

## THE SAHEL REGION

Helping people in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger to cope with the cumulative effects of conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic

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*Burkina Faso, Titao. Two women who have been displaced by violence get their share of food rations during an aid distribution carried out by the Burkinabé Red Cross Society and the ICRC. (ICRC)*

## SITUATION AND HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS

- ▶ People continue to suffer the consequences of armed conflict and other situations of violence in the Sahel, while COVID-19 spreads in the region. The security situation has become particularly dire in northern and eastern Burkina Faso, central and northern Mali, and Diffa and Tillabery in Niger. Cross-border raids and other attacks by armed groups have surged in recent months, as have operations against them by domestic and multinational military and security forces. Communal violence has also intensified. Food insecurity, particularly among displaced people, is a major concern: the repercussions of hostilities on the availability of food are exacerbated by the devastating impact of climate change on agriculture, the main source of sustenance for many. The COVID-19 pandemic and its broader impact on the resilience of communities represent further threats to the lives and livelihoods of people in the region.
- ▶ Attacks on civilians have been reported in relation to the aforementioned situations of violence; such reports have increased significantly in Burkina Faso. The violence has also displaced many people within or from their countries: in April, there were reportedly around 859,000 IDPs in Burkina Faso (a nearly tenfold increase from 90,000 at the beginning of 2019), 217,000 in Mali, and 163,100 in Niger. Tens of thousands of Malian refugees are in south-eastern Mauritania, including some 1,500 people who were displaced early this year. Attacks in Chad have also recently displaced roughly 30,000 people. Others who are attempting to return home or to seek refuge in neighbouring countries may be in quarantine facilities or stranded at the border because of COVID-19 measures.
- ▶ Across the region, displaced people have little means of sustaining themselves, as the violence forced many of them to flee suddenly, with hardly any belongings. The communities hosting them are also starting to run out of resources. Several markets have closed because of the violence and COVID-19 prevention measures, making it more difficult for people to earn a living and obtain food and other essentials. Farmland and herds have been decimated by fighting, and droughts and floods have led to lower yields for farmers and insufficient feed or pasture for herders' livestock. The insecurity also makes it difficult for people to adapt by making travel unsafe, limiting their ability to find alternative sources of income or other sources of fodder and water for their herds. Competition over resources is also stoking communal tensions between farmers and herders, particularly in central Mali, south-western Mauritania, and Diffa in Niger.
- ▶ Many essential structures have been damaged or destroyed in clashes, significantly disrupting the delivery of basic services and putting additional strain on the few that can still operate. In particular, health facilities in violence-affected areas of Burkina Faso and Mali, and water systems in Mauritania, are struggling to cope with the surge in needs due to displacement. COVID-19 is also adding to the pressure on health systems and local forensic capacities.
- ▶ Security constraints limit humanitarian organizations' access to violence-affected people. The ICRC has already had to adapt or temporarily suspend some activities because of clashes, criminality and banditry, and the presence of mines and improvised explosive devices. Nevertheless, it can still work in several areas thanks to its dialogue with key parties and partnerships with the pertinent National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which have extensive local networks.
- ▶ People continue to be arrested in relation to armed violence in the Sahel. Detainees are often held in overcrowded facilities, where food is sometimes insufficient. Where family visits are suspended because of COVID-19, detainees risk losing touch with their families, who often bring them food as well. Some governments are releasing certain detainees as part of COVID-19 prevention measures; detainees may need support as they return to society.
- ▶ Migrants travel from or through the Sahel region, seeking passage to Europe and risking their lives in perilous sea journeys; many are stranded there owing to movement restrictions related to COVID-19.

## OPERATIONAL SHIFTS

Given the sharp deterioration of the situation in the region, the ICRC is bolstering its efforts to help people in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger to cope with the cumulative effects of conflict and other violence, climate shocks, and COVID-19. In particular, the ICRC will:

