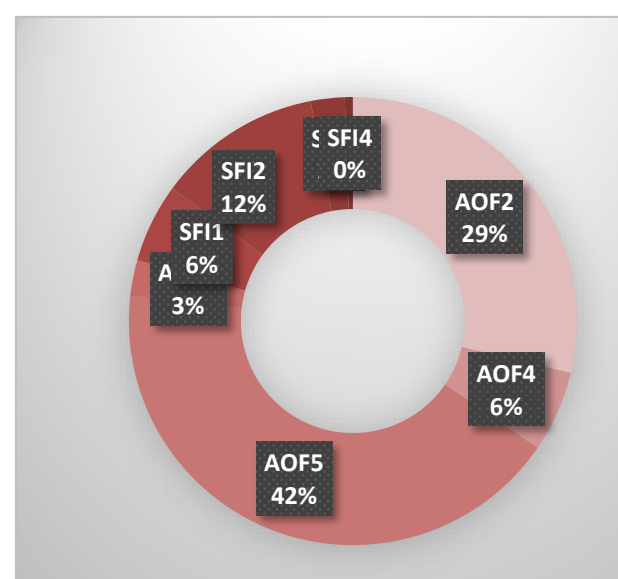
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Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Shelter - Relief	29,099
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	78,444
Teaching Materials	3,788
Other Supplies & Services	20,242
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	131,573
Distribution & Monitoring	10,101
Transport & Vehicles Costs	984
Logistics, Transport & Storage	11,085
International Staff	12,677
Volunteers	23,464
Personnel	36,141
Professional Fees	3,887
Consultants & Professional Fees	3,887
Workshops & Training	20,226
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Travel	15,665
Information & Public Relations	4,055
Office Costs	3,512
Communications	476
Financial Charges	492
General Expenditure	24,200
DIRECT COSTS	227,111
INDIRECT COSTS	14,762
TOTAL BUDGET	241,874

Budget by Area of Intervention

AOF2 Shelter	69,488
AOF4 Health	14,163
AOF5 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	102,074
AOF6 Protection, Gender and Inclusion	6,288
SFI1 Strengthen National Societies Effective International Disaster	13,779
SFI2 Management Influence others as leading strategic	28,747
SFI3 partners	5,938
SFI4 Ensure a strong IFRC	1,397
TOTAL	241,874



Budget by Resource					
Budget Group	Initial Budget (a)	Revised Budget (b)	Total changes per costs category (b) - (a)	% of changes per costs category	Comments
Shelter – Relief	37,813	29,099	-8,714	-23%	The reductions relate mainly to the shelter sector due to actual purchase costs, which were lower than budgeted, and to purchases that were cancelled, such as the purchase of lamps and tool kits, for which the stocks donated to the CRC by the ICRC and the IFRC were sufficient to cover the target of this DREF.
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	101,654	78,444	-23,210	-23%	Reduced costs in the wash sector because the wash/family kits donated by the ICRC proved to be more complete, and the availability of some IFRC shelter stocks that were able to cover the targets. As a result, several purchases were reduced or not made because they were already covered. These were the MHM kits and lamps that were eventually supplied in the ICRC EHI kits and the IFRC shelter kits; adding 50 handwash kit as kit bought on COVID has finally been distribute in schools and not open communities area.
Other Supplies & Services	31,078	20,242	-10,836	-35%	Suppression of MHM kits procurement costs as ICRC has donated it in EHI kits
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	174,334	132,418	-41,916	-24%	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	738	984	246	33%	Revised with real actual costs and prevision of remaining expenses for vehicle mobilisation under this operation for all the missions.
Logistics, Transport & Storage	10,839	11,085	246	2%	
International Staff	15,932	12,677	-3,255	-20%	Separation of the surge lines in 2 to take into account the costs already accounted for in the "travel 700" account whereas they were budgeted in "600" international staff.
Volunteers	29,368	23,464	-5,904	-20%	
Personnel	45,300	36,141	-9,159	-20%	
Professional Fees	3,788	3,887	98	3%	
Consultants & Professional Fees	3,788	3,887	98	3%	
Workshops & Training	21,630	20,226	-1,404	-6%	Adjustments to the actual amounts of training already carried out.
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Travel	10,135	15,665	5,530	55%	Surge's travel expenses have been extended by reducing its "600" international staff line and extending the costs of HQ CRC/FICR supervision in view of the numerous trips required during the first months of the operation.
Information & Public Relations	3,629	4,055	426	12%	Addition of tender publication costs
Office Costs	5,950	3,512	-2,438	-41%	Reduction of CRC's management fee costs to the actual amount in accordance with the programme contract

Communications	328	476	148	45%	Budgetary extension necessary for the 3 months of activity in view of the needs and expenses already incurred.
General Expenditure	20,534	22,452	1,918	9%	
Direct costs	276,425	227,111	-49,313	-18%	
Indirect costs	17,968	14,762	-3,205	-18%	
Total Budget	294,392	241,874	-52,519	-18%	
Operations (relief + transport) - should be 60% max	63%	59%	81%		81% of changes/adjustments are on operational costs with reductions of costs.
Supports cost-should be 40% max	37%	41%	19%		

Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

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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**.