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Final Report

Mauritania/Bassiknou: Floods



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DREF operation	Operation n° MDRMR012
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Operation start date: 16 September 2020	Operation end date: 28 February 2021
Host National Society: Mauritania Red Crescent (MRC)	Operation budget: CHF 352,784
Number of people affected: 9,282 people (1,380 households) of which 7,300 women and 1,982 men	Number of people assisted: 5,688 people (948 households) of which 666 women-headed households
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and ICRC sub-delegation in Bassiknou	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The Mauritanian Government, and UNHCR	

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A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

The Region of Hodh Ech Chargui, particularly the communes of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel, recorded significant rainfall in August 2020. This unprecedented rainfall of over 250mm caused floods which worsened the vulnerability of populations already weakened by consecutive crises (floods, food insecurity, COVID-19 pandemic) that the country is experiencing.

According to primary and secondary data, approximately 9,282 people were affected by the floods and three (3) people died. Several families were left homeless due to collapsed homes and found refuge in host families, sheds, or other damaged houses. In addition, several farms were destroyed, and many herds of cattle decimated, causing a serious loss of livelihoods for the affected population.



Volunteers mobilized to carry out market research in Bassiknou @ MRCS

The National Society carried out the first assessment in early September 2020 to identify the priority needs of floods affected households. The assessment made it possible to not only identify the most affected households but also provided key elements for the response. As such, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), through its Sahel Cluster Delegation, released DREF funds on 16 September 2020, amounting 352,784 Swiss francs to support the Mauritanian Red Crescent to respond to the urgent needs of 5,688 people (948 households) considered to be most affected by flooding in Bassiknou Department. See [DREF Operation EPoA](#).

In late October 2020, over a month after the DREF operation was launched, MRCS felt the need to conduct a second more detailed assessment to update the needs on the ground and identify variations in the context. The results of this detailed assessment enabled the National Society to review its intervention strategy and reconsider the timeframe of

the operation since there had been delays in the implementation. Thus, a one-month no-cost timeframe extension was requested and granted. More information is available in the [Operation Update](#).

Summary of response

Overview of Operating National Society

Mauritania Red Crescent Society (MRCS), from the first hours of the disaster, created a committee to monitor the development of the floods. The National Society also mobilized volunteers and supervisors who are members of the NDRT, reporting to the Bassiknou local committee, to actively participate in relief operations as well as in the evacuation of floods affected people to secure places. The main actions implemented by MRCS as part of the DREF operation in response to the floods included:

- Mobilization of 70 volunteers in the three flood-affected areas (Bassiknou, Amourj et Adel Bagrou).
- The distribution of essential household items (EHI) (mats, blankets, and buckets) and food products (rice, sugar, oil, beans) to 948 households, namely 5,688 people.
- The supply of sanitation equipment (wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels); three motor pumps and three handwashing kits were provided to the local MRC committees of the communes of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou.
- The distribution of surgical masks for protection against COVID-19 to volunteers and targeted communities.
- The organization of awareness sessions on sanitation, hygiene and household water treatment.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

- **ICRC's** sub-delegation in Bassiknou Department provided fuel support for the MRCS local committee vehicle to ensure the transportation of volunteers participating in the rapid and detailed needs assessment.
- **IFRC** deployed a rapid response staff member (Surge) with a WASH profile to support the National Society in the implementation of flood response activities.

Overview of other actors' actions in-country

Actor	Activity undertaken
The Food Security Commissariat (or CSA in French)	The CSA supported 5,700 affected households with free distribution of food products, hygiene packs and relief materials.
Taazur Agency	The Taazur Agency distributed cash to 1,500 households
The Military Engineering	The Military Engineers deployed a response team to repair bridges and protective dikes damaged by flooding
The Ministry of Hydraulics	Cisterns/tanks were mobilized through the Ministry of Hydraulics to contribute to the water evacuation operations.
Other	Goodwill initiatives supported through food assistance 1,700 affected families in the three floods affected areas.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs Analysis

The analysis of the data collected during the detailed assessment conducted between 23 October and 6 November 2020 identified and prioritized the following needs:

- **Shelter:** at least 118 households had their homes destroyed. As a result, affected households needed support for essential household items (EHI).
- **Livelihoods and basic needs:** because of the loss of crops and livestock and the damage caused by rains on the fields and the grain stock, the affected populations expressed an urgent need for food (rice, oil, sugar, cereals).
- **Health and WASH:** Affected communities were exposed to water-related diseases and the proliferation of mosquitoes from stagnating water. In addition, several sanitation facilities were affected by the floods and became unusable. Therefore, support for raising awareness and promoting good practices related to health, hygiene and sanitation was identified to reduce the risks of disease proliferation. For more information see the [Operation Update](#) which includes a comprehensive analysis of the needs of affected populations.

Target

Through the DREF Operation, Mauritania Red Crescent targeted 948 households (5,688 people) in the communes of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou of the wilaya of Hodh Ech Chargui. After analysing the results of the detailed needs assessment, the National Society adjusted the distribution of assistance to the number of households per

intervention area, while keeping the same number of households beneficiaries to a total of 948 households with a new distribution as follows: 600 households in Bassiknou instead of 700, 100 households in Amourj instead of 64 and 248 households in Adel Bagrou instead of 184 households.

Scenario planning

See [EPoA](#) for details on scenario planning.

Risk Analysis

To avoid any risk in the implementation of the operation, the IFRC recruited a consultant whose main mission was to assess the security context in Mauritania, focusing above all on the areas of intervention of the IFRC, corresponding to:

- Bassiknou, Adel Begreu and Amourj: intervention areas of the DREF floods operation (MDRMR012).
- Barkeol: intervention zone of the Emergency Food Security Appeal (MDRMR011).
- Kiffa and Nouadhibou, for the COVID-19 operation.

The security assessment was conducted, and the consultant made recommendations to the Sahel Cluster Delegation. The field teams complied with the security instructions relating to travel and field activities. Unfortunately, despite following the security measures, a safety incident occurred during the operation. During the field mission for the security analysis conducted in January 2021, the travelling team had a vehicle accident in the Néma area on the way back from Bassiknou. Fortunately, no casualties or injuries were recorded; only the vehicle was damaged. The cost of repairing the damaged vehicle was covered by the DREF operation.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Operational objective:

The objective of the operation was to meet the immediate needs of 5,688 people (948 families) affected by the floods in the communes of Bassiknou, Adel Bagrou and Amourj.

Proposed strategy

Following the detailed needs assessment carried out from 23 October to 6 November 2020, some changes were made to the operational strategy. This involved, changing certain activities deemed irrelevant to a cash transfer as well as one month no-cost extension of operation timeframe due to delay in implementation. In the end, only the extension of an additional month was granted. For more details see [Operation Update](#). Details of operational achievements are highlighted in Section C – Detailed Operational Plan below.

Operation support services

Human resources

To ensure a smooth implementation of the DREF Operation, Mauritania Red Crescent mobilized a team made up of:

- 1 national supervisor
- 3 field supervisors
- 1 driver
- 70 volunteers

The IFRC also provided technical support to the National Society with the deployment of a member of the rapid response roster (Surge) for 3 months.

Administration and Finance

The MRC provided the operation with an accountant who ensured the management of financial resources and the monitoring of procedures as stipulated in the DREF project framework agreement (PFA) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the IFRC and the Mauritanian Red Crescent as part of this operation. IFRC Dakar Cluster Delegation finance team also provided remote support to the National Society on financial procedures throughout the implementation of the operation.

Logistics and procurement

MRCs proceeded with local procurement in accordance with standard IFRC logistics procurement procedures. IFRC logistics officer based in Dakar provided advice and technical support to the National Society, especially for everything related to the tender process for the procurement of Essential Household Items (EHI) and food products.

Communication

Communication materials were developed to ensure the visibility of the National Society's action during all stages of the operation's implementation (press release, progress of activities, awareness-raising activities, etc.). It should also be noted that, as part of this operation, visibility equipment was provided to the mobilized volunteers (bibs, t-shirt, etc.).



