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# Operation Update Report

## Italy, Sardinia: Wildfires

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<b>DREF n° MDRIT003</b>	<b>Glide n°: WF-2021-000103-ITA</b>
<b>Operation update n° 1</b> <b>Date of Issue:</b> 23 December 2021	<b>Timeframe covered by this update: 10 August – 21 December 2021</b>
<b>Operation start date:</b> 10 August 2021	<b>Operation timeframe:</b> <b>10 August 2021 – 28 February 2022</b> (Extended by 2 months to a total length of 6 months via this update)
<b>DREF amount initially allocated:</b> CHF 208,280	
<b>N° of people being assisted:</b> 600 people (200 families)	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation:</b> Italian Red Cross, IFRC	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> “Unione dei Comuni del Montiferru” – Sardinia region, The EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM), the Italian Civil Protection Department, National Fire and Rescue Corps, The Regional Emergency Agency	



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

This Update includes the no-cost extension of the DREF Operation MDRIT003 for **two additional months until 28 February 2022.**

The timeframe extension will allow ItRC to target those who have difficulty to access national level aid or have been re-affected by the compounding effects of the wildfires and hydro-meteorological event (heavy rains and landslides). It will also enable ItRC to complete the distribution of in-kind support and distribute the vouchers that have been postponed to January 2022.

The amount of the operating budget has not changed, however, it was revised to increase in-kind distribution. This action follows the operational need to include a Shelter-related in-kind distribution after the damages provoked by the floods and the heavy rains, during the reconstruction of the houses. The logistics costs will be more localised, due to the identification of suppliers in Sardinia region, reducing the need for using RO-RO vessels to move goods from the mainland to the island.

## A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

### Description of the disaster

Heavy rains (up to 80 mm of rain) affected the operation in different ways, particularly, due to the destruction caused by the wildfire, the capacity of the soil to drain water had been very limited increasing the motility of the terrain. The Municipality of Santu Lussurgiu had to close the aqueduct for about 10 days (mud and ashes contaminated the pipeline), to filter the water and clean the pipeline (about 2,500 people affected). A landslide affected local transfer. Several houses had been damaged during their re-construction phase, causing additional issues to those that were repairing the damages of the wildfires.

### Summary of current response

#### Overview of Host National Society

The Italian Red Cross established a coordinated structure, with Operations management at Regional Level (Sardinia) and overall management, planning and procurement, centralized. The Oristano Local branch, coordinated by the Regional Emergency Operation Centre, is supporting assessment and distribution.

The Regional Branch is keeping active the coordination with the Mayors of the towns involved and non-RCRC actors as well.

#### Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The townhalls of Montiferru organised themselves to support the emergency coordination and recovery phases, supporting beneficiary identification and distribution, mobilising local capacities, to support logistics, as well as updating damage assessment according to the compounding events happened.

### Needs analysis and scenario planning

#### Needs analysis

There is the possibility to target a specific population that risks being excluded from other national recovery funding, and the operation had been re-shaped in that sense.

According to the actual situation, re-targeting and the changes in the strategy are needed: a wide number of in-kind donations had been received by the Sardinia Region, mainly fodder and animal food. Considering the coordinated and integrated assessment strategy adopted, the Italian Red Cross intervention will target those that have not been reached by a different kind of aid, or have been re-affected (considering the compounding hydro-meteorological event, as forecasted in the mid-term risk assessment, that damaged initial recovery actions).

Considering the meetings with the Local Authorities (for coordinating general response and avoid overlapping of support provided as much as possible), other than the direct observation on the field, the possibility of restoring farms of private owners (particularly referring to family owned olive groves, vineyards, and cattle) is less certain. Thus, the targeting was modified accordingly.

It is not affecting the general number of the population assisted, but the methodology adopted.

A second request is focusing on having the possibility to include cleansing services for the ashes for houses. Local authorities can provide cleaning activities in the common areas, such as streets, but there is also a need for cleaning services in the houses affected. According to the Health Authorities, it is quite important to reduce the mid to long-term inhalation of ashes as much as possible to reduce the potential damages to the lungs.

**Operation Risk Assessment**

Potential negative evolution of COVID-19 situation, with consequential need to increase distances and ensure isolation of the affected people is likely, considering the trend in the region. This element can both affect the operation, but more widely the whole regional capacities, requiring a quick re-routing of ItRC assets and potential deployment of additional resources from the mainland.

Potential impact of hydro-meteorological and hydro-geological events due to weather conditions in the winter.

