



**UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

**1.0. Overview:**

Disaster Management is one of the core Departments of the Uganda Red Cross Society through which policy, administrative decisions and operational activities, which pertain to various stages of disaster at all levels are undertaken to provide assistance to disaster affected populations in Uganda.

Disaster Management related activities that were planned during the year included: disaster preparedness, disaster response, disaster risk reduction, post disaster activities (reviving livelihoods and reconstruction) and tracing. In addition, the department implemented programmes through the strategic frameworks of the Northern and Eastern Uganda strategy, Food security strategy) that were established due to the unique situations and support of partners including Department of International Development (DFID), Danish Red Cross (DRC), OXFAM GB, International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Guernsey Overseas Aid, German Red Cross (GRC), Band Aid and British Red Cross Society (BRCS).

All the programmes of the department are in conformity to the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent movement, the URCS strategic plan 2007-2010 and other line policies and the National Disaster Preparedness Plan. The department's goal and its 5 strategies provide a guideline in the activity implementation process with support of line departments and in collaboration with other stakeholders in particular the government line institutions (Office of the Prime Ministers) / Local and international Partners.

## 2.0. Statement of Financial Affairs

### (a) DM (Danish Red Cross)

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>	
Ug.shs	
<b>Accumulated fund</b>	
Opening balance at 01/01/08	44,559,880
Total receipts +	174,636,259
Total payments -	222,808,092
Closing balance at 31/12/08=	(3,611,953)
<b>Represented by</b>	
Cash at bank	28,667,619
Cash at hand +	0
Working advances +	3,268,500
Other (COMM.FUNDS ) +	534,000
<b>General supplies</b> -	(36,082,072)
<b>Total</b>	(3,611,953)

<b>b) Cash request</b>	
1st quarter 2009	
Forecast expenditure next quarter	
Forecast expenditure for First month 2nd quarter of 2009 +	
Cash at bank -	
Cash request =	
Requested transfer in USD (1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =	
Annual programme budget (2008)	222,889,882
Expenditure to date	222,808,092
Expenditure to date as a % of budget	100%

**Comment:** the budget is well spent with no significant variance other than an indicative negative closing balance of approximately 3.6 million shillings that is a result of exchange rate loss variance which is adjusted by the combining of the opening 2008 balance of 44,559,880 with the initial budget of 174,636,259 to make a new adjusted 2008 budget of 222,889,882 UGX.

### (b) DM - British Red Cross

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>	
Ug.shs	
<b>Accumulated fund</b>	
Opening balance at 01/01/08	0
Total receipts +	135,239,763
Total payments -	88,920,897
Closing balance at 31/12/08=	46,318,866

<b>b) Cash request</b>	
1st quarter 2009	
Forecast expenditure next quarter	67,731,692
Forecast expenditure for First month 2nd quarter of 2009 +	50,000,000
Cash at bank -	35,536,116
Cash request =	82,195,576

		Requested transfer in USD (1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =	<b>37,362</b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Cash at bank	35,536,116	Annual programme budget (2008)	241,320,416
Cash at hand +	0	Expenditure to date	88,920,897
Working advances +	10,663,750	Expenditure to date as a % of budget	37%
Other (COMM.FUNDS ) +	119,000		
<b>General supplies</b> -	0		
<b>Total</b>	(46,318,866)		

**Comments:** The variance in the BRCS support for the department resulted from the budgetary adjustments done with the with the DRR framework approach in which not all the activities were paid by the end of 2008 resulting in a closing balance of approximately 46 million shillings. And performance on the budget overall reflects an under spend due to the none transfer of all the approved budget funds that were reallocated to the 2009 budget due continued discussion on the DRR during the end of 2008 period..

