

Operation Update Report

Uganda: Floods, Landslides and Hailstorm

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| DREF n° MDRUG044 | GLIDE n° FL-2021-000153-UGA |
| Operation update n° 1; 17 December 2021 | Timeframe covered by this update: 12th October 2021 – 19th November 2021 |
| Operation start date: 12 October 2021 | Operation timeframe: 3 months (end date: 31 January 2022) |
| Funding requirements (CHF): 250,209 | DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 250,209 |
| N° of people being assisted: 10,785 people (2,157 HH) | |
| No. of people reached: 3,600 people (720 HH) | |
| Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | |
| Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Health and IoM kits stock used in proposed additional areas (Bududa and Masaka Districts) | |

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This operation update informs stakeholders on the progress achieved since starting implementation in mid-October and below changes:

- Replacement of Zombo district in the EPoA with Bududa district based on the information from continuous assessments conducted in Zombo and the emerging needs in Bududa;
- Inclusion of Masaka district to the current response, thus widening the scope of the operation.

To note, the timeframe and budget for this operation remain unchanged as such, the operation will end on 31 January 2021.

Please click [here](#) for the Contacts and [here](#) for the Interim Financial Report

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Following [flooding events, landslides and hailstorms](#) affecting the districts of Kapchorwa, Sironko, Mbale, Bukedea, Zombo, Kapelebyong and Katakwi leading to the launch of this [DREF operation](#). Additionally, Bududa and Masaka districts were hit by landslides and hailstorms on 14th and 24th October 2021 respectively. The floods, landslides and hailstorm episodes affected 09 districts and left one (1) registered death from Kapchorwa district (male adult), Kapsinde sub-county due to landslides, 72 people injured, 597 individuals homeless, 5 individuals hospitalised, 51 individuals evacuated, 308 families displaced, 416 houses destroyed, 829 houses partially damaged, 03 health facilities affected due to the floods, 61 water facilities affected and 6 schools have been affected in Bukedea, Kapelebyong, Katakwi and Oyam districts.



Relief distribution in Masaka district ©URCS

In Bududa district, 1,051 people (448 males and 603 females -162 households) were affected by 24th October 2021. Masaka district had 4,915 people (1,966 males, 2,949 females - 1,260 households) affected and 221 houses collapsed.

There is an urgent need to provide household kits and shelter items to the affected communities to support immediate household needs. Water facilities have been destroyed which has possessed a risk of water-borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid. Before above-mentioned events and since the beginning of September 2021, many parts of Uganda have been receiving torrential rains which have affected many districts countrywide. To date, the prolonged rain events have persisted, and 17 districts have been affected including Kasese, Oyam, Koboko, Yumbe, Katakwi, Bukedea, Kapchorwa, Sironko, Arua, Mbale, Kakumuro, Kibaale, Ibanda, Apac, Kabaale, Zombo and Kapelebyong.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Operating National Society Response Action

Uganda Red Cross Society in partnership with the government at the national and district level have conducted initial assessments to determine the effects of floods, needs of the affected population and response interventions to support the affected communities cope and recover from the effects of floods and landslides. These interventions were carried out whilst observing the national COVID-19 guidelines.

In response to the effects of heavy rains, landslides and hailstorms, URCS has so far undertaken the following actions:



Damaged house in Mbale district ©URCS

- Activation of response protocol/contingency plan and reinforcing its advisory at the community level and sharing of information with the local leaders.
- Conducted 19 Rapid Assessments in 19 districts that were heavily affected by the floods, landslides and hailstorms. The outcomes of the assessments were shared with other stakeholders during the national task force meetings and individual organisations upon request. URCS is currently the main source of information due to its presence at the grassroots - level having a big volunteer base to support assessments.
- URCS deployed 20 volunteers to conduct search and rescue from Sironko and Kapchorwa districts that were affected by landslides and offer psychosocial support to bereaved families in most hit parts of the country including recovering a male dead body from Kapsinde sub-county, Kapchorwa due to landslides.
- The URCS Headquarters constituted a September, October, November and December (SOND) season 2021 task force to offer technical support to the 19 districts affected on assessments and monitor evolving situations across other locations countrywide using both local observation and remote monitoring through the Impact-based forecast online digital platform using Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS) station observations for major catchments.
- A meeting was held with 25 URCS branches covering all the hotspot areas of Uganda.
- Risk communication including COVID19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) is ongoing in reachable communities through megaphone announcements by volunteers to cater for emerging multi risks.
- With support from the IOM project, URCS distributed 100 kits to the most affected communities in Minakulu sub-county, Oyam district. The kits included 20-litre jerry cans, tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, cups, plates, cooking pots, sleeping mats and solar lamps.
- After assessment in Bududa district, 15 October 2021 update to IFRC and reporting on the IFRC Go platform, an emergency decision was made to support the distribution of NFI kits from existing stock procured under the Ministry of Health (MoH) and IoM projects. Response happened on 21st October 2021 and reached 200 households with a population of 1,159 (487m, 672f).
- The OPM responded with food relief. After assessing the prevailing situation, the IFRC Go platform was updated on 04 November 2021 and in the period from 05 to 07 November 2021, an NDRT was deployed to validate the assessment finding to identify the most pressing needs and target households for relief assistance. From the validation exercise that included household listing, it was determined that there was an urgent need to do a response using shelter kits. Because Masaka district was not part of the target districts for DREF, only minimal support (2,600 CHF – 1.3% of the DREF budget) was given towards the distribution of shelter kits procured under the IOM project. 220 households with a population of 1,320 people were reached with shelter assistance.
- On 17th November 2021, URCS conducted relief distribution of shelter kits to 100 of the most affected households in Bukedea following flood events.
- Response in Katakwi to 100 affected households was done in Katakwi with shelter kits.
- Another response with shelter kits was done in Kapelebyong on 19th November 2021.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Actions in-country

See detail in the [EPoA](#)

Overview of other actor's actions in-country

See detail in the [EPoA](#)

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

Bududa

Located in the Eastern part of Uganda, East of Mbale and South of Sironko which are both target districts. It is one of the 05 districts that were originally part of the Mbale district. It is considered part of Mbale operational area since it is covered by the URCS Mbale Regional Branch Office and Warehouse. It is 15km of radial distance from Mbale town and 35km by road due to the hilly landscape in the region. The district experienced landslide episodes in Bulucheke and Mabono sub-counties as per the table below (The IFRC Go platform was updated):



Bududa District landslide

| Sn | Date | Population Affected (Total) | Male | Female | Households Affected |
|----|------------|-----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|
| 1 | 14/10/2021 | 214 | 98 | 116 | 33 (Initial) |
| 2 | 21/10/2021 | 486 | 212 | 212 | 80 |
| 3 | 23/10/2021 | 529 | 236 | 236 | 82 |
| 4 | 24/10/2021 | 1,051 | 448 | 603 | 162 |

Following rapid and detailed joint assessments conducted by URCS, the district local government, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) together with the National Emergency Coordination and Operations Centre (NECOC), OPM responded with food assistance immediately after the 14th of October 2021 episode that affected several areas in the district. On 14th October 2021, the Bududa district local government wrote a letter to URCS requesting relief assistance in form of NFIs. After the 15/10/2021 update to IFRC and reporting on the IFRC Go platform, an emergency decision was made to support the distribution of NFI kits from existing stock procured under the Ministry of Health (MoH) and IoM projects. The response happened on 21st October 2021 and reached 200 households with a population of 1,159 (487m, 672f). The rapid assessment on 24th October 2021 showed that 03 protected springs and gravity flow lines were buried by the landslide. The majority of people have resorted to unsafe water from streams for domestic use. 123 latrines were waterlogged causing poor sanitation. Deployed Human resources included the Bubulo URCS Branch Manager and 15 volunteers (10m, 05f). Since the 01st episode, actions taken by URCS include the disaster assessments, PSS and the relief distribution. By Friday 12th November 2021, continuous rainfall was observed. Cracks were seen in Bududa sub-county – Bukhibino parish (estimated persons at risk are 900 – 150 households) and Mabono sub-county – Nametsi parish (1,440 people, 240 households) totalling 2,340 people, 390 households. The major needs are household items/ NFIs and WASH kits. The ETF proposal is to replace Zombo with Bududa district based on the continuous assessments in both districts and the location of Bududa to the other target districts in the Eastern region thus optimization of logistical support for the DREF operation. The support to Bududa was 2,900 CHF – 1.4% of the DREF budget.

