

Emergency Plan of Action Operation Update

Nigeria: Floods

DREF n° MDRNG030	GLIDE n° FL-2020-000207-NGA
EPoA update n° 1; 11 February 2021	Timeframe covered by this update: 20 October 2020 to 8 February 2021.
Operation start date: 18 October 2020	Operation timeframe: 5 months (New end date: 31 March 2021)
Overall operation budget: CHF 247,218	Amount previously allocated by DREF: CHF 247,218
N° of people being assisted: 12,000 people (2,000 Households)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: The DREF is being implemented by Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), primarily through the Branch offices in Jigawa, Kebbi, Kwara, Sokoto and Zamfara.	
Branch DREF Implementation team: Branch Secretaries, Disaster Management Coordinator, CEA focal point, DREF Focal person, Branch Cash Transfer Focal Points, Branch Communication Coordinators and Health coordinators (5 in each Branch) and 115 volunteers across the 5 states.	
Headquarter DREF Implementation team: 20 National Society (NS) staff (4 CTP/DM, 2 CEA/Communication, 1 Health/WASH, 2 Regional Coordinators, 2 PMER, 2 Logistics, 2 Finance, 1 HR, 2 IT, and 2 Security staff).	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) across states, National Metrological Agency (NiMet) and security operatives.	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This DREF operation update seeks a one month no-cost timeframe extension (new end date: 31 March 2021) to ensure effective completion of the operation which has been delayed by below reasons:

- Delay in funds transfer to the FSP (UBA) from IFRC due to reconciliation issues of the just concluded Covid-19 CVA pandemic response (some states had not submitted to NRCS their coupons to enable reconciliation finalization).
- NRCS and IFRC offices were closed in the month of December and January due to COVID-19 which slowed down the process to finalize FSP reconciliation amongst other activities.
- Continuous NS human resource restructuring process during which there has been a high turnover of employees.

To date, the activities that have been implemented are:

- Branch planning meeting and security risk assessment
- **Livelihoods:** Volunteer CVA training, beneficiary identification and registration
- **WASH:** Volunteers training, distribution of aqua tabs to households, training, and sensitization on water storage as well as hygiene promotion.

The remaining activities that need to be concluded are:

- The CVA distribution (tentatively scheduled for end of February 2021)
- Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) and the Lessons Learnt Workshop which will take place in March 2021.

A. Situation Analysis

Description of the disaster

On 6 October 2020, flood levels at the hydrological stations monitored in Niamey (Niger Republic) and Malan Ville (Benin Republic) reached the red alert zone due to the intensity of the torrential rainfall and caused flooding in Jigawa, Kebbi, Kwara, Sokoto, and Zamfara state (amongst other states) affecting 91,254 people or 15,209 households. The flood incident was caused by the intensity of the rainfalls at the peak of the flood season and the release of dams located in neighbouring Niger, Cameroon, and Benin, which resulted in the Benue and Niger rivers overflowing and affecting communities living along their banks and in surrounding areas.

Table 1, below, illustrates the flood impacts of the worst flood affected states.

Table 1: Confirmed flood data in five (5) most affected states in Nigeria as of October 6, 2020

S/N	State	LGAs affected	No of communities	Persons Affected	Households Affected	Fatalities	Injuries	Evacuations	Population Displaced
1	Jigawa	18	12	9,300	1,550	14	60	60	4,532
2	Kebbi	4	15	8,592	1,432	5	18	18	5,000
3	Kwara	3	9	37,740	6,290	12	236	0	7,745
4	Sokoto	14	60	26,322	4,387	12	99	0	2,280
5	Zamfara	7	12	9,300	1,550	14	60	60	2,800
Total		46	108	91,254	15,209	57	473	138	22,357

Source: NRCS

A government team began the delivery of food palliatives to the Kwara North Senatorial District, beginning with Jebba town in Moro Local Government Area and Lafiagi in Edu Local Government Area. Over 15,000 households across 357 communities of the state were estimated to have been affected by this disaster which also destroyed farmlands and human dwellings worth billions of naira. In the wake of the floods, over 100,000 hectares of rice, maize and millet farms in Kpata-Gbaradogi, fishing and agrarian settlement in Pategi LGA were destroyed. About 100 residential buildings were also submerged while 1,500 people were rendered homeless. However, the needs were more and hence the support of the Nigeria Red Cross (NRCS) would contribute to alleviating the needs of the flood-affected people.

To support NRCS contribution to response actions, on 20 October 2020, this [DREF operation](#) was approved for CHF **247,218** to meet emergency needs of 12,000 people (2,000 households) affected by floods in the five states affected namely Jigawa, Kebbi, Kwara, Sokoto, and Zamfara.

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

In September 2020, NRCS reached through its branches an overall 42,666 persons located in 305 communities across 71 LGAs in 12 States (Anambra, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Jigawa, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, River, Sokoto, and Zamfara) through different strategies of community advocacy, mobilization and sensitization, stakeholders mapping, environmental sanitation, coordination with different stakeholders, etc.