**(c) DM: Swedish Red Cross**

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>		
Ug.shs		
<b>Accumulated fund</b>		
Opening balance at 01/01/08		(48,448,101)
Total receipts +		120,964,142
Total payments -		96,171,620
Closing balance at 31/12/08=		(23,655,579)
<b>Represented by</b>		
Cash at bank		40,373,362
Cash at hand +		(70,000)
Working advances +		5,034,258
Other (COMM.FUNDS ) +		(68,993,199)
<b>General supplies</b> -		
<b>Total</b>		(23,655,579)

<b>b) Cash request</b>		
1st quarter 2009		
Forecast expenditure next quarter		
Forecast expenditure for First month 2nd quarter of 2009 +		
Cash at bank -		
Cash request =		
<b>Requested transfer in USD</b> (1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =		
Annual programme budget (2008)		121,609,125
Expenditure to date		96,171,620
Expenditure to date as a % of budget		79%

**Comments:** the variance in the budget resulted from the overspend of 2007 of approximately 48 million shillings being deducted off the 2008 budget resulting with a continued overspend in the 2008 period due to some of the costs covered were obligation of staff that DM continued to incur.

**(d) DM OXFAM GB**

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>			<b>b) Cash request</b>		
Ug.shs			1st quarter 2009		
<b>Accumulated fund</b>			Forecast expenditure next quarter		
Opening balance at 01/01/08		0	Forecast expenditure for First month		37,306,510
Total receipts	+	50,000,000	2nd quarter of 2009 +		30,000,000
Total payments	-	63,525,787	Cash at bank	-	1,475,008
Closing balance at 31/12/08=		13,525,787)	Cash request	=	65,831,502
<b>Represented by</b>			Requested transfer in USD		
Cash at bank		1,475,008	(1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =		<b>29,923</b>
Cash at hand	+	0	Annual programme budget (2008)		
Working advances	+	1,649,800	Expenditure to date		117,306,510
Other (COMM.FUNDS )	+	(3,138,845)	Expenditure to date as a % of budget		63,525,787
<b>General supplies</b>	-	(13,511,750)	54%		
<b>Total</b>		(13,525,787)			

**Comments:** the variance in the budgetary performance for the Oxfam project in 2008 is due to the project overlaps into 2009 and close date is April 2009; not all funds were transferred in 2008. The balance of approximately 53 million shilling is due to be transferred upon presentation of the 2008 narrative report and financial report.

**(e) DM EPR: ICRC**

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>			<b>b) Cash request</b>		
Ug.shs			1st quarter 2009		
<b>Accumulated fund</b>			Forecast expenditure next quarter		
Opening balance at 01/01/08		5,781,231	Forecast expenditure for First month		
Total receipts	+	299,816,265	2nd quarter of 2009 +		
Total payments	-	350,514,646	Cash at bank	-	
Closing balance at 31/12/08=		(44,917,150)	Cash request	=	

		Requested transfer in USD (1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =	
<b>Represented by</b>			
Cash at bank	1,990,716	Annual programme budget (2008)	387,189,766
Cash at hand +		Expenditure to date	350,514,646
Working advances +	1,262,200	Expenditure to date as a % of budget	92%
Other (COMM.FUNDS ) +	(48,107,066)		
<b>General supplies</b> -	(63,000)		
<b>Total</b>	(44,917,150)		

**Comments:** the variance in the budgetary performance reflects an under performance due to the fact that ICRC did not transfer all funds as approved in the budget. The balances of funds were due to URCS in the first upon reconciliation of accounts. While staff costs continued to be incurred irrespective of the funds availed.

**(f) DM TRACING RED CROSS – ICRC**

<b>a) Statement of affairs</b>		
Ug.shs		
<b>Accumulated fund</b>		
Opening balance at 01/01/08		(19,648,648)
Total receipts +		198,582,209
Total payments -		208,774,610
Closing balance at 31/12/08=		(29,841,049)
<b>Represented by</b>		
Cash at bank		(1,701,740)
Cash at hand +		
Working advances +		10,338,771
Other (COMM.FUNDS ) +		(35,408,188)
<b>General supplies</b> -		(3,069,892)
<b>Total</b>		(29,841,049)

