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DREF Operation Update no. 1

Guyana: Floods

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DREF n° MDRGY003	GLIDE n° FL-2021-000066-GUY
Operation update n° 1: 21 September 2021	Timeframe covered by this update: 13 June to 12 September 2021
Operation start date: 13 June 2021	Operation timeframe: 4 months (1-month extension) New end date: 31 October 2021
Funding requirements: CHF 216,925	DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 216,925
N° of people being assisted: 500 households (2,500 people)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The Regional Intervention Platform for the Americas and the Caribbean of the French Red Cross (PIRAC) who does not have a presence in the country but supported the operation.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Civil Defence Commission (CDC), The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), UN OCHA, HydroMET Guyana.	

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Summary of major revisions made to the emergency plan of action:

Despite delays in the Logistics Supply Chain affecting the start date of distributions, the National Society initiated on 7 September 2021, and it is anticipated that the distributions will continue throughout the month. There have been delays in the execution of the CVA Program, which accounts for more than half of the National Society budget. The modality selected, after several consultations with the CVA Delegate and based on market and accessibility, is a Multi-sectorial voucher as the target beneficiaries reside in remote communities. The Guyana Red Cross Society (GRCS) has now received the technical approval for the procurement process from the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU). Distribution of the vouchers to the communities will commence during the week of 21 September 2021. To fulfil the purpose of this DREF, enough time would need to be provided for beneficiaries to obtain what they need.

Therefore, to complete these additional activities, the National Society is extending the timeline by one month (no-cost extension). The new end date of the operation is **31 October 2021**.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

In mid-May 2021 Guyana began to experience higher than normal levels of rainfall across the country, this led to what has been described as the worst flooding in Guyana for over 20 years. Communities across Guyana were severely affected by the flood which caused homes to be flooded, loss of crops and livestock, displacement of families and damage to buildings. The flooding has also caused severe mental trauma as many persons lost their homes and personal belongings, livestock and farms which was the main source of income, and some others have lost family members to suicide. This crisis has been exacerbated by the current COVID-19 epidemic that we are experiencing, especially for the persons housed in formal shelters.

The water has receded in most of the communities, which has now taken the community members into a recovery period. It is now that the damages to building and their foundations are being fully evaluated as several buildings and homes were completely under water. In addition, farmers and livestock owners are trying to find ways to rebuild and move forward as many of their farms were completely covered for several weeks and livestock were killed by wild animals or sold off at a lesser cost. In addition, with the receding of the water, there is an expectancy of an upsurge of water and vector-borne diseases.

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

The National Society continues to follow up and closely monitor the areas affected and work closely with the different levels of government, partnering agencies and community leaders in the affected areas. The NS also continues to assist with supplies to the shelters and will continue working along with the CDC and provide support as required.

To date, the Guyana Red Cross (GRCS) has distributed 148 kitchen sets, 200 solar lamps, 370 hygiene kits, 370 cleaning kits, 2 first aid kits, 1,570 treated nets, 870 buckets, 940 Jerry Cans, 4,700 treated tablets and 40 tarps. Hygiene promotion activities have also been implemented along with PSS activities for children and adults housed at shelters.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management Coordinators have continued to follow the event and work closely with the National Society. The Country Cluster Delegation (CCD) in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Americas Regional Office (ARO) continues to provide the GRCS with technical guidance and support throughout the DREF process and on operational strategy and the implementation of best practices. There are no other PNS or Red Cross Movement Partners in the country implementing programs with the National Society.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The CDC continue to help persons across Guyana through the distribution of food and cleaning hampers. In addition, several business and private citizens have donated to several initiatives aimed at providing support to communities and families affected by the flood.

Assistance was sought from the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), which is a regional intergovernmental agency for disaster management in the Caribbean. A Detailed Disaster Sector Assessment (DDSA) was conducted across regions severely affected. The final report is pending release.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

The needs as identified in the original Plan of Action remain the same. Even though the water has receded, persons are still displaced and in need of safe drinking water, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and mental health support. Please refer to the [original DREF plan of action](#) for details on the needs analysis and scenario planning.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Overall Objective

To reach at least 2,500 people (500 families) affected by the recent floods in Guyana through the implementation of humanitarian assistance in Health, Shelter, WASH, and Livelihoods. Support will be provided to those displaced in shelters and who have lost their crops and livestock. All activities will be conducted in collaboration with the Civil Defense Commission and other local stakeholders.