However, the intensity and magnitude of the flood impact on 6 October became evident that NRCS could no longer provide support with the existing resources and required external financial assistance to provide adequate support to contribute towards the response needs.

NRCS through its local branches worked closely with the NEMA, SEMA to conduct needs assessments in the affected communities, and NRCS volunteers have been providing support to the injured, through provision of first-aid services, psycho-social support, RFL/MFL, search and rescue.

To date, NRCS has provided support to the targeted communities through WASH activities (approximately 6,000 people reached) and a total of 2,000 beneficiaries have been registered for the CVA which is scheduled to take place on February 22, 2021. A training on CVA was done reaching 115 volunteers. All procurements for personal protective equipment, soap and aqua tabs have been concluded and aqua tabs distributed to the targeted families in respective states.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Please refer to [EPoA](#) for details on RCRC Movement in country.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The Nigerian government has provided some relief to the affected communities. The responses range from emergency food aid relief, dignity kits, temporary shelter (amongst others). These are illustrated in the [EPoA](#).

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

The needs analysis, as well as risk assessment of the operation, remain the same as in the [EPoA](#) as such, this operation update will provide key highlights of the needs that remain relevant even months after the disaster. Some of these needs have been addressed with the activities carried out in targeted areas, such as the hygiene promotion, distribution of water purification products, first aid, PSS and the various volunteer trainings.

Despite the above progress, the livelihoods and basic needs persist for targeted households as they lost their livelihoods in the floods. Most are farmers or fishermen and have now lost their income. The loss of income has drastically reduced their access to food, which may lead to food insecurity in these households with not only economic problems but health issues especially for children, elderly people, people with chronic diseases, people with disabilities and lactating women. In addition, over the past few months, the COVID-19 lock-down measures have also constituted a supplementary setback for these population. It is paramount that food and livelihood interventions are provided to support them.

Operation Risk Assessment

The current DREF operation is exposed to a number of risks as highlighted below, for which NS and WCCST have discussed mitigation measures to ensure targeted communities receive the needed support.

1- Security Risks (and Mitigation measures):

The security situation in Nigeria is generally fluid and highly unpredictable. Thus, the security situation could affect this operation in several ways such as targeted violent attacks including but not limited to the following.

- Kidnapping for ransom against NRCS staff and volunteers by criminal' elements who perceive RCRC as a wealthy organization.
- Ambush, Armed robbery, Banditry, looting, and theft of asset.
- Access constraints due to the continued rainy season and bad road condition.
- Carjacking, Road Travel Accident
- Demonstration, civil unrest/riots

To mitigate such incidents during the operation, all security measures of both the Movement and the Government have been strictly adhered to and will continue to be adhered to by all volunteers and staff involved in the operation in order to reduce risks as detailed in the EPoA.

2- IFRC Monitoring Limitation:

Initially, IFRC was unable to travel due to security restrictions, however, this has changed after another security assessment was conducted which determined that area is safe enough for staff to travel for monitoring. However, there is need to have PPE during this process and comply to COVID-19 protocol. Based on this, IFRC team will now travel to monitor the CVA distribution and WASH activities to ensure everything is on track.

3- COVID-19 Pandemic

This 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 pandemic. To date, the following measures have been taken to curb the spread of the disease: mandatory mask wearing, set up of proximity screening sites, set up of treatment centres; risk communication, providing updated information on the COVID-19 situation. Please refer to [EPoA](#) for Covid-19 related risk assessment and mitigation measures.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Proposed strategy


Overall objective

The objective of this DREF operation is to support 12,000 flood affected individuals (2,000 households) through a cash transfer to allow them access immediate household and food needs and provide WASH sensitization and distribution of aqua tabs, soap and hygiene and health promotion in the five (5) states of Jigawa, Kwara, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara.

The proposed strategy as detailed in the [EPoA](#) remains relevant for all Areas of Focus (Livelihoods and basic needs, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene). Likewise, for cross-cutting approaches including Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA).

All operation support services remain as originally planned in the [EPoA](#)

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

 <p>Livelihoods and basic needs People reached: 0 Male: 0 Female: 0</p>		
Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Percentage of targeted households reached with CVA for basic needs	2,000	0
Output 1.5: Households are provided with unconditional/multipurpose cash grants to address their basic needs		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of volunteers trained on cash distribution and how to manage feedback and complaints including the code of conduct	25	25
Number of volunteers involved in the CVA for livelihoods and basic needs activities	75	115
Number of market assessments conducted	5	5
Percentage of community feedback acted upon	60%	0
Number of PDM conducted	5	0
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>Achievements: The National Society has registered the identified beneficiaries and the e-contract with the financial service provider is close to being signed by IFRC. In addition, the data for the beneficiaries was cleaned and scrutinized, ready for onward sharing with the FSP (United Bank of Africa – UBA) who in turn will produce the coupons to be used in the affected communities, LGAs in the 5 states of Jigawa, Kwara, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara. A total of 75 volunteers and 25 Branch representatives have been trained in CVA while they continuously support the operation while 15 will trained on PDM.</p> <p>Challenges and Proposed Solutions: Delay in funds transfer to the FSP from IFRC due to the initial closure of office and reconciliation issue of the just concluded Covid-19 pandemic response (some states had not submitted to NRCS their coupons to enable reconciliation).</p> <p>However, this has been sorted out and the CVA is scheduled to take place in the week of 22nd February 2021.</p>		