<b>b) Cash request</b>		
1st quarter 2009		
Forecast expenditure next quarter		
Forecast expenditure for First month 2nd quarter of 2009 +		
Cash at bank -		
Cash request =		
Requested transfer in USD (1 USD = 2200Ug.shs) =		
Annual programme budget (2008)		219,514,370
Expenditure to date		208,774,610
Expenditure to date as a % of budget		95%

**Comments:** the variance in the budgetary performance reflects an under performance due to the fact that ICRC did not transfer all funds as approved in the budget. The balances of funds were due to URCS in the first upon reconciliation of accounts. While staff costs continued to be incurred irrespective of the funds availed.

**3.0. The departmental goal is to strengthen community resilience and institutional capacity to respond and reduce the impact of disasters.**

**Summary of activities implemented over the entire year.**

- Capacity building on basic disaster management skills in radio communication, relief management, food security both at national and international level.
- Implementation and phase-out of activities on the floods recovery phase in Amuria and Katakwi.
- Implementation of DFID supported activities in HIV/AIDS/GBV and WATSAN activities in Amuria, Katakwi, Pader, Lira, Oyam and Kitgum.
- Implementation of ICRC supported DM activities in Water and Sanitation in Karamoja sub-region.
- Implementation of DANIDA supported activities in Water and Sanitation, Food Security and HIV/AIDS and GBV in Pader.
- Implementation and completion of activities in Water and Sanitation through Band Aid/BRCS support in Lira, Oyam/Apac districts.
- Implementation of Guernsey Overseas activities in Katakwi and Amuria.
- Continued implementation of tracing activities in an effort to restoring family links.
- Responses to refugee operations in Kanungu, Kisoro and Nakivale settlements.
- Implementation of OXFAM GB supported activities in risk reduction in Bundibugyo branch.

***Objective 1: Predict and prepare for effective, timely and appropriate response to man-made and natural disasters.***

**Activity 1(650410E/3751) Regional DM training in Mbale, Hoima and Gulu region.**

Two regional trainings were conducted for a total of 70 participants from 19 branches of Mbale, Gulu, and Hoima. Participants including BFC's and focal persons were equipped with skills and knowledge in disaster management to manage future disasters in their respective regions.

Two other trainings were conducted in Gulu, Mbale and Mbarara region drawing a total of 34 participants from 13 branches namely: (Adjumani, Lira, Kitgum, Apac, Katakwi, Soroti, Moroto,

Kisoro, Kabale, Rukungiri, Ntungamo, Bundibugyo and Mbarara) were trained in VHF radio communication use and maintenance. As a result of the trainings, there has been improved



*Participants in a training session in Mbarara*

communication that has facilitated effective coordination in regions that were affected by refugee influx in Kanungu, Kisoro and Mbarara branches.

#### **Activity 2 (650406E): Support to DM structures at branch level.**

A total of 27 branches were supported with focal persons, volunteer incentives, motorcycles repairs, stationery and fuel to implement emergency preparedness and emergency activities in their respective branches. As a result of this support, some branches were actively involved in the mobilization of the community in Cholera, Meningitis and Hepatitis E sensitization.

#### **Activity 3 (650410E): Support to branch RCAT Trainings.**

A total of 19 branches were supported to train their RCAT teams to effectively support their branches in preparation for future disaster responses. A total of 404 volunteers (200 men and 204 women) were trained and as a result trained volunteers helped in mobilizing and conducting community sensitization in meningitis fever, cholera and hepatitis.

#### **Activity 4 (650406) Procurement of RCAT equipments**

500 pinafores and 383 reflectors were procured and delivered to the URCS Kampala warehouse for distribution to the respective regions with additional 24 life jackets, 6 diver suits, 120 gumboots, and 120 T-shirts were received from ICRC.

**Activity 5 (650405E): Strengthen Partnership and Networks with government at all levels and other stakeholders in Disaster Management.**

The department participated in various coordination meetings at various levels.