Training volunteers on hygiene promotion © MRC

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MRCS was supported by Sahel Cluster delegation in the preparation of the EPoA, the development of the operation updates as well as the translation into English of the DREF related documents. An operation monitoring table was also developed to support the monitoring of the operation's activities


Security

An assessment of the security context in Mauritania was carried out from 12 to 26 January 2021 by an expert consultant in security management. This assessment allowed to update security plans as well as to provide guidance on security management in the field. It should also be noted that, for the implementation of this operation, all the risk mitigation measures included in the plan of action were taken for a smooth implementation of the operation.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)

In accordance with the plan of action, the response was carried out with a participatory approach through community engagement and the involvement of the administrative authorities throughout the process, including assessments, targeting of beneficiaries and distribution activities. In addition, a total of 70 volunteers: 40 volunteers from Bassiknou, 15 volunteers from Amourj and 15 volunteers from Adel Bagrou were trained in CEA (Community Engagement and Accountability) and PGI (Protection Gender and Inclusion). The operation also made it possible to set up a feedback and complaints management mechanism through the establishment of committees at the target community level, responsible for monitoring activities. Communities were informed and consulted throughout the process on targeting and validating beneficiary lists.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

	Shelter People reached: 5,688 people Male: 1,688 Female: 4,000
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	
Indicators:	Target Actual
Number of households having received shelter assistance	948 948
Shelter Output 1.1: The affected households receive short-term shelter and settlements assistance	
Indicators:	Target Actual
# of detailed evaluations conducted	1 1
# of market study conducted	1 1
# of people assisted with emergency shelter kits	1,200 1,200
# of affected people assisted through household kits	5,688 people (or 948 households) 5,688 people (or 948 households)
# of households benefiting from the distribution of shelter tool kits	948 948
Narrative description of achievements	
<p>Number of people assisted with emergency shelter kits The detailed assessment was delayed and held between 26 October to 6 November 2020. The results of this assessment revealed that some needs were already covered by other actors (distribution of traditional tents) and were therefore irrelevant. The National Society wanted to change the intervention strategy by including cash transfer activities, which was not validated because it would have further delayed delivery of support to communities and the request was made three months after the launch of the operation (December 2020).</p>	
<p>Number of households benefiting from the distribution of shelter tool kits As part of the flood response, a total of 948 households were assisted for the Shelter component. Indeed, 948 shelter tool kits from the IFRC Sahel Cluster Delegation stock were distributed in February 2021 to beneficiary households.</p>	

Number of detailed evaluations conducted

As part of the DREF Operation, two assessments were carried out in the field:

- A rapid assessment was conducted by the mixed commission made up of local authorities and MRC staff and volunteers from 1 to 7 September 2020 in Bassiknou department.
- A detailed assessment was conducted by the National Society between 23 October to 06 November 2020 to identify priority needs in the three communes affected by the floods (Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou).

Number of market studies conducted

The MRC mobilized 10 volunteers for three days in the three floods affected communes (Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou) to carry out the market study, through interviews with local authorities, focus groups, interviews with affected households and collection of market prices. The market study was carried out during the detailed needs assessment (from 23 October to 6 November 2020). The market studies were relevant as they shed more light on beneficiaries' food needs (rice – sugar – oil – cereals). They also revealed that beneficiaries preferred food stuffs that were available in Basiknou's markets. Food prices were also collected. This information allowed to better structure the food assistance.

Number of people assisted through household kits

A total of 948 targeted families each received a household kit consisting of 3 mats/family and 3 blankets/family. The distributions took place in the departments of Bassiknou, Amourj and the district of Adel Bagrou from 8 to,16 February 2021. A total of 20 volunteers were trained and mobilized for household kit distribution activities. A post-distribution follow-up was carried out from 19 to 23 February 2021; unfortunately, information on its result was not made available by the National Society.