## B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

### Implemented strategy

The overall objective of this operation is to contribute to the provision of humanitarian assistance to about 100 farms, total of 200 families/ 600 people (average of 3 people per family), mainly owners and workers in the affected farms and living in the farmhouses), considering both those supported by shelter and/or by livelihoods activities, according to the specific needs. The operation aims to reach the people in need of livelihoods and shelter support, mainly through Voucher Assistance and initial emergency in-kind distribution of fodder (to support cattle).

Field activities were mainly focused on distribution other than coordination, particularly to avoid overlapping and for integrating different responses. In terms of procurement (for both vouchers and in-kind) had been identified, the new vouchers' technical sheet is attached (the same structure of those used for the EA, but focused on the local capacities and adapted to be as much inclusive as possible, particularly for comparative analysis of pro forma).

According to the DREF the voucher distribution had to happen during months 3 and 4 (week 9 to 16), considering the envisaged approach, there might be a 3 weeks delay, supported by a quicker additional in-kind action, the DREF extension had been requested.

The operation is structured in the following phases:

Phase	Description	Timing (months)
1. Assessment	Rapid and detailed assessment focusing on damage analysis and targeting of the beneficiaries. CEA to better shape aid provided Data disaggregated (SADD) and analyse accordingly.	August 2021
2. In-kind distribution and procurement	Addressing immediate needs through provisioning for lost sources of income to meet basic needs (distribution of essential cattle items and fodder) Tendering and Contracting financial service provider for the voucher programme	September 2021- January 2022
3. Second assessment	Due to heavy rains and floods, a second assessment focusing on the new damages had been done, particularly through SDR, DO, KI interviews.	November 2021
4. Voucher distribution	Distribution of the vouchers <sup>1</sup> to the targeted population, through local Red Cross capacities (Branches and Stations), under national coordination (including the use of centralised data systems like the database developed for the COVID-19 EA, national GIS and data collection platforms)	November 2021 – January 2022
5. Evaluation of the effects	Continuous assessment operation and M&E action to evaluate the effects of the operation The Regional Branch identified (and disseminate)	November 2021 – February 2022
6. Exit strategy	Transfer to the local and regional authorities for the mid to long-term support and rehabilitation	February 2022

## C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



### Shelter

People reached: 48 families

**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 families that report that the vouchers received was sufficient to cover temporary and emergency shelter needs	80%	0

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of families that received vouchers for shelter needs	200	0
# of families that received in-kind support for shelter needs*	100	48

#### Progress towards outcomes

Considering that most people in the area are living and working in agriculture and farm industries, particularly in farmhouses, it has been initially assessed to have compounding needs for both shelter and livelihoods. Initial assessment confirmed damages to 220 properties, both houses and farms (including farmhouses) in the whole affected areas (in about 100 farms involving about 200 families). Support was needed to ensure possibility for the evacuees to support (through temporary measures, envisaging proper reconstruction) quick recovery of their houses and proper business continuity in order to minimize the impact of the event.

**The strategy is to address local needs providing basic means for repairing the farmhouses**, as an emergency measure to be complemented with a mid to long term support from the regional government and governmental rehabilitation actions. Through this DREF, the supported population becomes able to meet their immediate needs, by using the **in-kind support and vouchers to support purchases of construction material and/or professional services for providing emergency fixing or repair of their farmhouses**.

The operation has been reshaped to target a specific population that risks being excluded from other national recovery funding.

Considering the meetings with the Local Authorities (for coordinating general response and to avoid overlapping of supporting tools as much as possible), other than the direct observation on the field, the possibility (for the Local Authorities) of restoring private owners of farms (particularly referring to the owners of olive groves, vineyards, cattle, etc. conducted at a family level) is less certain. The targeting has been modified accordingly.

The distribution plan for the in-kind support is ongoing. The distribution of the vouchers is post-poned to January 2022.