- ▶ strengthen its efforts to monitor abuses against people displaced by violence in **Burkina Faso** – notably, by consolidating its presence in the east – and to raise them with the parties concerned;
- ▶ work with the pertinent National Societies to step up relief distributions and/or livelihood support for newly displaced people and others affected by violence in **Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania** and **Niger**, focusing on vulnerable communities that need extra help ahead of the lean season and/or that are accessible to few other organizations;
- ▶ reinforce support for health facilities in **Burkina Faso** and **Mali** (including measures to control and prevent COVID-19) and water systems in **Mauritania**, so that they can continue to deliver essential services in violence-affected areas; offer technical and other assistance to the authorities in **Mauritania**, to help them improve their capacity to manage human remains in case of mass-casualty events due to violence, migration and/or disease;
- ▶ help the authorities to ensure that detainees in **Burkina Faso** can still contact their families, and increase food assistance for detainees in **Chad**; and
- ▶ provide more support for the National Societies in **Burkina Faso, Mali** and **Niger**, so that they can continue to help violence-affected communities that other actors cannot reach, and continue to play a key role in their respective countries' COVID-19 response.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities covered by this budget extension, the ICRC will continue its activities in other key areas, as set out in each context's initial 2020 appeal<sup>1</sup>. These include: discussing respect for international humanitarian law (IHL), and other pertinent norms, with weapon bearers; engaging with communities to better understand their needs and the risks that they face; supporting agriculture and other livelihoods; visiting detainees to monitor their well-being; and fostering support for the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

## REVISED APPEAL

To support its increased activities in the Sahel region, the ICRC is launching this budget extension appeal for **KCHF 12,347**, in addition to the initial budget of **KCHF 122,308** for the contexts covered.

- ▶ KCHF 4,200 for Burkina Faso, which increases the delegation's initial budget from KCHF 14,739 to KCHF 18,939
- ▶ KCHF 984 for Chad, which increases the delegation's initial budget from KCHF 13,557 to KCHF 14,541
- ▶ KCHF 2,446 for Mali, which increases the delegation's initial budget from KCHF 50,002 to KCHF 52,448
- ▶ KCHF 790 for Mauritania, which increases the delegation's initial budget from KCHF 4,672 to KCHF 5,463
- ▶ KCHF 3,926 for Niger, which increases the delegation's initial budget from KCHF 39,338 to KCHF 43,264

<sup>1</sup> See the 2020 appeals for Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania, Mali and Niger at:

<https://xnet.ext.icrc.org/applic/extranet/rexdonors.nsf/Content.xsp?documentId=A396E7BFC1EB941AC12584C40006FD3D&action=openDocument>

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Mali, Timbuktu. An ICRC delegate gives disinfecting and sterilizing equipment to the regional hospital, to help them check the spread of COVID-19. (ICRC)

## ASSISTANCE TARGETS

### BURKINA FASO

		Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal	2020 Target
<b>CIVILIANS</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	63,000	79,000	142,000
Food production	Beneficiaries	88,410		88,410
Income support	Beneficiaries	1,050		1,050
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	17,500	17,500	35,000
Capacity building	Beneficiaries	14,150		14,150
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	23,680		23,680
<b>Health</b>				
Health centres supported <sup>2</sup>	Structures	18	2	20
<b>PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	1,000		1,000
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	3,200		3,200
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	1,350		1,350

<sup>2</sup>Including ad hoc support

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<b>CHAD</b>				
		<b>Initial appeal</b>	<b>Budget extension appeal</b>	<b>2020 Target</b>
<b>CIVILIANS</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food production	Beneficiaries	212,100	6,000	218,100
Income support	Beneficiaries	3,360	6,000	9,360
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	18,000	24,000	42,000
Capacity building	Beneficiaries	15,150		15,150
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	40,000		40,000
<b>PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	3,620	2,900	6,520
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	4,100		4,100

  

<b>MALI</b>				
		<b>Initial appeal</b>	<b>Budget extension appeal</b>	<b>2020 Target</b>
<b>CIVILIANS</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	72,000	9,000	81,000
Food production	Beneficiaries	921,840		921,840
Income support	Beneficiaries	21,060		21,060
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	39,000		39,000
Capacity building	Beneficiaries	1,030		1,030
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	145,008		145,008
<b>Health</b>				
Health centres supported <sup>3</sup>	Structures	23		23
<b>PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	2,990		2,990
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	2,990		2,990
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Structures	2,990		2,990
<b>WOUNDED AND SICK</b>				
<b>Medical care</b>				
Hospitals supported <sup>3</sup>	Structures	7		7
<b>Physical rehabilitation</b>				
Projects supported	Projects	11		11
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beds	310		310

