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## Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Malawi: Civil Unrest

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<b>DREF operation</b>	<b>Operation n° MDRMW010</b>
<b>Date of issue:</b> 16 May 2014	<b>Date of disaster:</b>
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<b>Operation start date:</b> 16 May 2014	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> Two months
<b>Overall operation budget:</b> 30,253	
<b>Number of people affected:</b>	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 60,000
<b>Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b> 1,114 volunteers and 40 staff	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> ICRC, Finnish and Belgium Red Cross	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> None	

### A. Situation analysis

#### Description of the disaster

Malawi is set to hold national elections on 20 May 2014. The elections will include Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Government and official campaign has been in place since 20 March. Though there are no predictions for outbreak of violence at a large scale during the election process, the National Society is preparing to provide emergency health assistance in specific high risk regions of the country where pre-election rallies indicate high tensions.

The National Society has developed a contingency plan and is in the process of operationalizing its components. Working in partnership with the ICRC, Finnish and Belgium Red Cross, majority of the preparedness activities in the contingency plan have been undertaken. This DREF funds are covering the remaining emergency preparedness measures in the contingency plan in leading up to the election.

#### Summary of the current response

##### Overview of Host National Society

The Malawi Red Cross Society has previous experience in preparation for elections and responding to isolated events. During this operation, the National Society is planning to deploy 1,144 volunteers and 40 staff to cover 16 rallies.

##### Movement Coordination

The National Society is leading the activities and are being financially supported by the ICRC, Finnish and Belgium Red Cross

#### Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

##### Needs Assessment

The planning and anticipated needs analysis of the situation has shown the need to strengthen preparedness activities related to outbreak of violence and access and acceptance of the National Society into sensitive geographic regions.

##### Risk Assessment

The risk assessment in conjunction with scenario planning undertaken by the National Society plan for a number of risks within the likely scenario. The scenario which is used for the basis of planning and actions include elements of preparedness for response based on a risk assessment of specific regions in the country. Based on previous experiences, high tensions leading up to the election and the presence of different political parties, the risk analysis has outlined specific actions for the National Society to take in mitigating and responding to outbreaks of violence and promoting acceptance of the emblem.

## **B. Operational strategy and plan**

### **Overall objective**

Overall objective of the Malawi Red Cross Society operation is to improve the readiness of the Red Cross to undertake emergency response activities related to civil unrest and improve understanding and acceptance of the Red Cross amongst stakeholders.

### **Proposed strategy**

The strategy of the Malawi Red Cross Society is to undertake preparedness activities while undertaking stakeholder sensitization of the role of the National Society. The preparedness activities focus on ensuring the required human resources, financial and material capacities are in place at the headquarter and field level. The stakeholder sensitization is built on the strategy of ensuring:

- Understanding of National Society role amongst the stakeholders
- Acceptance of the National Society and its role
- Securing security for National Society personnel and property
- Unhindered access to those in need of the services

The implementation of the strategy has been ongoing for two months and the remaining components related to National Society visibility and first aid activities is being supported by the DREF.

### **Operational support services**

#### **Human resources**

The overall operation will involve 1,144 volunteers and 40 staff. The headquarter staff will oversee all activities, ensuring the appropriate training and equipping of all staff and volunteers and maintaining contact with stakeholders. At the regional and branch levels, the majority of the sensitization, first aid and tracing activities will be carried out by staff and volunteers.

The IFRC will support the operation with a deployment of a Regional Disaster Response Team member to support in monitoring of the activities.

#### **Logistics and supply chain**

All items in the National Society plan will be purchased locally and transported to the branches as required.

#### **Security**

While the country is historically calm, there have been incidents of sporadic violence in isolated areas. In line with Safer Access principles, the National Society is continuously assessing security risks, ensuring understanding and acceptance of the emblem and undertaking first aid and tracing activities as relevant.

#### **Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)**

The Malawi Red Cross Society will provide regular monitoring reports on operational activities and produce a final report after the end of the DREF operation.



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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.



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.

# Malawi: Civil Unrest budget

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Budget Group	Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	0
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	0
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0
Medical & First Aid	5,815
Teaching Materials	3,250
Utensils & Tools	0
Other Supplies & Services	0
Emergency Response Units	0
Cash Disbursements	0
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES</b>	<b>9,065</b>
Distribution & Monitoring	0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,650
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>3,650</b>
International Staff	6,000
National Society Staff	0
Volunteers	0
<b>Total STAFF</b>	<b>6,000</b>
Consultants	0
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	1,728
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>1,728</b>
Travel	2,486
Information & Public Relations	3,513
Office Costs	765
Communications	200
Financial Charges	1,000
<b>GENERAL Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,964</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	1,846
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>1,846</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>30,253</b>