Masaka

It is located in the Central region of Uganda and was hit by a hailstorm disaster event in the sub-counties of Kyesiiga and Kyanamukaaka on 24th and 25th October 2021. On 25th October 2021, in liaison with the district local government and local leaders of the affected areas, the URCS Masaka branch conducted a rapid assessment which established that 181 households had been affected with the priority need being shelter. On 27 October 2021, the area MP asked for relief assistance from URCS. On 03 November 2021, the district wrote a letter to the URCS request for urgent relief assistance to the affected households. A detailed joint assessment revealed that 4,915 people (1,260 households) has been affected. Some 221 houses had collapsed. In the Kyesiiga sub-county, 718 households had been affected with 191 houses badly damaged. The total affected population in the Kyesiiga sub-county which was badly hit were 2,335 people. On 03 November 2021, IFRC was updated about the request from the district. The OPM responded with food relief. After assessing the prevailing situation, the IFRC Go platform was updated on 04 November 2021 and in the period from 05 to 07 November 2021, an NDRT was deployed to validate the assessment finding to identify the most pressing needs and target households for relief assistance. From the validation exercise that included household listing, it was determined that there was an urgent need to do a response using shelter kits. Because Masaka district was not part of the target districts for DREF, only minimal support (2,600 CHF – 1.3% of the DREF budget) was given towards the distribution of shelter kits procured under the IOM project. This was done to ensure that emergency response is done in the Masaka district while ensuring that kits being procured under DREF remain focused on the target districts.

The needs per sector remain the same as in the [EPoA](#).

Targeting

The operation plans to continue assisting 10,785 people (2,157 households) worst affected by floods, landslides and hailstorms in Kapchorwa, Sironko, Mbale, Bukedea, **Bududa (which has been replaced with Zombo)**, Kapelebyong and Katakwi, and additionally **Masaka (new target area)**. Kapchorwa, Sironko, Mbale, Bukedea, Kapelebyong, Katakwi, and Bududa districts are located in the Eastern Elgon and Teso sub-regions while Zombo is located in the West Nile sub-region. However, Zombo is to be replaced by Bududa. Masaka district is located in Central Uganda and borders Lake Victoria to the East. URCS will use a community-based targeting approach and will engage the communities (a diverse group of community members), local leaders and other stakeholders in participatory beneficiary selection.

The targeting criterion will remain the same as indicated in the [EPoA](#).

Operation Risk Assessment

See detail in [EPoA](#)

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

To meet the immediate Shelter, Health and WASH-related needs of 10,785 people (2,157 HH) in targeted nine districts of Kapchorwa, Sironko, Mbale, Bukedea, Zombo (replaced by Bududa), Kapelebyong, Katakwi, and Masaka recently affected by floods, landslides, and hailstorm events over three (3) months. Additional 420 households in Bududa and Masaka district covered by response kits procured by other projects.

Based on the evolving situation in the target districts and surroundings, URCS ETF proposed- to continue working within the approved DREF budget with the same targeted number of persons, though changing some locations and including another. Indeed, the ETF proposes a repurposing response from Zombo (467 households) to Bududa district (390 households). The general target of 100 households per district for the initial 07 target districts to be maintained for shelter support. All other detail remains the same save for the change in location from Zombo to Bududa. The minimal expenditure support in Bududa and Masaka is to be accommodated within the approved budget.