<sup>3</sup>Including ad hoc support

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Mauritania, Bassikounou. The ICRC is helping to extend the water network, ensuring a more stable supply of water to both refugees and residents. (ICRC)

## MAURITANIA

		Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal	2020 Target
<b>CIVILIANS</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food production	Beneficiaries	60,000	30,000	90,000
Income support	Beneficiaries	7,500	7,500	15,000
Capacity building	Beneficiaries	20		20
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	18,500		18,500
<b>PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	1,805		1,805
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	1,600		1,600

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<b>NIGER</b>				
		Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal	2020 Target
<b>CIVILIANS</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	193,235	32,165	225,400
Food production	Beneficiaries	450,800		450,800
Income support	Beneficiaries	7,000		7,000
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	21,000		21,000
Capacity building	Beneficiaries	1,138		1,138
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	258,679		258,679
<b>Health</b>				
Health centres supported	Structures	16		16
<b>PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM</b>				
<b>Economic security</b>				
Food consumption	Beneficiaries	1,500		1,500
Living conditions	Beneficiaries	2,850		2,850
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	3,544		3,544
<b>WOUNDED AND SICK</b>				
<b>Medical care</b>				
Hospitals supported <sup>4</sup>	Structures	7		7
<b>Physical rehabilitation</b>				
Projects supported	Projects	7		7
<b>Water and habitat</b>				
Water and habitat activities	Beds	354		354

<sup>4</sup>Including ad hoc support



Niger, Tillabery region. The ICRC and the Red Cross Society of Niger are distributing food and household essentials, including mats and hygiene items, to people displaced by violence. (ICRC)

## REVISED PLAN OF ACTION AND INDICATORS<sup>5</sup>

The planned activities outlined below include only those that are new or have been modified since the publication of the 2020 appeals<sup>6</sup> in December 2019. Planned activities that have been increased or decreased in scale, or cancelled, are clearly indicated as such. Objectives pursued and activities being carried out without change are not mentioned.

### BURKINA FASO

#### CIVILIANS

##### Protection

###### *Protection of the civilian population*

- ▶ document people's protection-related concerns, and make oral and written representations to the parties concerned (*increased*)

##### Assistance

With the National Society:

###### *Economic security*

- ▶ distribute up to three months' worth of food rations for up to 20,300 households (142,000 people) [initial budget: 9,000 households (about 63,000 people)] (*increased*)
- ▶ provide household items for up to 5,000 households (35,000 people) [initial budget: 2,500 households (17,500 people)] (*increased*)

###### *Health*

- ▶ at five health centres [initial budget: three health centres], ensure that people have access to services; more specifically:
  - donate medical supplies and equipment, such as refrigerators for vaccines (*increased*)
  - lend technical expertise and other support for health staff, traditional birth attendants and people working to promote public-health messages on nutrition and other matters (*increased*)

#### PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM

##### Protection

###### *Restoring family links*

- ▶ help the authorities establish a phone system that would enable detainees to maintain contact with their families, despite the suspension of family visits in connection with COVID-19 (*new*)

<sup>5</sup> The status of each item in the plan of action is indicated in parentheses, usually at the end of the bullet point. *Increased/decreased* pertains to an increase or decrease in budget, which may or may not result in a corresponding increase or decrease in the target number of beneficiaries. *Modified* means that some aspect of the plan – the approach or duration, for example – has changed, even if this does not necessarily correspond to a change in the cost of the activity. *Cancelled* indicates that the plan will no longer be carried out.

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## RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

### Cooperation

#### *Support for the National Society*

- ▶ provide financial, logistical and material support, and training for the National Society's activities, particularly its COVID-19 response (*increased/modified*)

## CHAD

### CIVILIANS

### Assistance

#### *Economic security*

With the National Society:

- ▶ distribute seed, tools, equipment, and other supplies for growing staple crops and vegetables, to up to 7,600 households (45,600 people) [initial budget: 6,600 households (39,600 people)]; whenever necessary, organize training in farming techniques, nutrition and other topics (*increased*)
- ▶ bolster the income of 2,560 households (9,360 people in all) [initial budget: 560 households (3,360 people)] by giving them unconditional cash grants or grants for starting small businesses, or by engaging them in cash-for-work projects to construct latrines and other infrastructure (*increased*)
- ▶ help up to 7,000 households (42,000 people) [initial budget: 3,000 households (18,000 people)] improve their living conditions by giving them household essentials or cash/vouchers for obtaining them, or fodder for their livestock (*increased*)

## PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FREEDOM

### Protection

#### *Protection of people deprived of their freedom*

- ▶ check on the situation of particularly vulnerable detainees who are set to be released in connection with COVID-19 prevention measures; provide some of them with cash assistance to help ease their return home (*new*)

### Assistance

#### *Economic security*

- ▶ donate food supplies for up to 6,520 people (initial budget: 3,620 people) in order to help reduce the risk of malnutrition among detainees (*modified/increased*)

## MALI

### CIVILIANS

### Assistance

#### *Health*

- ▶ back the provision of preventive, curative and maternal health care, and psychosocial support for victims of violence, at up to 16 primary-health-care centres:
  - refer patients for higher-level or specialized care; cover transport costs for those needing life-saving treatment (*increased*)

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- ▶ in the event of an emergency, including disease outbreaks, provide ad hoc support to the 16 ICRC-backed primary-health-care centres mentioned above; extend such support to up to seven other centres (*increased/modified*)

#### *Economic security*

- ▶ provide up to 72,000 people (12,000 households) with one month's supply of food, or cash to buy it; provide additional supplies to 9,000 of them and emergency food rations to 9,000 others (total of 3,000 households) to tide them over the lean season [initial target: 72,000 people (12,000 households)] (*increased/modified*)

## WOUNDED AND SICK

### Assistance

#### *Medical care*

- ▶ support three hospitals – in Gao, Kidal and Mopti – in providing good-quality hospital services, through:
  - donations of medicines, personal protective equipment, disinfecting and cleaning materials, and other supplies and equipment (*increased/modified*)
  - financial assistance for covering staff salaries, running costs and patients' expenses for food and transport (*increased/modified*)
  - staff reinforcement; training and supervision in areas such as infection prevention and control measures (including medical screening and triage), hospital management and wound surgery, including from ICRC surgical teams (*increased/modified*)
- ▶ in case of an influx of patients, including owing to disease outbreaks, provide additional material and other support for up to seven hospitals (including the three mentioned above); if necessary, temporarily deploy an ICRC surgical team; help these hospitals draw up contingency plans (*increased/modified*)

## RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

### Cooperation

#### *Support for the National Society*

- ▶ provide the National Society with funds, materials (personal protective equipment, handwashing devices, food and household essentials for distribution, etc.), and infrastructural and logistical support; train the National Society on infection prevention and control measures; help it disseminate information to the public on COVID-19 and how to mitigate its spread; provide insurance coverage for some volunteers, including those exposed to COVID-19 (*increased/modified*)

## MAURITANIA

### CIVILIANS

### Protection

#### *Restoring family links*

- ▶ provide technical and other support to help local forensic and medico-legal services improve their practices in managing human remains, in case of mass-casualty events relating to violence, migration or disease (*new*)

### Assistance

#### *Water and habitat*

- ▶ to benefit around 18,500 refugees and residents in southeastern Mauritania:

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- in rural areas, repair and construct water points, including hand pumps and watering holes used by herders; upgrade/repair four additional structures (*increased*)
- in urban areas, expand the water-supply system; dig and equip an additional borehole (*increased/modified*)
- on an ad hoc basis, provide clean water and other assistance to improve the living conditions of people newly displaced from Mali (*new*)

#### *Economic security*

- ▶ in southeastern Mauritania, help up to 15,000 herding households (90,000 people) [initial budget: 10,000 households (60,000 people)] safeguard their food production, by:
  - offering them free vaccination services for their livestock (*increased*)
  - providing fodder for particularly vulnerable households (*increased*)
  - organizing workshops on herd and pasture management and providing supplies for up to 20 animal-health workers (*increased/modified*)
- ▶ give some 2,500 herding households (15,000 people) [initial budget: 1,250 households (7,500 people)] cash to supplement their incomes (*increased*)

## NIGER

### CIVILIANS

#### Assistance

#### *Economic security*

- ▶ ensure that vulnerable people have food, by:
  - regularly providing rations or electronic vouchers to about 147,665 people (21,000 households) [initial budget: 115,500 people (16,505 households)] in Diffa and Tillabery, and some vulnerable farmers; distribute additional rounds of rations to displaced people, as necessary (*increased/modified*)

### RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

#### Cooperation

#### *Support for the National Society*

- ▶ give the National Society logistical, material and infrastructural support to develop its ability to provide family-links services, manage human remains and run economic-security projects and conduct COVID-19 prevention activities, particularly where other actors cannot operate (*increased/modified*)

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*Burkina Faso. Members of the gendarmerie receive a donation of hygiene supplies from an ICRC delegate, as part of efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in places of detention. (ICRC)*

## PROGRESS REPORT

### BURKINA FASO

- ▶ As at the end of May, more than 51,000<sup>7</sup> newly displaced people in the north have received food (including fortified food that aims to avert malnutrition among children and pregnant women) and/or cash or vouchers for food from the ICRC and the Burkinabé Red Cross Society; 9,000 people in the east have also received kits containing essential items. Owing to the steep increase in needs, the 2020 budget for food distributions (initial target: 63,000 people) in Burkina Faso has nearly been exhausted. Aid distributions incorporated disease-prevention messages and were conducted in line with national and international guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- ▶ In April, more than 32,000 children aged nine months to ten years old were vaccinated against measles by the health authorities in Fada N’Gourma in the east. ICRC-supported health centres in the north and east continue to receive support for implementing preventive measures against COVID-19, including hygiene supplies, protective equipment and training for staff.
- ▶ Confidential discussions with weapon bearers, on respect for IHL and other norms, continue to take place. In May, two dissemination sessions on IHL and other pertinent norms were organized for dozens of members of a militia group that had been recently formed as part of a law passed in January.
- ▶ The ICRC continues to engage in dialogue with the authorities regarding the well-being of detainees (on needs related to nutrition and family contact, for instance) and measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as the early release of certain detainees, particularly those most vulnerable to the disease. To date,

<sup>7</sup> The figures in this document are based on the latest data from the field. For consolidated figures, please refer to the Midterm and Annual Reports only.

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more than 1,200 sentenced detainees, and several hundred more who were awaiting trial, have been released.

- ▶ The Burkinabé Red Cross Society continued to receive support for its activities, particularly its COVID-19 response. Of note, between March and April, the ICRC donated: a vehicle for transporting rapid intervention teams; 26 tents to serve as temporary health facilities; and 200 body bags to assist in the safe and dignified management of human remains. Volunteers in charge of contact tracing and disinfection also received technical and other support.



*Chad, Lac region. A woman receives seed, and some cash to tide her and her household over until the harvest, as part of a livelihood support programme. (ICRC)*

## CHAD

- ▶ In Lac province, several types of seed (maize, beans, sorrel and okra) and hoes were distributed to more than 5,700 households (34,000 people), to help them start cultivating staple crops, while also reducing tensions over limited resources between host communities and displaced people. They were also given some cash to tide them over before harvest season, as well as some hygiene supplies. These distributions, which were carried out with the Red Cross of Chad, were carried out in compliance with national and international guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19, and also included information sessions on disease-prevention messages.
- ▶ Discussions with various ministries and prison authorities continue to take place, with a focus on establishing and strengthening measures against COVID-19. In addition to sharing recommendations, the ICRC is also providing material support in this regard. In May, it donated more than 13,000 pieces of soap for people at two prisons, and supplies for 1,800 therapeutic feedings of detainees at one prison.

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*Mali, Timbuktu. Mali Red Cross volunteers are raising awareness of COVID-19, with support from the ICRC. (Mali Red Cross)*

## MALI

- ▶ The ICRC has helped the 16 primary-health-care centres and three hospitals it regularly supports in violence- and conflict-affected areas. To ensure the continuity of care (despite violence and the threat of the pandemic), it provided them with additional medical supplies and personal protective equipment. It gave technical support to health workers for coordinating and implementing infection prevention and control measures. The ICRC extended its technical support to Mali's national authorities, to help them deal with the pandemic and its effects; it also gave ad hoc material support (personal protective equipment, soap, cleaning and disinfecting materials, etc.) to five other primary-health-care centres and four other hospitals, including some treating COVID-19 patients.
- ▶ Despite security and access constraints, the ICRC, with help from the Mali Red Cross, distributed food (rice, beans, cooking oil, etc.) – sometimes along with essential household items – to displaced and other vulnerable people; roughly 18,000 people (3,000 households) benefited since the start of 2020. Other forms of assistance (cash, materials, infrastructural support or training) helped people start or resume livelihood activities; cash-for-work programmes enabled some to earn money for covering their households' needs.
- ▶ The ICRC undertook several activities in order to strengthen the Mali Red Cross' response to the COVID-19 pandemic: it trained some 200 volunteers and trainers on COVID-19; purchased hand-washing stations, soap and other hygiene materials for each branch of the National Society; and helped it produce public-communication materials, including radio spots and social media posts, to raise awareness of the virus among the general population.