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	20	20
# of volunteers trained in shelter construction, distribution and awareness raising	20	20
# of information meetings organized with the communities	04	04

Narrative description of achievements**# of volunteers mobilized**

A total of 20 volunteers were mobilized in the three intervention areas of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou. They took part in the detailed assessment conducted by Mauritania Red Crescent from 30 October to 6 November 2020. They also provided key support in the distribution of 948 shelter tool kits to beneficiary households in February 2021.

Number of volunteers trained in Shelter construction, distribution and awareness raising

The shelter training for the 20 mobilised volunteers focused on sustainable construction techniques, distribution techniques and awareness-raising. Following the trainings, volunteers were deployed to the field to carry out awareness-raising activities and distribute EHI and shelter tool kits to targeted households in February 2021. The volunteers carried out all these activities under the supervision of three supervisors, one for each area of intervention.

Number of information meetings organized with the communities

During operational timeframe, the volunteers organized four meetings with the targeted communities to enlighten them on the beneficiary's selection criteria and list validation. They also took advantage of the focus groups to ask them about their preferred and trusted communication channels. A feedback mechanism was thus put in place for the management of complaints through the committees of the targeted communities.

Challenges

During the detailed assessment, the distribution of kitchen kits to 948 households as well as the distribution of Khaimas tents to 200 households were deemed irrelevant since these had already been distributed by other actors in October 2020. These distributions therefore could not be carried out.

Lessons Learned

In an emergency operation, it is important to ensure a quick start of activities to provide response when it is still relevant to communities. It is also relevant to improve coordination to avoid budgeting items that would be provided by other partners.



Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: 5,688 people

Male: 1,688

Female: 4,000

Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore, and strengthen their livelihoods

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households that received food assistance	948	948
# of market study conducted	1	1

Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.1: Skills development and/or productive assets to improve income sources are provided to target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers mobilized	20	20

Narrative description of achievements

Number of households that received food assistance

In February 2021, a total of 948 households each received food assistance consisting of: 1 bag of rice (25kg); 1 can of oil (5L); 10kg of sugar and 5kg of lentils. These distributions were made possible thanks to the mobilization of 20 volunteers trained in coordinated distribution techniques.

Number of volunteers mobilized

A total of 20 volunteers were mobilized in the three intervention areas of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou. They took part to the detailed assessment conducted by Mauritania Red Crescent from 30 October to 6 November 2020. They also provided a key support in the distribution of shelter tool kits and food items to 948 targeted beneficiary households, in February 2021 .

Number of market studies conducted

See the Shelter section.

Challenges

Nothing to report.

Lessons Learned

In an assistance operation, it is always relevant to analyse the needs of beneficiaries and adjust them according to the context.



Health

People reached: 5,688 people

Male: 1,688

Female: 4,000


Health Outcome 4: Transmission of diseases of epidemic potential is reduced

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households having received assistance in the health sector	948	948

Health Output 4.1: Community-based disease control and health promotion is provided to the target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of mask packs distributed	200	200
# of handwashing sites installed	03	03
# of mosquito nets distributed	2,844	0

# of health awareness sessions organized	08	04
# of women and girls who received dignity kits	4,000	0
# of volunteers mobilized	20	20
Narrative description of achievements		
<p>Number of mask packs distributed 200 packages of surgical masks were distributed to the targeted populations to encourage them to respect Covid-19 containment measures.</p> <p>Number of handwashing sites installed Three handwashing points were installed in each MRCS departmental committee in the three intervention zones of Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou. Additionally, the 948 households targeted in the DREF Operation each received 2 buckets with lids (15L) and 1 jerrican (20L).</p> <p>Number of health awareness sessions organized Four (4) sensitization sessions at the community level were carried out from 1 to 11 January 2021 by 20 volunteers mobilized and the three supervisors of the three intervention areas.</p> <p>Number of volunteers mobilized 20 volunteers were mobilized to carry out health activities.</p>		
Challenges		
<p>Number of mosquito nets distributed & Number of women and girls who received dignity kits Following the detailed assessment, some activities were deemed irrelevant. This was the case with the distribution of mosquito nets. The distribution of dignity kits for targeted women, initially planned in the emergency plan of action, was also deemed irrelevant, due to the traditional/cultural practices of the targeted communities in the intervention areas.</p>		
Lessons Learned		
In an assistance operation, it is important that response activities are in line with the cultural and religious context of the targeted communities.		