Proposed strategy

Since the launch of the operation in July 2021, the situation has changed with increasing needs across Guyana. As such, the GRCS continues to collaborate with the CDC to identify the additional needs and vulnerable communities, which would include the migrant population who was also affected by the floods.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



Shelter

People reached: 740

Male: 222

Female: 518

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 people provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance	2,500	740

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of households provided with emergency shelter assistance (500 kitchen sets, 1,000 solar lamps – 2 per family)	500	148

Progress towards outcomes

To date, the GRCS have completed distributions in four communities affected by the floods: Hururu and Landersville in Region 10 and Handsome Tree and Byaboo in Region 5. A total of 200 solar lamps to 100 families and 148 kitchen sets to 148 HH have been distributed. The NS started distributions on 7 September since the NFIs took longer to arrive than expected due to the delays in the international supply chain. The NS is expecting to achieve the target with the new extension and making all the necessary arrangements and planning.



Health

People reached: 1,570

Male: 598

Female: 972

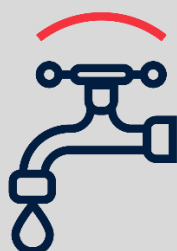
Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of the affected populations are reduced through improved access to medical treatment

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people reached with first aid assistance	200	55

Output 1.1: Improved access to health care and emergency health care for the targeted population and communities.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
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# of first aid kits delivered	10	2
# of N95 masks delivered to families	5,000	2,425
# of N95 masks delivered to frontline volunteers	2,000	375
# of hand sanitizers delivered to families	1,000	470
# of hand sanitizers delivered to volunteers	500	75
Outcome 2: Transmission of diseases of epidemic potential is reduced # of people reached with community-based		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people reached with community-based epidemic prevention and control activities.	2,000	1,570
Output 2.1: Vector-borne diseases are prevented		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of LLINs distributed	2,000	1,570
Output 2.2: Vector-borne diseases are prevented		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of campaign implemented for hygiene promotion campaign on prevention and control of common communicable diseases	1	1
Outcome 3: The psychosocial impacts of the emergency are lessened		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people reached with interventions (both volunteers and staff)	340	Planned
Output 3.1: Psychosocial support provided to the target population as well as to RCRC volunteers and staff		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers and staff trained in PSS community based and PFA	15	Planned
# of people affected reached with PSS services	300	103
# of volunteers and staff reached with PSS services	40	Planned
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>There were six shelters set up by the CDC in the three communities of Kwakwani, Hururu and Aroima. Those shelters were the initial targets for the first aid kits. However, by the time of the distribution, four of the shelters were closed. Therefore, only two kits have been distributed while one is being used by volunteers in the field.</p> <p>Distributions of treated nets and information on vector borne diseases and how to prevent them have been shared with the communities of: Handsome Tree and Byaboo: 100 HH, Kwakwani: 500 HH, Hururu: 163 HH and Landersville: 207 HH.</p> <p>PSS activities were targeted for children who are currently in the shelters and those who had recently left the shelters which were located at Aoarima, Hururu and Kwakwani. This was done as a form of care and support intervention which aided to improve the mental health of the children targeted. The volunteers prepared items to be distributed which included a coloring book, reading book, teddy bear, board games, paint set, play dough, beads set, puzzle etc. Additionally, PSS Training for staff and volunteers is due to be completed on 25 and 26 September.</p>		



Water, sanitation, and hygiene

People reached: 1,880

Male: 564

Female: 1,316

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# people reached with WASH support during the emergency phase	2,500	1,880

Output 1.1: Continuous assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene situation is carried out in targeted communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people provided with safe water during the emergency phase	2,500	1,880
# of family hygiene kits procured and distributed	500	370
# of cleaning kits procured and distributed	500	370
# of buckets with fittings procured, shipped, and distributed	1,000	500
# of jerrycans procured, shipped, and distributed	1,000	200
# of water treatment tablets (20 x HH) procured, shipped, and distributed	10,000	2,000

Progress towards outcomes

Distribution of 2 jerry cans and 10 water purification tablets per household have been conducted in 3 communities. In Handsome Tree and Byaboo: 100 households; Hururu: 163 households and Landersville: 207 households. In addition to receiving the jerry cans and water purification tablets, each person was informed on the correct use of the tablets and given a leaflet with information on the purpose and directions on how to use the tablets. It should be noted that the distributions were done based on the need within the communities, so not all communities receive the same items. The National Society is expected to achieve the targets by the end of the extension.



Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: To be reported

Male: 0

Female: 0

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people reached with livelihood support.	1,000	Planned

Output 1.1: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of targeted households have enough food, cash, or income to meet their survival threshold	200	Planned
# of volunteers trained in CVA and CEA	15	15

Progress towards outcomes

The CVA training was completed with 15 volunteers over a three-day period in August. The first two trainings focused on Introductions to and the implementation of the CVA programme and the third training focused on CEA as it relates to CVA. The Rapid Market Assessment (RAM) was also completed in August, and it was determined that the markets could supply the goods needed as several stores were operational.

There has been a delay in the implementation of the CVA programme. The modality selected, after completing the market analysis and having several consultations with the IFRC team, was the Multi-Sectorial vouchers. However, there were delays in receiving the technical approval for the procurement process from the RLU. This technical approval has now been granted and the programme is scheduled to commence on 21 September 2021. The CVA programme accounts for more than half of the GRCS' operating budget and full implementation will be achieved by mid-October.

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

Output S1.16: National Societies have the necessary corporate infrastructure and systems in place

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers insured	100	100

Progress towards outcomes

Three persons were hired to support the operations for a 3-month period from 1 July to 30 September 2021. The positions are Operations Manager, Finance Officer and Logistics and Procurement Officer. Each position is supported by the NS and its Disaster Management Team. In support of volunteers, the NS prepared and will distribute t-shirts, water bottles, flashlights, and bags. Under IEC materials, the NS procured GRCS posters and signs with messages.

International Disaster Response

Outcome S1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of RIT personnel deployed	1	1

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of IFRC monitoring and support missions	1	0

Progress towards outcomes

A request was made for the extension of the CVA RIT whose mission was due to end on 11 September. However due to the delay in the implementation of the CVA programme, a request was made for an extension of the RITs mission to complete the CVA implementation. This position was funded through the support of the Canadian Red Cross.

Effective, credible, and accountable IFRC

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of lessons learned workshop carried out	1	Planned

Progress towards outcomes

This activity is due to be completed by the end of September.

D. Financial Report

See Annex.

Reference documents

Click here for:

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

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief, the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable, to **Principles of Humanitarian Action** and **IFRC policies and procedures**. 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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Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2021/06-7	Operation	MDRGY003
Budget Timeframe	2021/06-2021/09	Budget	APPROVED

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRGY003 - Guyana - Floods

Operating Timeframe: 13 Jun 2021 to 30 Sep 2021

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	216,925
DREF Allocations	216,925
Expenditure	-81,375
Closing Balance	135,550

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter	23,430		23,430
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	80,727		80,727
AOF4 - Health	28,297	3,407	24,890
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	41,657	870	40,787
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	174,112	4,277	169,834
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	34,506	77,085	-42,579
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	8,307	13	8,294
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total	42,813	77,098	-34,285
Grand Total	216,925	81,375	135,549

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	136,185	1,453	134,732
Clothing & Textiles	6,000		6,000
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	31,265	318	30,947
Medical & First Aid	8,320	1,135	7,185
Teaching Materials	7,500		7,500
Utensils & Tools	25,100		25,100
Cash Disbursement	58,000		58,000
Logistics, Transport & Storage	14,000	2,569	11,431
Distribution & Monitoring	6,000		6,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,000		2,000
Logistics Services	6,000	2,569	3,431
Personnel	26,300		26,300
International Staff	6,000		6,000
National Society Staff	14,500		14,500
Volunteers	5,800		5,800
Consultants & Professional Fees	2,000		2,000
Consultants	2,000		2,000
Workshops & Training	3,300		3,300
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General Expenditure	21,900	7	21,893
Travel	15,000		15,000
Information & Public Relations	1,000		1,000
Office Costs	4,000		4,000
Communications	1,300		1,300
Financial Charges	600	7	593
Operational Provisions		72,380	-72,380
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Indirect Costs	13,240	4,967	8,273
Programme & Services Support Recover	13,240	4,967	8,273
Grand Total	216,925	81,375	135,549