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DREF Operations Update

Senegal: Ebola Virus Disease
preparedness

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DREF Operation	Operation n° MDRSN009;GLIDEn° EP-2014-000039-SEN
Date of issue:16 July 2014	Date of disaster:21 March 2012
Operation start date:13 April 2014	Expected Timeframe: initially 3 months but extended by a further 2 months
Operation manager: Aissa Fall, IFRC Sahel Regional Representation Health Manager	Point of contact: Aissa Fall, IFRC Sahel Regional Representation Health Manager
N° of people being assisted: up to 1.2 million	N° of people affected: Upto 2.4 million
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): Nine branches involved, six NS staff in the field, three National Disaster Response Teams and 150 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: IFRC, ICRC, Danish, Spanish and French Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Health	

Summary:

Guinea recorded early this year 134 suspected cases of febrile illness and 83 deaths in districts of Forest Guinea region, with a fatality rate of 69 per cent. The highest concentration of cases and deaths are as follows: Guékédou (80 cases/ 54 deaths); Macenta (26 cases/ 14 deaths) and Conakry (15 cases/ 4 deaths).

Faced with this situation, the health authorities in the region of N'Zérékoré, together with the Institute of Public Health, Infectious Diseases University Hospital, World Health Organisation and Médecins Sans Frontières worked together to confirm the nature of this unusual pathology. A total of 36 samples were taken, of which 12 were sent to the Laboratory of Lyon, France for confirmation in mid-March 2014. The results of these samples revealed six positive samples.

CHF 54,847 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 10 April, 2014 to support the Red Cross Society of Senegal in delivering assistance to beneficiaries in targeted areas of Kédougou, Tambacounda, Kolda, Sédhiou & Ziguinchor regions comprising of 9 districts

This operation was expected to be implemented over three months, and completed by 11 July 2014. However, due to an absence of a Logistics Officer in Sahel region and link to gap that was made to handle the aspect of procurement and shipment process, there was a delay in processing with procurement and shipment of PPIs in country. Therefore, there is a need to request for an extension of this DREF for 45 days in order to complete the remaining activities essentially link to the shipment process and the final evaluation of the operation. The DREF operation will be therefore completed on 24 August 2014, a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the USA, as well as DG ECHO, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) the Medtronic, Zurich and Coca Cola Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Red Cross Society of Guinea would like to extend many thanks to all partners for their generous contributions. Details of all donors can be found on www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MDR00001.pdf

Coordination and partnerships

SRCS is supported by the IFRC through its regional office, the ICRC, Danish, Spanish and French Red Cross. Regular Movement Coordination meetings and joint-activities occur and at the onset of the alert for Ebola virus disease, the SRCS has been keeping all Movement actors informed of activities of the Ministry of Health and Social Action and themselves. IFRC regional office is supporting in information gathering and dissemination. During the all operation phase, the Senegalese Red Cross Society is participating in meetings with the Ministry of Health and with all other stakeholders present in-country and involved in the prevention of the Ebola Virus Disease in Senegal. The situation is monitored closely and shared with partners including IFRC and ICRC, WHO, ECHO, MSF amongst others.

Operational implementation

Overview

Planned activities include:

- Preparedness for response through volunteer training in communication around epidemics and behavior change
- Supporting Ministries of Health in prevention activities and social mobilization
- Pre-positioning personal protective equipment and related training
- Adaptation and dissemination of information, education and communication material linked with community social mobilization activities

Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced.											
Output 1.1 The capacity of Senegalese Red Cross to prepare for potential Ebola response is strengthened											
Activities planned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Plan of action and Information sharing meetings as well as meetings with authorities	X										
Training of the SRCS national staff and volunteers	X										
Training of the community Senior teams		X									
Resource Mobilisation (printing, Kits, Needs)	X	X									
Output 1.2 Increased public awareness on risks related to Ebola (signs and symptoms, transmission risk factors, actions for suspected cases, prevention and control measures)											
Activities planned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Home visits and door to door activities		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Distributions of flyers and posters , in the community at-risk and all along the border with Guinea		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Community debates/chats			X		X		X		X		X
Radio broadcasting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Social mobilisation with dissemination of key messages on Ebola Virus outbreak prevention				X				X			
Output 1.3 Community epidemiological surveillance is set up / enhanced											
Activities planned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Information meetings with authorities	X										
Setting up the monitoring committees for disease surveillance	X										
Epidemiological control and monitoring through community disease surveillance of the Ebola virus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monthly evaluation meetings				X				X			X
Final evaluation and lessons learned to be shared											

Progress:

The achievements of the activities planned are as follow:

Training of volunteers: To strengthen prevention activities, the SRCS in close cooperation with the IFRC organized in 10 departmental committees training sessions to allow volunteers to carry out campaigns on the ground.