 <p>Water, sanitation, and hygiene People reached: 5,688 People Male: 1,688 Female: 4,000</p>		
WASH Outcome1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of households having received assistance in the WASH sector	948	948
Output 1.1: Continuous assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene situation is carried out in targeted communities (for the benefit of 5,688 people)		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers trained in WASH	30	30
# of households having received water conservation equipment	948	948
Narrative description of achievements		
<p>Number of volunteers trained in WASH Volunteer training on hygiene promotion in emergency situations began on 18 December 2020. A total of 30 volunteers were trained: 10 in Bassiknou, 10 in Amourj volunteers and 10 in Adel Bagrou.</p> <p>Number of households having received water conservation equipment</p>		

A total of 948 households (600 households in Bassiknou, 100 households in Amourj and 248 households in Adel Bagrou) received two buckets of water with 15L lids (2/household) and one jerrycan of 20L (1/household) during distributions activities in February 2021. Targeted households were sensitized and supported on water treatment and storage techniques by the 30 trained volunteers.

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers mobilized for awareness sessions	20	20
# of volunteers mobilized in sanitation activities	30	30
# of local branches having received motorbike pumps	03	03
# of sanitation sessions organized	04	04

Narrative description of achievements

Number of volunteers mobilized for awareness sessions

Community sensitization activities began in December 2020 after training and mobilizing 30 volunteers on sensitization techniques on hygiene promotion and sanitation.

Number of sanitation sessions organized

A total of 30 volunteers (10 per intervention area) were mobilized to carry out four sanitation sessions (1 session per month), in Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou areas. These volunteers were equipped with sanitation material (wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, etc.).

Number of local branches having received motorbike pumps

The departmental committees of the Red Crescent in Bassiknou, Amourj and Adel Bagrou received equipment for carrying out sanitation campaigns (wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, disinfectant, gloves) as well as three (3) motor pumps for the evacuation of rainwater.

Challenges

- Delay occurred with the procedures for purchasing materials and equipment for volunteers and local committees.
- During the detailed assessment, the distribution of water treatment products (Aquatabs) initially planned in the DREF were deemed irrelevant, because the usual practice of the communities in the intervention areas concerning water treatment is done with chlorine.

Lessons Learned

In an assistance operation, it is important to consider the habits, customs, and practices of the targeted communities.

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	Actual
% of volunteers involved in activities insured	100%	100%

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers provided with PPE	70	70

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% ratio of people supported versus people affected	61% (5,688)	61% (5,688)

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of RDRT deployed to support the National Society	1	1
Output S2.1.3: NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers trained in CEA	70	70
# of feedback mechanisms setup	03	03
Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.		
# of security assessment conducted	01	01
# of monitoring missions undertaken by the CCST	02	0
# Translation works produced	N/A	02
# of lessons learned workshop	01	0
Narrative description of achievements		
<p>Percentage of volunteers involved in insured activities 100% of the mobilized volunteers within the framework of this operation were insured.</p> <p>Number of volunteers provided with PPE A total of 70 volunteers were trained and mobilized as part of the implementation of distribution activities, awareness raising and sanitation campaigns, in accordance with the final validated budget. Volunteers from the three intervention areas received personal protective equipment (PPE, boots, flashlights, bibs, megaphones, and raincoats) as well as visibility equipment (caps and bibs).</p> <p>Percentage ratio of people supported versus people A total of 948 households (5,688 people) received assistance under this DREF Operation. Meaning that 61% of the total of those who had been affected by the floods (9,282 people according to the initial assessment) received assistance enabling them to cover their most urgent needs.</p> <p>Number of RDRT deployed to support the National Society IFRC deployed a member of the rapid response staff (Surge) with a WASH profile to support the National Society in the implementation of flood response activities for a period of three months. The Surge personnel supported the following among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supported MRCS disaster management focal point to develop the planning or chronogram of activities in the field. ○ Supported the development of adapted modules, and tools for the training of volunteers mobilized as part of the floods response. ○ Supported the training of volunteers on home water treatment and conservation, hygiene promotion in emergency situations, Community Engagement, Protection Gender, and Inclusion (PGI). ○ Provided support for the coordination of field activities. ○ Supported the National Society in preparing bidding documents, calls for tender and procurement for the supply of the planned items. ○ Ensured the monitoring and reporting of the operation's activities. <p>Number of volunteers trained in CEA A total of 70 volunteers: 40 in Bassiknou, 15 in Amourj and 15 in Adel Bagrou were trained from 18 to 25 December 2020 in CEA and PGI.</p> <p>Number of feedback mechanisms setup A feedback and complaints management mechanism was put in place through the installation of committees proposed by the communities to ensure monitoring of activities and the channelling-up of complaints. Communities were informed and consulted throughout the targeting process of households to assist. The beneficiary lists were also validated by the communities.</p> <p>Number of security assessment conducted An assessment of the security context in Mauritania was carried out from 12 to 26 January 2021 by an expert consultant in security management. This assessment allowed to update security plans as well as provide guidance on security management in the field.</p> <p>Number of translation works produced</p>		