## MAURITANIA

- ▶ People in 22 villages learnt more about good hygiene practices that prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, at briefings held by the Mauritanian Red Crescent and the ICRC. Near the Mali-Mauritania border, where sources of water and other supplies were hard to come by, displaced people from Mali who were under quarantine were also briefed on these practices. Some 850 of them were able to drink

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and wash up with clean water trucked in by the ICRC for two weeks. The above-mentioned people received some 8,000 kits of hygiene items from the ICRC.

- ▶ In urban Bassikounou, the ICRC donated equipment to the water authorities for repairing borehole infrastructure, to help ensure that residents and refugees have a steady supply of water.
- ▶ Cash and/or vouchers from the ICRC helped 1,217 refugee and resident households, mostly vulnerable herders hard-hit by the weather shocks, violence in Mali and/or the closure of markets, to purchase food, household essentials and/or fodder for livestock as they deemed fit.

## NIGER

- ▶ The situation of displaced people having become even more precarious because of intensified violence and COVID-19, the ICRC and the Red Cross Society of Niger stepped up its delivery of emergency aid. In Diffa, 13,636 displaced households, many of whom had been there for years with no stable sources of food, were provided with rations good for a month. In Tillabery, 802 households newly displaced by violence linked to the situation in Mali and in the Sahel were also given food and other supplies with which to cope with their displacement.
- ▶ With the livestock authorities, the ICRC vaccinated and/or dewormed a few million heads of livestock, helping 48,207 herding households maintain their livestock's health and market value.
- ▶ The ICRC continued to support 10 health centres and 3 hospitals in Diffa and Tillabery with medical supplies, personal protective equipment and upgrades to infrastructure, which helped these facilities treat casualties of violence and provide basic care to members of vulnerable communities, amid constraints imposed by COVID-19. The ICRC also helped monitor suspected COVID-19 cases in these facilities.
- ▶ The Red Cross Society of Niger, with financial, logistical and other support from the ICRC, conducted information campaigns on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

## FINANCE

To cover the expenses of the activities described above, the ICRC is launching this budget extension appeal for its operations in the Sahel region. It requests for **KCHF 12,347**, in addition to the initial budget of **KCHF 122,308** for Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, as presented in the 2020 appeal for these contexts, published in December 2019. This budget extension was approved by the ICRC's Assembly Council on 02 July 2020.

The tables below show the initial budget, the present budget extension appeal and the revised appeal for each context, broken down by programme:

BURKINA FASO – REVISED APPEAL 2020 – BY PROGRAMME					
	Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal		Revised appeal	
	KCHF	KCHF	KCHF	KUSD*	KEUR*
Protection	1,658	206	1,864	1,965	1,747
Assistance	9,802	3,658	13,459	14,189	12,615
Prevention	1,637	8	1,646	1,735	1,542
Cooperation	1,592	328	1,921	2,025	1,800
General	50		50	52	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,739</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>18,939</b>	<b>19,965</b>	<b>17,751</b>
<i>of which: Overheads</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>1,156</i>	<i>1,219</i>	<i>1,083</i>

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### CHAD – REVISED APPEAL 2020 – BY PROGRAMME

	Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal		Revised appeal	
	KCHF	KCHF	KCHF	KUSD*	KEUR*
Protection	2,988	71	3,059	3,225	2,867
Assistance	7,562	913	8,475	8,934	7,944
Prevention	1,611		1,611	1,698	1,510
Cooperation	1,273		1,273	1,343	1,194
General	123		123	130	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,557</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>14,541</b>	<b>15,329</b>	<b>13,629</b>
<i>of which: Overheads</i>	<i>827</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>887</i>	<i>936</i>	<i>832</i>

