

# Emergency appeal operations update

## Niger: Population movement

<b>Emergency appeal n°</b> :MDRNE013		<b>GLIDE n°</b> : <a href="#">OT-2014-000126-NER</a>	
<b>Operations update n°</b> 1		<b>Timeframe covered by this update</b> : 18 September – 3 October 2014.	
<b>Emergency Appeal operation start date</b> : 18 September 2014		<b>Timeframe</b> : 9 months ending in June 2015	
<b>Appeal budget</b> : CHF 1,062,406	<b>Appeal coverage</b> : 0 %	<b>Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date</b> : CHF 130,000 through this appeal	
<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated</b> : CHF 130,000			
<b>N° of people being assisted</b> :80,000			
<b>Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches)</b> :			
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation</b> : Luxembourg Red Cross, ICRC			
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation</b> :			

### Summary:

Since the launch of the Emergency Appeal, the influx from Nigeria has continued, and as of 24 September, the total number of displaced population was 105,000, most of them being women and children. Since the beginning of September, more than 16,549 people have reached Diffa region, compared to 10,543 in August. The new arrivals are in urgent need of emergency assistance in terms of food and basic non-food items, emergency shelter, medical assistance, potable water and protection. Due to economic opportunities through fishing, most of the new arrivals are settling around lake Chad rather than in already exhausted host communities. At the same time, displaced population who arrived earlier this year are becoming host families for new arrivals, resulting in additional burdens for families with very limited resources.

According to the outcome of a joint assessment mission conducted in the beginning of September, the poor rainfall in Diffa will affect the 2014-2015 agricultural and pastoral campaign and is expected to cause serious food deficit in most communities. Rains have stopped raining at the beginning of September and this is a dangerous indicator for poor harvest of millet, sorghum and local beans.

Between 22 and 24 September, the Prime minister's office deployed a crisis management team in Diffa region to meet the humanitarian actors and regional authorities and assess the situation. One of the main suggestions from the management team is to establish camps to allow humanitarian assistance to the affected and improve coordination by harmonising the response.

Following the launch of the IFRC emergency appeal in support of the Niger Red Cross (NRC), CHF 130,000 was allocated from the IFRC DREF to allow emergency assistance in health, water and sanitation and NS capacity building. This allocation has allowed initiation of logistical arrangements including procurement of two boats and 20 life vests, as well as engagement of an operations manager and a water and sanitation field officer to support the operation. The NRC has deployed the communication officer and the health coordinator to the field for a week to support the regional committee in planning activities. 30 volunteers from 10 lake islands have been identified to be trained in emergency health, Watsan and communication. Health and Watsan needs have been identified in collaboration with the responsible of Baroua health centre. Other 30 volunteers from Bosso (villages and islands) will also be identified and trained. Weekly mobile clinics are being organised in the islands to assist those who cannot access to health centres. The first 10 targeted islands are Kadeiram, Tchoukou Gabi, Karrounn, Arina, Kadia, Gadarmou, Klakmana, Kourna, Chilla, and Douwa. WHO will support with medical assistance and an agreement is being developed. A three

months plan of action has been elaborated. Since September 18th, the IFRC Operations Manager has been deployed to Diffa to coordinate the operational implementation and engage further in coordination mechanisms.

Though the total number of displaced people is radically increasing, the planned target of this emergency appeal currently remains unchanged, but the humanitarian situation is becoming increasingly critical and support to the IFRC Emergency Appeal is urgently needed to provide emergency assistance.

## Coordination and partnerships

The National Society holds weekly crisis meetings at the Diffa level with the ICRC, IFRC and Luxembourg Red Cross and is building a common operational plan to provide holistic support to the affected persons. The last meeting was held on Wednesday 24th in the regional branch office, attended by ICRC head of delegation, Luxembourg Red Cross representative, IFRC Operations Manager and NRC Regional Branch committee. RCNS and IFRC joined other humanitarian actors present in Diffa in a workshop organized by the Prime Minister's office to discuss how to improve effectiveness of the current humanitarian assistance. The Government of Niger, working through its Diffa Regional crisis committee led by the Governor and supported by OCHA and UNHCR, monitor the situation and organize weekly meetings, in which the RCSN regional branch, IFRC and ICRC participate alongside UN agencies (UNHCR, WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM) and national and international NGOs. The authorities and humanitarian agencies continue to assist displaced persons. ICRC assist in food while Luxembourg Red Cross provide temporary shelter and sanitation facilities to the displaced people. Save the Children, Care International, Samaritans' Purse and United Nations agencies (FAO, UNHCR, WFP and IOM) are continuing to provide assistance.