\* New indicator



### Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: 44 families

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of farms that report that the vouchers received for farming assets were sufficient to provide an emergency and temporary support	80%	0

**Output 1.1: Household livelihoods security is enhanced through food production, increased productivity and post-harvest management (agriculture-based livelihoods)**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of families provided with fodder supply	100	44
# of trainings conducted	15	0
# of people participating on trainings	200	0

### Progress towards outcomes

*The targeted people will receive emergency in-kind support and a one-time voucher action. The strategy adopted includes vouchers restricted<sup>5</sup> to buy specific fodder according to the farm needs (dependent on the type of cattle, etc.) to ensure both possibilities for the targeted people to receive more effective aid to protect their livelihoods (according to the specific need). Vouchers will be distributed having a nominal value of approx. EUR 100 EUR <sup>6</sup>(approx. CHF 108, including a fluctuation of about 6.5%) and distributed according to the damage suffered and the criteria detailed below. The value will consider the average cost of life and the Italian Red Cross will ensure harmonisation and coordination with the Local and Regional Authorities. The vouchers will be distributed once through the Local Branches and in coordination with the respective town hall Emergency Operation Centres, considering the following criteria:*

- People in need (farmers and families) that are directly affected by the wildfires, losing assets and/or cattle, as owner of the farms,
- People in need (farmers and families) with lost or severely damaged livelihoods, also indirectly affected by the disaster (e.g. workers of a damaged farm),
- Poor economic status of the household,
- People in need (farmers and families) that are identified for assistance by the detailed assessments,
- People in need (farmers and families) who are not included in similar programs.

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*Considering the meetings with the Local Authorities (for coordinating general response and avoid overlapping of supporting tools as much as possible), other than the direct observation in the field, the possibility (for the Local Authorities) of restoring private owners of farms (particularly referring to the owners of olive groves, vineyards, cattle, etc. conducted at a family level) is less certain. Targeting has been modified accordingly.*

*The distribution plan for the in-kind support is ongoing, the supplier identified is in Sardinia and the distribution action is based on reaching a different town every day with the delivery of 44 bales per day. The distribution of the vouchers is postponed to January 2022.*



## Strengthen National Society

**Outcome 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 deployed in the operation	100	20

**Output S2.1.3: NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# monthly reports submitted	4	3
# of local key informants consulted	20	20
# of communication products disseminated	4	2

**Output S2.1.4: Supply chain and fleet services meet recognized quality and accountability standards**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of vehicles used in the operation	10	5
# of tons of goods received	100	15

**Output S2.2.5: Shared services in areas such as IT, logistics and information management are provided**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of vehicles/travel	10	5
# of IM / remote support teams "deployed"	1	1
# of IM products prepared	5	4

### Progress towards outcomes

Staff and *volunteers* will continue their engagement in the response operations throughout the *extension period*.

## Effective, credible and accountable IFRC

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

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of Assessment reports produced	1	1
# of Market assessment reports produced	2	4

**Output S4.1.3: Financial resources are safeguarded; quality financial and administrative support is provided contributing to efficient operations and ensuring effective use of assets; timely quality financial reporting to stakeholders**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of financial reports submitted	4	1
# of monthly reports submitted	4	3
# of operational update submitted	2	1

**Output S4.1.4: Staff security is prioritised in all IFRC activities**

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of Volunteers / Staff reporting safety issues	0	0
# of Volunteers / Staff reporting COVID-19 contagion (<2%)	<2%	0

### Progress towards outcomes

Administration and Procurement action is managed through the coordination between the Regional Branch, active in identifying local suppliers and managing the in-kind, and the HQ, that through the Procurement Unit is active in managing the vouchers' procurement processes

## D. Financial Report

The interim financial report is [annexed](#) to this document.

### 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	2021/08-2021/11	Operation	MDRIT003
Budget Timeframe	2021/08-2021/12	Budget	APPROVED

## INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

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### MDRIT003 - Italy - Wildfires

Operating Timeframe: 08 Aug 2021 to 31 Dec 2021

#### I. Summary

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>208,280</b>
DREF Allocations	208,280
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>-201,102</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>7,178</b>

#### II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter	74,427	99,969	-25,542
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	104,197	101,133	3,064
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene			0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
<b>Area of focus Total</b>	<b>178,624</b>	<b>201,102</b>	<b>-22,478</b>
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	573		573
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	20,610		20,610
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	8,473		8,473
<b>Strategy for implementation Total</b>	<b>29,656</b>		<b>29,656</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>208,280</b>	<b>201,102</b>	<b>7,178</b>

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### III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
<b>General Expenditure</b>	<b>7,956</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>6,740</b>
Travel	1,505		1,505
Financial Charges	6,451	1,216	5,235
<b>Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>187,612</b>	<b>187,612</b>	<b>0</b>
Cash Transfers National Societies	187,612	187,612	0
<b>Indirect Costs</b>	<b>12,712</b>	<b>12,274</b>	<b>438</b>
Programme & Services Support Recover	12,712	12,274	438
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>208,280</b>	<b>201,102</b>	<b>7,178</b>