### MALI – REVISED APPEAL 2020 – BY PROGRAMME

	Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal		Revised appeal	
	KCHF	KCHF	KCHF	KUSD*	KEUR*
Protection	7,385		7,385	7,786	6,922
Assistance	37,052	2,195	39,247	41,374	36,786
Prevention	3,311		3,311	3,491	3,104
Cooperation	1,889	251	2,141	2,257	2,006
General	363		363	383	340
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,002</b>	<b>2,446</b>	<b>52,448</b>	<b>55,290</b>	<b>49,159</b>
<i>of which: Overheads</i>	<i>3,052</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>3,201</i>	<i>3,374</i>	<i>3,000</i>

### MAURITANIA – REVISED APPEAL 2020 – BY PROGRAMME

	Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal		Revised appeal	
	KCHF	KCHF	KCHF	KUSD*	KEUR*
Protection	769	47	817	861	765
Assistance	2,776	743	3,519	3,709	3,298
Prevention	743		744	784	697
Cooperation	297		297	313	279
General	86		86	91	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>5,463</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>5,120</b>
<i>of which: Overheads</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>312</i>

### NIGER – REVISED APPEAL 2020 – BY PROGRAMME

	Initial appeal	Budget extension appeal		Revised appeal	
	KCHF	KCHF	KCHF	KUSD*	KEUR*
Protection	4,178		4,178	4,404	3,916
Assistance	30,845	3,725	34,570	36,443	32,402
Prevention	2,858		2,858	3,012	2,678
Cooperation	1,280	201	1,481	1,562	1,389
General	177		177	187	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,338</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>43,264</b>	<b>45,608</b>	<b>40,551</b>
<i>of which: Overheads</i>	<i>2,401</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>2,641</i>	<i>2,784</i>	<i>2,475</i>

\*Internal ICRC rates in July 2020: 1 USD = CHF 0.9486 / 1 EUR = CHF 1.0669

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The tables below show the overall financial standing of the ICRC's operations in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, taking into account the revised budget:

<b>BURKINA FASO – FINANCIAL SITUATION AS AT 03 JULY 2020</b>			
	<b>KCHF</b>	<b>KUSD*</b>	<b>KEUR*</b>
Initial appeal 2020	14,739	15,537	13,814
Budget extension appeal	4,200	4,428	3,937
Revised appeal 2020	18,939	19,965	17,751
Balance brought forward from 2019			
Contributions pledged/received (cash/kind/estimated services)	11,114	11,717	10,417
<b>Outstanding requirements as against the revised budget</b>	<b>7,824</b>	<b>8,248</b>	<b>7,334</b>

<b>CHAD – FINANCIAL SITUATION AS AT 03 JULY 2020</b>			
	<b>KCHF</b>	<b>KUSD*</b>	<b>KEUR*</b>
Initial appeal 2020	13,557	14,291	12,707
Budget extension appeal	984	1,038	923
Revised appeal 2020	14,541	15,329	13,629
Balance brought forward from 2019			
Contributions pledged/received (cash/kind/estimated services)	11,438	12,058	10,721
<b>Outstanding requirements as against the revised budget</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>3,272</b>	<b>2,909</b>

<b>MALI – FINANCIAL SITUATION AS AT 03 JULY 2020</b>			
	<b>KCHF</b>	<b>KUSD*</b>	<b>KEUR*</b>
Initial appeal 2020	50,002	52,711	46,866
Budget extension appeal	2,446	2,579	2,293
Revised appeal 2020	52,448	55,290	49,159
Balance brought forward from 2019	-5,081	-5,357	-4,763
Contributions pledged/received (cash/kind/estimated services)	29,132	30,710	27,305
<b>Outstanding requirements as against the revised budget</b>	<b>28,398</b>	<b>29,936</b>	<b>26,617</b>

<b>MAURITANIA – FINANCIAL SITUATION AS AT 03 JULY 2020</b>			
	<b>KCHF</b>	<b>KUSD*</b>	<b>KEUR*</b>
Initial appeal 2020	4,672	4,925	4,379
Budget extension appeal	790	833	741
Revised appeal 2020	5,463	5,759	5,120
Balance brought forward from 2019			
Contributions pledged/received (cash/kind/estimated services)	1,116	1,177	1,046
<b>Outstanding requirements as against the revised budget</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>4,074</b>



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