Bilateral partnership agreements between the NRC and humanitarian agencies have been facilitated as per below table:

Organization	Assistance	Quantity
WHO	Medicines	Unspecified
UNFPA	Condoms and contraceptives	For 8.000 people
UNICEF (via cluster WASH)	Aquatabs and PURE	For 8.000 people for 3 months
WFP	Food	Till December 2014

## Operational implementation

### Overview

A Watsan field focal person has been recruited and deployed to the field to avoid delays in responding to water and sanitation needs. The national society has deployed the communication officer and the health coordinator to the field for a week to support the regional committee in planning activities and elaborate on how to carry out the interventions. A three month plan of action has been elaborated. 30 volunteers from 10 lake islands have been identified for trained in emergency health, Watsan and communication. Health and Watsan needs have been identified in collaboration with the responsible of Baroua health centre. Other 30 volunteers from Bosso (villages and islands) will also be identified and trained. Criteria for identifying and selecting volunteers has been set up in consultation with regional branch as follows:

- Be a permanent resident of the target community
- Ability to read and write
- Willingness to volunteer
- Has to be seconded by members of the community
- Should have the capacity to conduct sensitizations.

Weekly mobile clinics will be organised in the islands to assist those who cannot access health centres. Since 18 September, the IFRC Ops Manager has been in the field to coordinate the operation, participating in different humanitarian coordination meetings in Diffa region. Given the

desperate need of boats, their procurement process has started. Two boats, their accessories and 20 life vests will soon be availed.

To ensure complementarity of actions, cooperation agreements are in the process of being signed with various actors including WHO ,who will avail medical supplies to be used in the islands. Agreements with UNFPA have already been signed with the NS to conduct community sensitisation activities and distribute condoms and contraceptives. UNICEF via WASH cluster promised to avail aquatab and PUR.

Planned interventions	Implementation (%)
<b>Health and care</b>	
<b>Outcome 1</b> : The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced	
<b>Output 1.1 Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to the target population</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Train 60 community based volunteers in CBHFA and communication on STD & HIV/AIDS	45 volunteers identified to be trained
Provide volunteers with first aid kits and information, education and communication material and means	
Procure two boats (canoes) for monitoring health mobile care activities in Lake Chad islands	Procurement initiated
Procure life vests and safety equipment for boats and train volunteers on their use	Procurement initiated
Finalise negotiations and sign an agreement with WHO for providing medicines	In process
Provide the health centres with medication received from WHO	In process
<b>Output 1.2 HIV / AIDS prevention and essential management provided</b>	
<i>Activities planned</i>	
Organise monthly information, education and communication distributions alongside condoms to targeted risk groups	Awaiting volunteers training
Encourage voluntary testing and counselling on HIV/AIDS	Awaiting volunteers training
Sign agreement with UNFPA to provide tools and materials to at risk groups	Agreement signed
Strengthen health centre staff capacity in STD and HIV/AIDS through training and coaching	
Contract PLHIV association and organize assistance	
Distribute monthly supplementary food parcel to most vulnerable PLHIV (in cooperation with WFP)	
<b>Water, sanitation, &amp; hygiene promotion</b>	
Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities	
<b>Output 1: Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and WHO standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Conduct refresher training for 60 volunteers on use of water purification tablets	45 volunteers are identified
Provide access to safe water through building five new wells and maintaining 10 existing water points	2 wells already identified
Train communities in operation and maintenance of water points	
Train communities on use of water purification tablets	Target communities identified
Distribution water purification tablets and oral rehydration salts to health centres	
<b>Output 2: Adequate sanitation which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population</b>	