The operational strategy would remain the same as in the [EPoA](#).

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



Shelter

People reached: 3,600 (720 HH)

Male: 1,764

Female: 1,836

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 |
|---|--------|--------|
| Proportion of households reached with immediate shelter support | 9.5% | 11.7% |

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

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|--|--------|--------|
| Number of shelter assessments conducted | 02 | 09 |
| Number of households reached with emergency shelter HHIs | 724 | 720 |

Progress towards outcomes

Activities already carried out:

The 720 households currently reached are in 03 initial target districts (Bukedea, Katakwi, and Kapelebyong) with 300 kits and 02 proposed additional districts (i.e., Bududa and Masaka) with 420 kits. They were reached using existing stock from other projects but with logistical and other support from the DREF.

Challenges

The actual 724 kits being procured will replenish stock distributed. From continuous assessments, Zombo district affected households do not require shelter kits. Bududa district is proposed to replace Zombo.



Health

People reached: 720

Male: 0

Female: 720

Health Outcome 1: The dignity of women and girls in disaster situations is maintained

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| Number of people assisted with health support | 1,230 | 720 |

Health Output 1.1: The menstrual hygiene of women and girls is supported

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| Number of kits procured and distributed | 1,230 | 0 |

Health Outcome 2: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|--|--------|--------|
| % of affected population reached with health promotion messages to prevent outbreaks | 35% | 09% |

Health Output 2.1: The health situation and immediate risks are assessed using agreed guidelines

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| # of people reached with PSS | 1,000 | 720 |
| # of mosquito nets distributed | 1,428 | 0 |
| # of health promotion sessions conducted | 10 | 7 |
| # of people supported with first aid services | 1,000 | 421 |

Activities already carried out:

The current status is that at least 720 women were reached in Bududa, Masaka, Bukedea, Katakwi and Kapelebyong districts. URCS has so far conducted 07 health promotion sessions reaching out to 111 people. 421 people have so far been reached with first aid services mostly during evacuations.

Challenges:

None

**Water, sanitation and hygiene**

People reached 4,320

Male: 1,764

Female: 1,863

WASH Outcome1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water-related diseases in targeted communities

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|--|--------|--------|
| Number of HHs supported with water treatment tablets | 1,079 | 720 |

WASH Output 1.1: Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and WHO standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| Number of people reached with water treatment and handwashing | 10,785 | 3,600 |
| Number of water treatment tablets procured and distributed | 32,335 | 0 |

WASH Output 1.2: Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| Number of handwashing facilities provided | 2,157 | 0 |
| Number of people reached with hygiene promotion | 10,785 | 3,600 |

Progress towards outcomes**Activities already carried out:**

Overall, 3,600 (720HH) have been reached with water treatment (aqua) tablets for water treatment for household use/ consumption. During the distributions, beneficiaries were taken through sessions on hygiene including hand washing and on how to use the distributed water tablets.

Challenges:

None

Strategies for Implementation**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, competencies and capacities to plan and perform**

| | | |
|--|-----|------|
| % of complaints and feedback received are responded to by the NS | 80% | 7.4% |
| # of programme decisions based on community feedback | 02 | 02 |

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

| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
|--|--------|--------|
| # of special NDRT members trained on needs assessment and proposal writing | 30 | 02 |
| # of volunteers insured | 45 | 60 |
| # of lessons learnt workshop conducted | 1 | 0 |
| # of television shows and radio shows | 3 | 0 |

