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Emergency appeal operations update Senegal: Ebola Virus Disease outbreak

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Emergency appeal n° MDRSN010		GLIDE n° EP-2014-000039-SEN
Operations update n° 14		Timeframe covered by this update: 08 Sep 14 to 27 Feb 15
Emergency Appeal operation start date: 29 September 2014		Timeframe: Initially 6 months, hereby extended to 9 months (until 31.05.2015)
Appeal budget: CHF 1.3M	Appeal coverage: 13%	Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: NA
Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: 253,515		
N° of people being assisted: 2.2 million people		
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 1,000 volunteers, 9 branches, 25 National Society staff in the field, and 5 (health) National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members.		
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: ICRC, Spanish Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, French Red Cross		
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: MoH, WHO, UNICEF, UNOCHA, MSF, UNDP, UNFPA, ECHO, USAID, JICA.		

Summary: The outbreak of Ebola virus is still underway in several countries in West Africa. A single imported case from Guinea was reported in Senegal in late August 2014. The Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS) got involved in the monitoring of 74 contacts which ended after 21 days. They were all in good health. The patient admitted to the treatment center was cured of Ebola and discharged. The test results of suspected cases in the District of Vélingara, Kolda Region were also negative. However, following the detailed risks assessment and considering the advice from key partners including WHO, a decision was taken to maintain and scale up efforts because the Ebola threats are still real. Therefore the IFRC launched an Emergency Appeal for a total of CHF 1.3M to support the National Society to respond to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak by delivering assistance and support to 2.2 million people. The response activities of the National Society have focused on information and communication, education, awareness raising, and social mobilization, surveillance, case identification and contact management, psychosocial support, and regional collaboration.

This update reports on activities carried out so far and announces a 3 month no-cost extension to continue with some few activities, in light of the continued threat of transmission across Senegal's borders, and the need to further strengthen preparedness and community surveillance along the borders. Activities will include:

- Cross border meetings between Senegal and Guinea Red Cross committees
- Set up of Community Disease surveillance committees in Salemata department,
- Implementation of a Hotline among RC branches, Ministry of Health authorities and community leaders.,
- Mobilisation and capacity building for RC volunteers to carry out social mobilisation and sensitisation activities at community level,
- Hygiene and sanitation kits will be distributed in Dindéfelo commune and hand washing points at public places along the border.

Coordination and partnerships

As part of its response to the Ebola outbreak, the Red Cross Movement together with the National Society has been committed to support the Ministry of Health through its various committees. Indeed, the French Red Cross contributed to the duplication of Ebola sensitizing posters and preventive measures. The trainer who facilitated the Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) training of trainers also came from the French Red Cross. As for the Luxembourg Red Cross, it supported the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), isolation tents and the organization of simulation activities held in Fann hospital next to the treatment center.

It is worth mentioning that the Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS) has been working closely with Ministry of Health and Social Welfare through the various committees set up with the medical regions and health districts. The latter have actively participated in the supervision of training and sensitization activities implemented by Red Cross volunteers. Thus, through the Water-Sanitation and Hygiene Committee, SRCS participated to the 14 cascading training sessions on Hygiene in the 14 regions of the country, alongside with the National Health Service and national fire brigade. Some of these trainings were held in Red Cross headquarters. Besides, a total of 12 SRCS staff participated in the monitoring of contacts and case management training organized by MSF. UNICEF is also another partner of the National Society in its Ebola combat. The collaboration resulted on the training of 18 Red Cross volunteers on psychosocial techniques and stress management regarding an outbreak of Ebola virus.

Operational implementation

Overview

The Implementation of response activities was commenced early and was scaled up through allocation of IFRC DREF, and the launch of an Emergency Appeal. Since the confirmation of the imported case, SRCS has been involved in 7 committees of the Ministry of Health such as:

- the social and behavioral intervention committee ,
- the investigation and epidemiological surveillance committee,
- the case management and infection control committee,
- the Water Sanitation and Hygiene committee
- the logistics committee
- the media or communication committee
- and mobile response team.

