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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

Summary: CHF 102,000 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 24 September 2012 to support the Ecuadorian Red Cross to deliver assistance to up to 3,000 beneficiaries.

Following the extensive wildfires that affected Ecuador between June and September 2012, the Ecuadorian Red Cross carried out first aid and psychosocial support activities for the affected families and people involved in the disaster's response efforts. In addition, protective gear and food parcels were provided to 375 families which lost their crops due to the fires. Under the request of the National Society, the operation's original timeframe was extended for one month from December 2012 to January 2013, in order to ensure the completion of all the activities outlined in the DREF bulletin.



Volunteers of the Ecuadorian Red Cross (ERC) assist an elderly woman who was affected by the wildfires that occurred between June and September 2012. Source: ERC

The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, would like to extend thanks to the Belgian Red Cross and government, which replenished the DREF for the allocation made to this operation. The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, the Danish Red Cross and government, the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich foundations, and other corporate and private donors. Details of all donors can be found at:

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The situation

Ecuador experienced 2,912 wildfires between June and September 2012. During this period, this South American country had an average of 26 large-scale fires per day. The following table details the level of impact:

Number of fires by level of impact	
Level 1 (up to 20,000 m ²)	2,602
Level 2 (30,000 to 100,000 m ²)	201
Level 3 (more than 110,000 m ²)	109

The state's Risk Management National Secretariat (SNGR) reported three deaths, and losses reached a total of 155,310,000 m² of incinerated land, including 1,420,000 m² of lost crops and 300,000 m² of partially lost lands. On 13 September 2012, the Ecuadorian government declared an orange alert in eight of the country's provinces, and a multilateral response team of approximately 2,000 people joined efforts to address the needs of the population in the affected areas.

The response activities were carried out by the Quito Fire Department, the Armed Forces, the Metropolitan Police, the National Police, technical staff from various ministries, and the Ecuadorian Red Cross. By means of a coordinated effort, these institutions completed assessments, offered primary health care, conducted search-and-rescue missions and provided ambulance services. The National Society coordinated with the Ministry for Economic and Social Inclusion to respond to the needs of the vulnerable populations outside the communities prioritized by the state.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: One hundred affected families from the provinces of Loja and El Oro will benefit from the provision of essential food and non-food items to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

Output: One hundred families receive food parcels and hygiene kits.

Activities planned:

- Identify and select families in affected areas.
- Procure locally food parcels and hygiene kits.
- Develop a beneficiary-targeting strategy and a registration system to deliver the intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end user.
- Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Impact: After the fires have been extinguished, the National Society identified 375 households (1,875 people) that lost their crops—an increase compared to the 100 families initially estimated in the DREF bulletin. To better respond to the needs of these families, the Ecuadorian Red Cross increased the number of food parcels and hygiene kits to be distributed, contributing to these families' survival until new crops were harvested in late January. The following table lists the provinces where food and non-food items have been distributed with the support of 187 Red Cross volunteers and staff from the local authorities:

Province	Families assisted
Azuay	77
El Oro	140
Imbabura	100
Loja	58
Total	375

In order to address the needs of the identified families following the extinguishing of the fires, the National Society prioritized relief distribution over the distribution of medical supplies and protection gear as described in the DREF bulletin. Further information will be provided in the emergency health section below.

Emergency health

<p>Outcome: The health risks caused by the fires are reduced through the provision of protective equipment, first aid care and psychosocial support.</p> <p>Output 1: 2,500 persons are provided with protective goggles and masks.</p> <p>Output 2: Rescue teams and persons in the affected areas are provided with first aid care and psychosocial support.</p> <p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support rescue and evacuation efforts. • Replenish medical supplies. • Provide first aid care to the affected population, as well as referral and transfer services to health centres. • Carry out stress management activities with rescue and firefighting teams and community members. • Provide protective gear, visibility items and insurance to the National Society's volunteers. • Provide protective gear to community members. • Complete fire risks awareness campaigns through radio and television spots.

Impact:

Faced with the pressing need to provide food and non-food items to affected families, particularly in areas not reached by state efforts, the National Society prioritized these relief actions over some of the planned activities outlined in the DREF bulletin's emergency health section. After analysing the situation, the Ecuadorian Red Cross reduced the number of community members to be reached with protective gear from 2,500 to 495, who received 495 simple masks and 495 goggles. In addition, the National Society members received 150 semi-professional masks and 150 goggles. The balance gained with the reduction was used to increase the number of families reached with food parcels and hygiene kits.