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

| Output S2.1.1: Effective and respected surge capacity mechanism is maintained | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Indicators: | Target | Actual |
| Number of IFRC surge profiles deployed (Target: 2) | 2 | 1 |
| Progress towards outcomes | | |
| <p>Needs analysis and population to be assisted: Various needs as per the sectors of Shelter, Health and WASH will be met in the affected communities using both existing and procured stock of relief items/ kits. The DREF strategy is geared towards reaching the target of 10,785 people (2,157 HH) in the 09 districts by end of the operation. PMER surge already in the country to support the operation. Procurement surge planned to be in-country from last week of November when the majority of the procurement is planned to be executed.</p> <p>Activities already carried out: 02 NDRT were recruited. One is based in Kampala at URCS HQ and the other is based in Katakwi district but supports 06 of the 07 target districts in Eastern Uganda. The in-country IFRC Finance Manager and M&E Officer are currently supporting the DREF project in Uganda. 60 RCAT volunteers were recruited (10 per 06 out of 07 initial target districts). The proposal is to recruit 10 more in Bududa which is proposed to replace the Zombo district.</p> <p>Challenges: None</p> | | |

D. Financial Report

The overall amount allocated for this operation is CHF 250,209, of which only CHF 22,880 has been expensed and reported to date as seen in the below interim financial report. However, significant procurements have already been started amounting to CHF 108,089.86.

Reference documents



Click here for:

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

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How we work

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DREF Operation

| Selected Parameters | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2021/10-11 | Operation | MDRUG044 |
| Budget Timeframe | 2021/10-2022/01 | Budget | APPROVED |

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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRUG044 - Uganda - Floods, Landslides and Hailstorm

Operating Timeframe: 08 Oct 2021 to 31 Jan 2022

I. Summary

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Opening Balance | 0 |
| Funds & Other Income | 250,209 |
| DREF Allocations | 250,209 |
| Expenditure | -22,880 |
| Closing Balance | 227,329 |

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

| Description | Budget | Expenditure | Variance |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction | 222,625 | 22,388 | 200,237 |
| AOF2 - Shelter | | 492 | -492 |
| AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs | | | 0 |
| AOF4 - Health | | | 0 |
| AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene | | | 0 |
| AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion | | | 0 |
| AOF7 - Migration | | | 0 |
| Area of focus Total | 222,625 | 22,880 | 199,745 |
| SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies | | | 0 |
| SFI2 - Effective international disaster management | 26,625 | | 26,625 |
| SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners | | | 0 |
| SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC | 959 | | 959 |
| Strategy for implementation Total | 27,584 | | 27,584 |
| Grand Total | 250,209 | 22,880 | 227,328 |

DREF Operation

| Selected Parameters | | | |
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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

| Description | Budget | Expenditure | Variance |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Relief items, Construction, Supplies | 109,435 | | 109,435 |
| Shelter - Relief | 55,085 | | 55,085 |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | 29,456 | | 29,456 |
| Medical & First Aid | 11,291 | | 11,291 |
| Teaching Materials | 2,663 | | 2,663 |
| Utensils & Tools | 10,941 | | 10,941 |
| Logistics, Transport & Storage | 14,702 | | 14,702 |
| Transport & Vehicles Costs | 14,702 | | 14,702 |
| Personnel | 66,781 | 20,044 | 46,737 |
| International Staff | 25,000 | 20,044 | 4,956 |
| National Society Staff | 11,921 | | 11,921 |
| Volunteers | 29,860 | | 29,860 |
| Workshops & Training | 9,344 | | 9,344 |
| Workshops & Training | 9,344 | | 9,344 |
| General Expenditure | 34,675 | 978 | 33,697 |
| Travel | 9,000 | 978 | 8,022 |
| Information & Public Relations | 3,500 | | 3,500 |
| Office Costs | 2,790 | | 2,790 |
| Communications | 300 | | 300 |
| Financial Charges | 900 | | 900 |
| Other General Expenses | 18,185 | | 18,185 |
| Operational Provisions | | 462 | -462 |
| Operational Provisions | | 462 | -462 |
| Indirect Costs | 15,271 | 1,396 | 13,874 |
| Programme & Services Support Recover | 15,271 | 1,396 | 13,874 |
| Grand Total | 250,209 | 22,880 | 227,328 |