Its involvement and commitment in these committees enables the National Society to better implement its response plan against the Ebola virus. Indeed a team of 24 volunteers supervised by six supervisors were involved in the monitoring of the 74 contacts in the capital Dakar. These monitoring activities have included monitoring the contacts' temperature twice a day, sensitization, and distribution of food kits as well as psychosocial support. Besides, the National Society mobilized its logistics means to support the distribution of hygiene kits countrywide. Also, a team of 6 volunteers were deployed in Fann Hospital on support to the health team in the Ebola treatment centre. As there has not been any Ebola alert since 18 September 2014 according to the Ministry of Health, WHO has declared Ebola over in Senegal, on 13 October According to Health Minister the most important actions that contributed to this rapid containment – with no onward transmission whatsoever – are the following:

- Strong political leadership at the highest level
- Early detection and response, aided by a detailed plan and a rapidly activated National Crisis Committee.
- Stepped up surveillance, especially at the country's many entry points by road.
- Rapid mobilization of resources from both domestic and international sources; solid preparedness plans are thought to have earned the confidence of donors.
- Support from operational partners, including WHO.
- Nationwide public awareness campaigns that made good use of media experts embedded in the Ministry of Health and Welfare and allowed to closely observe its emergency actions, and local radio networks.
- Deliberate and heavy emphasis on multisectorial collaboration among all relevant government ministries, backed by community engagement every step along the way.
- Direct support to contact cases as a strong incentive for cooperation and compliance, through the provision of social support in the form of money, food, and psychological counselling.

- Support for reintegration of the recovered patient into a society that could understand why he posed no risk of contagion to others

However the WHO cautions that vigilance and basic hygiene measures should continue. Therefore the Senegalese Red Cross Society supported by the IFRC has decided to strengthen its response capacity and preparedness for an early and effective response to potential new cases.

Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced	
Output 1.1 : The capacity of the Senegalese Red Cross Society to manage Ebola virus disease outbreak response has been strengthened	
Activities planned	Implementation
Establish a National Society task force at headquarter level to coordinate with internal and external partners.	Done
Appointment and recruitment of dedicated Ebola management staff, including IFRC operations manager, SRCS Ebola coordinator.	The level of funding coverage of the Appeal has not allowed the recruitment of dedicated Ebola management staff. However, the management of the SRCS has decided to appoint a focal point for the supervision of Ebola operation who is under the coach of the Head of Health department.
Deployment of Regional and National Disaster Response Teams (RDRT and NDRT)	Done
Orientation of 1,200 volunteers on Ebola signs and symptoms, prevention, social mobilization and awareness raising.	<p>Early training activities reached :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 volunteers • 100 community supervisors • 45 department supervisors • 14 regional supervisors • 04 SRCS staff <p>More recently, the National Society carried out training and sensitization activities in the capital, Dakar targeting 50 volunteers, 60 teachers, and 23 Red Cross staff. The trainings were geared towards increasing their knowledge on the means of EVD transmission and methods of prevention. They also aimed to strengthen their capacities to deliver preventive and referral messages to people.</p>
Train 200 volunteers on health education, hygiene promotion and epidemic Establish staff and volunteer safety protocols and Ebola insurance packages, technical control as well as safe and dignified burials (SDB).	Training activities on hygiene promotion, psychosocial support and social mobilization under reached a total of 10,195 people including volunteers and Red Cross staff.
Conduct debriefing sessions on weekly basis to staff, volunteers and emergency hospital medics.	07 debriefing sessions have been hold so far on a weekly basis with hospital medics in each committee
Establish staff and volunteer safety protocols and Ebola insurance packages.	Regarding the Emergency appeal the low funding coverage has not yet allowed to take in charge staff and volunteer safety protocols and Ebola insurance packages. . However within the DREF framework a total of 1,000 volunteers have already been covered by Geneva health insurance.
Establish systems for volunteer care and stress management and recreational activities for all personnel involved in the operation.	The Senegalese Red Cross Society has been awaiting funds to trained 200 volunteers on stress management.
Output 2: Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to targeted population	
Activities planned	Implementation
Develop, adapt and share key messages with branches	Done
Produce and disseminate information, education and communication materials related to Ebola virus.	Done
Engage the media: National dailies, radio, chats, live broadcast on TV stations, call in programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release • Community radio broadcasting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of messages through Facebook
Carry out community meetings and sensitizations at markets, churches, mosques, schools and other meeting points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 community (<i>schools, markets, mosques</i>) sensitizations • 105 educational talks in households and public places • Field staff report 235,000 people reached through sensitization activities.
Distribution of flyers on the streets, churches, mosques, markets, barracks, schools etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 posters and 110,000 flyers have been distributed in Senegal 14 Regions and 45 departments. It worth mentioning that During the religious Maouloud feast, The Senegalese Red Cross Society mobilized 510 Red Cross volunteers who reached 235,000 beneficiaries through public awareness activities including 2 caravans, 286 group discussions, 34 hand washing demonstrations, 3 movies. Furthermore, the Red Cross volunteers distributed 50,000 flyers and 300 leaflets on Ebola.
Output 3: Contribution to epidemiological investigation and epidemic control	
Activities planned	Implementation
Conduct contact tracing, disease prevention and health promotion campaign.	In progress Public awareness activities focusing on Ebola prevention, including 60 mass sensitization events in public places, two caravans and 200 home visits were conducted. During this period, 200 Red Cross volunteers supported Ebola-related activities.
Procure, transport and store of 1,000 PPEs and hand sanitizer gel and Dettol and lease 4 vehicles for the operation.	This activity has not yet been completed. Indeed, the availability of PPEs and their rational distribution was a key problem for the whole countries in particular the most affected ones. Therefore, Geneva advised the health department to put on hold all PPEs ordering and purchase.
Support HR, logistical and management capacities to implement the operation for the Branch and National HQ.	In progress
Support burials together with local authorities through Dead Body Management (DBM).	Non Applicable, no death from Ebola has been registered so far.
Output 4: Psychosocial support is provided to affected population	
Activities planned	Implementation
Identification of volunteers to be trained	Done
Orientation of 80 volunteers on PSP	In progress (18 Red Cross volunteers trained with support from UNICEF)
Engage with affected communities to develop and implement psychosocial support interventions at community level including stigma.	Red Cross volunteers, NDRT and national HQ staff have conducted visits to the affected family from the case and supported family members and communities around to avoid stigma. The Senegal Minister of Health visited the family of the victim from Ebola and this was done together with the Senegalese Red Cross management in order to provide psychosocial support and fight against stigma. Community sensitisations against stigma have also been carried out.
Outcome 2: The management of the operation is informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system	
Output 1: A process of monitoring and evaluation maintained and reported on throughout the program	
Activities planned	Implementation
Carry out needs and gaps assessments.	Done
Participate in coordination meetings with stakeholders at National and State levels.	Daily meetings organised by the Crisis committee comprised of task force members including Red Cross and shared by the DG MoH or the Minister