At the national level, the department program officers (Preparedness and DRR) continuously attended networking meetings with other partner organizations in the development of a contingency plan for anticipated occurrence of floods in the country. The meetings were coordinated by OPM at their head office and as a result URCS was given the task of data collection from geographically high risk areas to help guide in the development of the national contingency plan.

At the branch level, the regional officers from Gulu and Mbale had been involved in trainings organized by OPM in hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment with the aim of carrying out risk mapping for the affected districts in Teso and Gulu regions. A total of 17 districts participated in this training.

The departmental officers also attended trainings in Project Management, needs assessment, capacity building and project proposal organized by OPM, UNDP, German Red Cross and IFRC in Kampala and Nairobi.

A joint field mission and meetings were conducted between the visiting British Red Cross delegate and Uganda Red Cross in an effort to improve activity implementation and support to the department in reviewing its plan to attract future support and as a result some of the programme objectives had to be revised to make them more realistic and smart. A similar joint review was conducted by IFRC, KRCS and URCS with the aim of examining the processes and effectiveness of the DREF supported activities in the branches of Kisumu, Homa bay in Kenya, Mbale and Pallisa in Uganda. Lessons and recommendations learnt from the 2 national societies would be used for better management of future DREFs and the processes involved in promoting peer to peer experimental learning.

*Objective 2: Build Capacities of communities to respond, mitigate and recover from disasters.*

**Activity 1 (3772): Development of an Integrated Training Manual**

The department developed an integrated training manual in consultation with field, regional and headquarters staff based on their field experiences, the national society's strategic plan and the department's evaluation report of 2006 of which the ideas generated were used by the hired consultant. A 5 day pre-testing exercise was conducted in Mbarara from 21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July 2008 drawing participants from the selected regional and branches offices. The first draft of the training manual was distributed to the different departments and partners for comments.

**OXFAM GB Project Update: Risk Reduction Interventions in Bundibugyo Branch.**

**Activity 1: District Planning Meeting**

Three meetings were held: (1) at the sub-county level in Rwebusengo and 2 at the district level. Issues discussed included sharing of work plans and budgets for activities to be implemented in the district and sub-counties.

**Activity 2: Community Action Plans**

Three parishes covering 15 villages in (Rwebusengo sub-county) were supported to develop community action plans. Priorities were identified for future planning and interventions in the next phases. Communities were also sensitized on disaster management issues in all the 3 parishes at the parish level.

**Activity 3: Formation of CBDM Resource persons**

30(15 men and 15 women) Community based resource persons (10 per parish) were mobilized and formed from Haibale, Kiranga and Bweramule parishes in Rwebushengo sub-county to support their communities in implementation of the project activities.

**Activity 4: Training of CBDM Resource persons**

The 30(15 men and 15 women) CBDM resource persons were trained in Disaster management and First Aid skills to enable them to effectively support the implementation of project activities in their respective communities in areas of developing action plans, risk identification, environmental management and community sensitization. A total of 1100 household were reached.

#### **Activity 5: Facilitation of CBDM Resource persons**

The CBDM resource persons were facilitated with 30 bicycles, 30 umbrellas and 30 gumboots to help support in the implementation of activities in their respective communities.

#### **Activity 6: Training in Biomass Energy Saving Stoves**

20 community focal persons (8 men & 12 women) from the parishes of Haibale, Kiranga and Bweramule participated in the training from 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Bundibuygo. The aim of the training was to build the capacities of the selected households and community resource persons on the proper use and management of improved household kitchen wood stoves for increased energy efficiency. As a result of the training, a total of 40 energy saving stores were built in the communities and are being used for cooking in Rwebisengo sub-county.

#### **Activity 7: Monitoring and Evaluation**

A review was carried out by Oxfam GB (funding partner) at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase in August 2008. The budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of funding was revised and sent for approval to Oxfam GB. Feedback from the revised budget and more funding is expected by January 2009. Continued supervision and sensitization by the CBDM resource person were carried out on a routine basis.

