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EPoA Operations Update

Ghana: Cholera

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DREF Operation no. MDRGH010		GLIDE n° EP-2014-000116-GHA
Operations update no. 2 Requesting for a one-month extension		Timeframe covered by this update: 24 August to 4 December 2014
Emergency Appeal operation start date: 22 August 2014		Timeframe: Five months (New end date: 22 January 2015)
Initial operation budget: CHF 157,324	Appeal coverage: 100%	Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: CHF 157,324
N° of people being assisted: 23,500		
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, and branches): 200 volunteers, 10 staff, 47 communities and 2 Regional Branch.		
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: IFRC, Swiss Red Cross		
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Health (Ghana Health Service (GHS). WHO and UNICEF		

Timeframe revision: Request for a one-month extension to complete an operational review/lessons learnt exercise, as per the agreed EPoA + Budget.

Summary:

In June 2014, a cholera outbreak was reported in Ghana. The outbreak which started in the region in week 24 with six cases reported saw an upsurge in week 29 with 251 cases and started spreading to other regions. Five regions (Ashanti, Central, Eastern, Greater Accra, and Western) all confirmed cases of cholera across 32 districts. By week 38, 15,034 cases of cholera had been recorded in the Greater Accra Region. Fifteen districts out of sixteen in this region have recorded cases of cholera, with Accra metro and La Nkwatanang the most affected districts in the region, accounting for 87 per cent of cases. On 22 August 2014, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) released CHF 157,324 from the Disaster Relief & Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) respond to the epidemic, over a period of three months.

This Operations Update is requesting an extension of timeframe by one month; in order to carry out a DREF operational review/lessons learnt exercise. Please note that as per the previous update issued on 20 November 2014, the operational review/lessons learnt was intended to be carried out in December 2014, however this has had to be postponed until January 2015, as it has not been possible to secure personnel with the profile required for this exercise. The IFRC zone office and West Coast regional representation have developed a Terms of Reference; and are in the process of finalising the exact dates, and composition of the team, which is hoped to include participants from a Partner National Society. The DREF operation will end on 22 January 2015, and a final report will be made available on 22 April 2015 (Three months after the end of the operation).

DG ECHO made a replenishment of this allocation. Major donors and partners of the current DREF include the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross/Silent Emergencies Fund and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Ghana Red Cross Society, would like to express its gratitude to all for their generous contributions. Please refer to [Operations Update n° 1](#) for progress on the activities carried out within this DREF operation to date.

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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 (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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