	Regular coordination meetings with Red Cross attendance in the regions/branches.
Undertake continuous risk and capacity assessments	In progress
Establish and maintain regular monitoring system to map cases and National Society field capacity and ensure regular reporting of the SRCS operation.	In progress

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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

MDRSN010 - Senegal - Ebola Virus Disease

Timeframe: 08 Sep 14 to 28 Feb 15

Appeal Launch Date: 29 Sep 14

iNTERIM REPORT

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2014/9-2015/1	Programme	MDRSN010
Budget Timeframe	2014/9-2015/2	Budget	BUDGET9
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		1,380,962				1,380,962	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>British Red Cross</i>		75,314				75,314	
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government*)</i>		46,250				46,250	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		45,600				45,600	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		15,102				15,102	
C1. Cash contributions		182,266				182,266	
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		253,515				253,515	
C4. Other Income		253,515				253,515	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		435,781				435,781	
D. Total Funding = B + C		435,781				435,781	

* 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		435,781				435,781	
E. Expenditure		-360,579				-360,579	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		75,202				75,202	

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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)			1,380,962			1,380,962		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	36,792		6,216			6,216	30,576	
Medical & First Aid	224,143						224,143	
Teaching Materials	42,177		30,280			30,280	11,897	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	303,112		36,496			36,496	266,616	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	53,298		9,636			9,636	43,662	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	53,298		9,636			9,636	43,662	
Personnel								
International Staff	56,660		4,059			4,059	52,601	
National Staff	72,000		26,693			26,693	45,307	
National Society Staff	185,877		18,077			18,077	167,800	
Volunteers	407,663		42,035			42,035	365,628	
Total Personnel	722,200		90,864			90,864	631,336	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	57,954		33,959			33,959	23,995	
Total Workshops & Training	57,954		33,959			33,959	23,995	
General Expenditure								
Travel	30,000		2,232			2,232	27,768	
Information & Public Relations	67,660						67,660	
Communications	18,453		3,054			3,054	15,398	
Financial Charges	27,500		22,000			22,000	5,500	
Shared Office and Services Costs	16,500		14,551			14,551	1,949	
Total General Expenditure	160,113		41,837			41,837	118,276	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			125,779			125,779	-125,779	
Total Operational Provisions			125,779			125,779	-125,779	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	84,284		22,007			22,007	62,277	
Total Indirect Costs	84,284		22,007			22,007	62,277	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	1,380,962		360,579			360,579	1,020,383	
VARIANCE (C - D)			1,020,383			1,020,383		

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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	1,380,962		435,781	435,781	360,579	75,202	
Subtotal BL2	1,380,962		435,781	435,781	360,579	75,202	
GRAND TOTAL	1,380,962		435,781	435,781	360,579	75,202	