The DREF Plan of Action as well as the related operation update and were translated into English and posted on the IFRC website. See published documents for this operation [here](#).

Challenges

There was a delay in the deployment process of the Surge who arrived in Mauritania on 29 October 2020 while the DREF had been launched in mid-September 2020.

Number of lessons learned workshop

The delay in the implementation of the operation did not allow the organization of a Lessons Learned workshop.

Number of monitoring missions undertaken by the CCST

Due to restrictions related to COVID1-9 prevention measures, and the introduction of a mandatory 10-day quarantine for any traveller arriving in Nouakchott, the initially planned monitoring missions ultimately did not take place.

Lessons Learned

In May 2021, the Sahel Cluster Delegation conducted a Lessons Learnt exercise on the 2020 five DREF floods operations launched in the sub-region. Some recommendations were made. The following ones could increase the skills of Mauritania Red Crescent (MRCS) operational teams:

- Training on KoBo collect tool and rapid assessment tools
- National Disaster Response Team (NDRTs) and Community Disaster Response Team (CDRTs) training or refresher training
- Increased MRCS committees' knowledge of the DREF tool.

D. Financial Report

The overall amount allocated for this operation was CHF 352,784, of which CHF 234,458 was expensed. A balance of CHF 118,326 will be returned to the DREF fund.

Description	Budget (CHF)	Expenditure (CHF)	Variance (CHF)	Variance Explanation
Shelter – Relief		-82	82	The variance is due to a coding error This budget line was not originally budgeted. Expenditure was supposed to be charged on Shelter Transitional budget line .
Shelter – Transitional	55,945	40,998	14,947	The detailed assessment was delayed. The results of this assessment revealed that some needs were already covered by other actors (distribution of traditional tents) and were therefore irrelevant which explain the balance on this budget line.
Clothing & Textiles	18,924	2,491	16,433	The variance is due to overbudgeting of the Clothing & Textiles budget line during planning phase.
Food	35,706	36,562	-857	The over expenditure on this line is due under-budgeting of expenses related to the distribution of food items to the targeted 948 households.
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	22,696	18,745	3,952	During the detailed assessment, the distribution of water treatment products (Aquatabs) initially planned in the DREF was deemed irrelevant, because the usual practice of the communities in the intervention areas concerning water treatment is done with chlorine. This explains the balance on this line.
Medical & First Aid		144	-144	This line was not budgeted during planning phase which explains the over expenditure on this line.
Utensils & Tools	80,458	28,770	51,687	During the detailed assessment, the distribution of kitchen kits to 948 households was deemed irrelevant since these had already been distributed by other actors in October 2020. Therefore, the distributions