During the entire process, the National Society actively supported rescue-and-evacuation efforts when the wildfires were active and provided first aid care to the affected population in several regions of the country. The DREF supported the replenishment of medical supplies and first aid kits, that included oxygen tanks and respiratory equipment, for the branches of Carchi (1 kit), Imbabura (1), Pichincha (3), Cotopaxi (1), Chimborazo (1), Cañar (1), Azuay (2), Loja (1), El Oro (1), the headquarters (1) and Ecuadorian Red Cross Technical Institute (2).

Additionally, the Ecuadorian Red Cross organized stress management and emotional contention workshops for psychosocial focal points from 14 branches of the National Society. These focal points then organized and facilitated talks and workshops for other Ecuadorian Red Cross volunteers, staff, leadership and personnel from the SNGR, and the Fire Department who were involved in the response, as well as for families that had lost family or possessions. These actions reached a total of 420 people who attended to the emergencies throughout the country, including the 210 volunteers from the Ecuadorian Red Cross branches of Azuay, Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, El Oro, Imbabura, Loja and Pichincha. As the workshops targeted the National Society staff, government officials and affected families, the expenses were registered in the workshops and training section, and not under teaching materials.

Finally, a large-scale educational campaign on fire prevention was launched to reduce the risk of further damages. In coordination with the SNGR, the National Society developed a mass-communication plan that was put in place during the emergency. It included not only the printing and distribution of 6,000 posters and 12,000 brochures, but also the broadcast of educational radio and television spots. A total of 12,000 educational radio messages were played in six provinces (Azuay, Carchi, Imbabura, Chimborazo, Cotopaxi y el Oro) for a month and a half. Moreover, 1,200 television spots were aired during this period through the RTU television network, which covers all 24 provinces of Ecuador. As the educational campaign employed mostly mass media, the expenditures were registered under the information and public relations line of the financial report and not under teaching materials, as originally budgeted.

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 24 September 2012 for 102,000 Swiss francs for three months to assist 3,000 beneficiaries.
- A one-month extension in the implementation timeframe was granted for the operation to end on 30 January 2013.



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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.

3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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MDREC006 - Ecuador - Wildfires

Timeframe: 24 Sep 12 to 24 Dec 12

Appeal Launch Date: 24 Sep 12

Annual Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2012/9-2013/4	Programme	MDREC006
Budget Timeframe	2012/9-12	Budget	APPROVED
		Project	*

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		102,000				102,000	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		102,000				102,000	
C4. Other Income		102,000				102,000	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		102,000				102,000	
D. Total Funding = B + C		102,000				102,000	

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
C. Income		102,000				102,000	
E. Expenditure		-86,812				-86,812	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		15,188				15,188	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Expenditure						TOTAL	Variance
	Budget	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			102,000			102,000		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Food	3,728		12,463			12,463	-8,735	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,728		13,029			13,029	-9,301	
Medical & First Aid	11,370		11,929			11,929	-559	
Teaching Materials	17,056		70			70	16,985	
Other Supplies & Services	31,502		9,009			9,009	22,492	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	67,384		46,501			46,501	20,883	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	1,398		956			956	442	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	8,854		6,759			6,759	2,095	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	10,252		7,715			7,715	2,537	
Personnel								
International Staff			425			425	-425	
National Society Staff	1,398		1,956			1,956	-558	
Volunteers	8,772		2,611			2,611	6,161	
Total Personnel	10,170		4,991			4,991	5,179	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Professional Fees			189			189	-189	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees			189			189	-189	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training			2,955			2,955	-2,955	
Total Workshops & Training			2,955			2,955	-2,955	
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,398						1,398	
Information & Public Relations	652		17,294			17,294	-16,642	
Office Costs	1,957		3,150			3,150	-1,193	
Communications	3,029		167			167	2,862	
Financial Charges	932		-1,448			-1,448	2,380	
Total General Expenditure	7,969		19,163			19,163	-11,194	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recovt	6,225		5,298			5,298	927	
Total Indirect Costs	6,225		5,298			5,298	927	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	102,000		86,812			86,812	15,188	
VARIANCE (C - D)			15,188			15,188		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	102,000	0	102,000	102,000	86,812	15,188	
Subtotal BL2	102,000	0	102,000	102,000	86,812	15,188	
GRAND TOTAL	102,000	0	102,000	102,000	86,812	15,188	