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 6,000 individuals

Male: 2,400

Female: 3,600

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction of the risk of water-borne and water-borne diseases in targeted communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Percentage of targeted people reached with hygiene promotion	12,000	6,000 approx.

Output 1.1:

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of aqua tabs distributed	60,000	30,000
Number of hygiene promotion sessions conducted during the implementation period	24	20
Number of volunteers trained in hygiene promotion	75	75
Percentage of target population aware of how to interact with RCRC and its feedback mechanism (Target: At least 60% of 7,200 people or 4,320 people)	60%	0
Percentage of targeted population aware of Red Cross intervention in their community (Target: at least 60% of 7,200 people or 4,320 people)	60%	0

Progress towards outcomes

Achievements: A planned, hygiene promotion sessions and distribution of aqua tab have been conducted in communities across the 5 states of Jigawa, Kwara, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara. Some 20 HP sessions have been conducted so far, with 4 sessions left to be implemented. A total of 75 volunteers were trained and deployed to the communities.

So far, 30,000 strips of aqua tabs were distributed in the communities during the sessions using a strategy different from the initial plan set in the plan of action. The remaining 30,000 trips of aqua tabs and 4,000 pieces of soap are already in the Branches awaiting the CVA as targeted to the registered beneficiaries.

Challenges and Proposed Solutions: The aqua tab was not available by the supplier (only 50% was available) early enough considering the timelines for registration making it difficult for distribution to the 2,000 registered beneficiaries/HHs then. However, other members of the communities were targeted with 50% of the procured aqua tabs as delivered in the respective states. The balance will be distributed during the CVA alongside the soap.

Strengthen National Society

Outcome 1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Percentage ratio of people supported versus people affected	12,000	6,000

Output 1.1:

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of M&E plans developed	1	1
Number of Senior DM Cash responsible deployed for the cash-based intervention	1	0
Number of lessons learned workshops	1	0

Progress towards outcomes

Achievements: A senior cash voucher assistance officer in the cluster supported the project as implemented by the NRCS with technical support from the Africa Region Office as planned. This has helped the project to achieve optimum progress considering the second wave of Covid-19 and possible time loss of quarantine when an expert is

deployed to a country. Moreover, some level of progress and capacity is recorded in the NRCS CVA unit across the relevant departmental support and states.

D. BUDGET

The overall budget for this operation remains unchanged and stands at CHF 247,218, of which CHF 71,912 (29%) have been expensed so far. Additional expenses are yet to be reported on by the NS while some more financial documents have been received but not booked in the system yet. Once this is done, burn rate for the operation will increase.

Reference documents



Click here for:

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

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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**.

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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2020/10-12	Operation	MDRNG030
Budget Timeframe	2020/10-2021/02	Budget	APPROVED

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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRNG030 - Nigeria - Floods

Operating Timeframe: 18 Oct 2020 to 28 Feb 2021

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	247,218
DREF Allocations	247,218
Expenditure	-71,912
Closing Balance	175,306

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	209,982		209,982
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	33,184	23,987	9,197
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	243,166	23,987	219,179
SF11 - Strengthen National Societies			0
SF12 - Effective international disaster management		47,925	-47,925
SF13 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	2,008		2,008
SF14 - Ensure a strong IFRC	2,044		2,044
Strategy for implementation Total	4,052	47,925	-43,873
Grand Total	247,218	71,912	175,306

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Selected Parameters			
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Budget Timeframe	2020/10-2021/02	Budget	APPROVED

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	186,087	22,523	163,564
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	28,758	22,523	6,235
Cash Disbursement	157,329		157,329
Logistics, Transport & Storage	9,854		9,854
Distribution & Monitoring	2,112		2,112
Transport & Vehicles Costs	7,742		7,742
Personnel	11,984		11,984
Volunteers	11,984		11,984
Workshops & Training	15,699		15,699
Workshops & Training	15,699		15,699
General Expenditure	8,505		8,505
Travel	7,718		7,718
Communications	788		788
Operational Provisions		45,000	-45,000
Operational Provisions		45,000	-45,000
Indirect Costs	15,088	4,389	10,699
Programme & Services Support Recover	15,088	4,389	10,699
Grand Total	247,218	71,912	175,306