The training was facilitated by the health districts at Government level and others staff and officials of the SRCS at the local level.

In total, 150 volunteers and 13 community supervisors have been trained and deployed in the field.

They are supervised by the 03 NDRT trained in Health and Emergency health interventions in the past by the IFRC.

Topics of the volunteer ' training include:

- Know means of communication for behaviour change
- Know the techniques of hand washing (video projection)
- Dress up and demonstration of how to use Personal Protective equipment PPEs);
- Prepare different solutions of chlorine-based disinfection

The different strategies used are:

- The use of the national languages to better publicize the Ebola virus by the communities, through the various channels of credible communication including radio programs, television programs,
- The social mobilization, home visits, printed materials (sheets) and songs from washing hands to reach the most people.

In addition, activities to strengthen the capacity of SRC volunteers were conducted. These series of capacity-building include Communication for behavior change (BCC), the preparation of disinfectant to chlorine-based solution, the use of communication tools, hygiene and sanitation as well as to put in place community committees of epidemiological surveillance in the areas of transit and transit throughout the border with 2 Guineas and Mali. In order to ensure a better visibility and facilitate their integration into the community, the volunteers were equipped in their work: with:

- visibility clothing (bibs)
- statistical report sheets

The RC branch in the departments of the South West of the country, like other departments, have had to carried out extensive campaigns of sensitization on the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) after having receive the training.

In terms of awareness results in 10 different departmental committees, **100,648** people have been affected sensitized following the sessions.

A final evaluation including sharing lessons learned is the activity planned to take place. The SRCS is also compiling data to report on the number total of beneficiaries after the outreach campaign. A mid-term evaluation mission was conducted by the NS WATSAN officer and the RDRT deployed by the IFRC, this mission had two main objectives:

Ensure the mid-term evaluation of the activities carried out by the volunteers of the departmental committees in the context of this DREF Ebola Virus disease.
Supervision of the activities held by the NS and its volunteers.
After having furrowed the 9 departmental committees,
some shortcomings were noticed as follows:

Constraints/challenges:

- The insufficiency of tools and communication materials have reduced the large impact of volunteers action on the ground
- Not taking into account the distances involved in some departments by the volunteers has caused non-coverage of certain areas at risk for example: Tanaf and Bafata.

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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.

Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRSN009 - Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease

Timeframe: 11 Apr 14 to 11 Jul 14

Appeal Launch Date: 11 Apr 14

Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2014/4-2014/5	Programme	MDRSN009
Budget Timeframe	2014/4-2014/7	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		54,847				54,847	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		54,848				54,848	
C4. Other Income		54,848				54,848	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		54,848				54,848	
D. Total Funding = B +C		54,848				54,848	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		54,848				54,848	
E. Expenditure		-41,208				-41,208	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		13,640				13,640	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			54,847			54,847		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	1,000						1,000	
Medical & First Aid	6,000						6,000	
Teaching Materials	400						400	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	7,400						7,400	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000						2,000	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	8,400						8,400	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	10,400						10,400	
Personnel								
International Staff	6,000						6,000	
National Society Staff	2,400						2,400	
Volunteers	15,300		300			300	15,000	
Total Personnel	23,700		300			300	23,400	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	4,000						4,000	
Total Workshops & Training	4,000						4,000	
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,000		6,932			6,932	-5,932	
Information & Public Relations	2,100						2,100	
Communications	1,900		151			151	1,749	
Financial Charges	1,000		0			0	1,000	
Total General Expenditure	6,000		7,083			7,083	-1,083	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			31,310			31,310	-31,310	
Total Operational Provisions			31,310			31,310	-31,310	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	3,347		2,515			2,515	832	
Total Indirect Costs	3,347		2,515			2,515	832	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	54,847		41,208			41,208	13,639	
VARIANCE (C - D)			13,639			13,639		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	54,847		54,848	54,848	41,208	13,640	
Subtotal BL2	54,847		54,848	54,848	41,208	13,640	
GRAND TOTAL	54,847		54,848	54,848	41,208	13,640	