				were not carried out. This explains the remaining balance.
Distribution & Monitoring	9,980	5,950	4,030	During the detailed assessment, the distribution of kitchen kits to 948 households as well as the distribution of Khaimas tents to 200 households were deemed irrelevant since these had already been distributed by other actors. These distributions therefore were not carried out. This explains the remaining balance on this budget line.
Transport & Vehicles Costs	20,749	25,236	-4,487	The over expenditure on this line is related to a car accident that occurred in January 2021 during a field mission for the security analysis. The cost of repairing the damaged vehicle was covered by the DREF operation.
International Staff	18,640	15,128	3,512	Due to Mauritanian border closure as COVID-19 preventive measure, the Rapid Response person was deployed to the field only in late October 2020 justifying the variance on this line.
National Society Staff	10,580	11,005	-426	The line was under-budgeted and during the implementation of the operation expenses related to the mobilization of NS operational teams for the implementation and monitoring of field activities were higher than expected, thus justifying the over expenditure on this line.
Volunteers	5,635	6,313	-678	The over expenditure on this line is due to the under-budgeting of expenses related to volunteers' mobilization as far as DREF field activities are concerned.
Professional Fees	15,594	4,121	11,472	To avoid any risk in the implementation of the operation, the IFRC Sahel Cluster Delegation recruited a consultant whose main mission was to assess the security context in Mauritania, The variance is due to the overbudgeting of the recruitment of this consultant.
Workshops & Training	10,796	5,007	5,789	The delay in the implementation of the operation did not allow the organization of a Lessons Learned workshop.
Information & Public Relations	9,584	6,744	2,840	The remaining balance is due to the overbudgeting of Information & Public relations budget line.
Office Costs	4,414	1,529	2,885	The variance is due to overbudgeting of the Office Costs budget line during planning phase.
Communications	192	1,100	-908	The over expenditure on this line is due to the under-budgeting of Communications budget line. The timeframe of the operation was extended by 1 month which increased Communications' costs.
Financial Charges	710	-21	731	This variance is related to banking costs for both for IFRC and NS .
Programme & Services Support Recover	21,531	14,310	7,222	This remaining balance is related to the PSSR reporting fee.

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Reference documents



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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.

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

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

DREF Operation

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2020/09-2021/07	Operation	MDRMR012
Budget Timeframe	2020/09-2021/02	Budget	APPROVED

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MDRMR012 - Mauritania - Floods in Bassiknou

Operating Timeframe: 16 Sep 2020 to 28 Feb 2021

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	352,784
DREF Allocations	352,784
Expenditure	-234,458
Closing Balance	118,326

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction		116	-116
AOF2 - Shelter	115,197	81,902	33,295
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	43,136	41,909	1,227
AOF4 - Health	62,080	5,748	56,332
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	27,302	21,223	6,078
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	247,715	150,899	96,816
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	40,110	45,750	-5,640
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	64,959	37,809	27,150
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total	105,069	83,559	21,510
Grand Total	352,784	234,458	118,326

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	213,728	127,627	86,101
Shelter - Relief		-82	82
Shelter - Transitional	55,945	40,998	14,947
Clothing & Textiles	18,924	2,491	16,433
Food	35,706	36,562	-857
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	22,696	18,745	3,952
Medical & First Aid		144	-144
Utensils & Tools	80,458	28,770	51,687
Logistics, Transport & Storage	30,729	31,186	-457
Distribution & Monitoring	9,980	5,950	4,030
Transport & Vehicles Costs	20,749	25,236	-4,487
Personnel	34,855	32,446	2,409
International Staff	18,640	15,128	3,512
National Society Staff	10,580	11,005	-426
Volunteers	5,635	6,313	-678
Consultants & Professional Fees	15,594	4,121	11,472
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Workshops & Training	10,796	5,007	5,789
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General Expenditure	25,552	19,761	5,791
Travel	10,652	10,408	243
Information & Public Relations	9,584	6,744	2,840
Office Costs	4,414	1,529	2,885
Communications	192	1,100	-908
Financial Charges	710	-21	731
Indirect Costs	21,531	14,310	7,222
Programme & Services Support Recover	21,531	14,310	7,222
Grand Total	352,784	234,458	118,326