<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Construct five latrines at the health centres and public buildings	One target location identified
Conduct hygiene promotion campaign	
Train volunteers on PHAST, cholera prevention and hygiene promotion messaging	Volunteers are identified
Provide sanitation tools and protection material and organize monthly community sanitation activities	Procurement in progress.
<b>Output 3: Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Print and distribute 10,000 hygiene promotion leaflets	Process initiated
Conduct door-to-door visits	
<b>Food security, nutrition, and livelihoods</b>	
<b>Outcome 1: Immediate food needs of the disaster affected population are met</b>	
<b>Output 1: Appropriate food rations are distributed to vulnerable households</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Sign agreement with WFP to distribute food parcels	Already signed
Update monthly the beneficiary list received from WFP	
Train 60 volunteers on distribution techniques	Volunteers identified
Distribute monthly food parcels to 25,000 persons in targeted communities	Activity initiated
<b>Output 2: Household income is maintained where income sources are disrupted</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Identify and develop baselines in villages for cash programme	
Identify beneficiaries based on selection criteria	
Strengthen logistics, financial and managerial capacities of branches to implement cash for work programming	
Support cash for work activities in 20 villages	
Equip the villages with appropriate agricultural tools and the most appropriate species to plant	
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<b>Outcome 2: Critical nutritional status of the targeted community is improved</b>	
<b>Output 2.1: Screening for acute malnutrition carried out for children under age 5 and referrals provided for children under 5 with acute malnutrition</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Recruit and train 160 community-based volunteers for nutritional screening and referral of children	
Undertake house visit to children released from nutritional centres	
Strengthen screening and referral systems, baseline and follow-up on cases of malnutrition	
Conduct screening of all children from six months to five years every three months	
Refer moderate acute malnourished children to nutritional centres	

Distribute nutritional supplies in partnership with WFP and UNICEF	
<b>Output 2.2: Information regarding better infant and young child feeding practices is made available and applied by to mothers of children under 5 and/or of malnourished children</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Organize information, education and communication sessions on good nutritional practices and breastfeeding	
Organize demonstrations on food preparation for children	
Encourage pregnant women undertake health centre visits and register births	
<b>Output 2.3: Integrated health centres in the targeted areas have the capacity to receive and care of all referred malnourished cases</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Provide support and training to nutritional centres according to needs on the therapeutic food	
Provide health centres with ready-to-use therapeutic food (in cooperation with WFP)	
<b>Outcome : Reduced food insecurity among affected households</b>	
<b>Output 1: Productive assets are replaced and retained</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Identify and support 10 existing cereal banks that need to be reinforced	
Sign agreement with WFP to provide cereal	
Organize trainings for the management committee on cereal bank monitoring	
Support in the creation of four new cereal banks in the zones of intervention	
Document the process and use for learning to improve future interventions	
Output: Productive assets/inputs for primary production provided in accordance with the seasonal calendar	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Develop a suppliers list on approved improved seed producers	
Provide improved seeds to 2,500 households in collaboration with FAO	
Monitor and evaluate distribution activities	
Identify and purchase of short cycle cereals	
Identify households with cropping potential in towns	
Train volunteers and beneficiaries on replanted cereal	
Test plots of replanted maize	
<b>Output 3: Natural resource management is supported for sustainable recovery</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Identify five women associations (host) and five refugees households with cropping potential and land for gardening	
Train beneficiaries in vegetables planting, conservation and marketing	
Identify and select farms in cooperation with the authorities to build fences	
Procure and distribute seeds and fertilizers	
Monitor, coach and accompany women throughout the vegetable growing process until harvest	
<b>Output 4: Improve Red Cross safer access and community cohesion amongst refugee and host families</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Recruit socio-community facilitator to be based in Diffa	
Training of 100 volunteers on promotion of peace and protection of the most vulnerable groups	
Organise educational sessions, short plays or forums on peace and cohabitation	
Organize meeting of leaders of different community representation	
<b>National Society Capacity building</b>	
<b>Outcome 1: The quality of the operation is supported through protecting and promoting the National Society's development, capacities and future sustainability</b>	
<b>Output 1: Diffa regional branch and four local committees offices are</b>	

<b>rehabilitated and have effective communications systems</b>	
<i>Activities planned:</i>	
Small rehabilitation of the Diffa and N'gugmi branches and the headquarters	
Install internet in two local branches (Bosso and Maine Sorae)	Process initiated
Produce stickers, placards, flags and poster to be used during activities and constructions	Process initiated
Purchase a generator to Diffa local branch	Done
Recruit an Operations Manager to be based in Diffa	Recruitment process initiated
Organize and lead monthly Red Cross and Red Crescent Coordination meetings	
<b>Output 2: Temporary capacity to be added to the NS through international partners' support is defined</b>	
<i>Activities planned</i>	
Train four local branches senior staff in PMER	
Monitor, evaluate and report on operational activities	
Support two medical doctors from Global Fund TB project to train National Society and health centre staff	
<b>Output 3: The transport capacity of Diffa regional branch is improved</b>	
<i>Activities planned</i>	
Lease two vehicles for monitoring the activities in Diffa	Done
Provide four motorbikes for local committees to monitoring the activities	Process initiated
Support the branches with fuel and maintenance	Process initiated

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