On other developments, the CBDM project officer, DRR program officer and 3 BFCs (Kotido, Mbale and Bundibugyo) attended a 2 weeks training in Disaster Risk Reduction funded by Oxfam GB and URCS with the training facilitated by International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) in Kampala.

#### **BRCS/DRC Support:**

Under the new DRR revised programme objective, the following activities were carried out in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2008.

*Objective 1: To assist 20 targeted high risk communities in 10 selected branches to be organized for Disaster Risk Reduction interventions through the CBDM approach.*

**Activity 1: Develop disaster risk reduction framework document for URCS**

A draft framework document was developed and shared with partners for comments. This document increased URCS understanding of DRR as well as providing the basis to the way forward for DRR project implementation beyond 2008.

**Activity 2: Orientation of URCS staff and governance on DRR model**

A 3 day orientation (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008) was held in Mbale district drawing a total of 30 participants from 10 branches namely;- Kapchorwa, Nebbi, Rukungiri, Entebbe, Kibaale, Jinja, Kisoro, Kampala North, Kampala East, and Pallisa including 2 branch governing board members and 1 BFC per branch. Participants were sensitized on the need for DRR model within URCS and the projection of intervention for DRR activities beyond 2009.

**Activity 3: Continued risk assessments in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)**

A 5 day (29<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008) orientation was conducted in Jinja branch drawing 30 participants both field staff and community volunteers from the five of the ten DRR priority branches. The participants were equipped with knowledge and skills to enable them conduct a risk mapping exercise at their respective communities. The International institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) facilitated the risk mapping exercise. The branches will implement this exercise and the final report will be produced by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Activity 4: Increasing implementation capacities in line with project formulation and management**

A tailored PPM training has been organized for January 2009 and this will help guide the branches in formulating SMART proposals for funding. It is hoped that this training will increase the branches capacities in project formulation and management.

Logical Framework Approach training will also be conducted in January 2009 and will be facilitated by the Danish Red Cross targeting both headquarters and field staff.

**Activity 5: Coordination meetings**

The program officer attended two food security and agricultural livelihood cluster meetings, 2 DRR national platform meetings hosted by OPM and 1 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification high level ministerial briefing in Kampala.

***Objective 3: Respond effectively and timely to all disasters affecting the most vulnerable households.***

During the year, major disasters experienced included: fire out breaks in 5 schools (Kampala East West, North and South, and in Soroti PTC), Fire outbreaks in 2 islands of (Mukono and Entebbe) and other districts of Lira, Arua, and Koboko, Cholera outbreaks in Kibaale, Pallisa, Mbale, and Butalejja, Hepatitis B outbreak in Kitgum, Typhoid outbreaks in Kitswamba and Maliba (Kasese), strong winds in Minakulu (Oyam) and Ntuwa – Bukasa (Kalangala), refugee influx from Kenya and Congo, and repatriation of IDPs to Kitgum with NFIs. The following responses were made:

**Activity 1 (3596): Improve/quicken assessment procedures**

Rapid assessments were carried out in the following affected areas:

- Assessments were conducted in the schools affected by fire outbreaks in Kampala East, North, South and West affecting a total number of 803 students. Relief items such as blankets, plastic cups, plates, jerrycans, mosquito nets, and soap were distributed to the affected students.
- Assessments were also conducted in the regions of Mbale, Pallisa and Hoima. 20 volunteers from Kibaale branch were trained to facilitate community sensitization on cholera in the fishing villages reaching out to a total of 320 households in Kiteber, Kibanga, Ndeje, Ngure and Kanalebe in Kibaale. 500 IEC materials were distributed alongside the sensitization exercise.
- Further assessments were also conducted in Agoro and Layamo sub-counties as a result of Hepatitis E outbreak, Minakulu (Oyam), Ntuwa-Bukasa (Kalangala) and Ggaba landing site (Kampala South) as a result of the strong winds leading to destruction of houses and property, and Kapchorwa as a result of the invasion of game rangers around Mt Elgon affecting 611 households.
- Assessments were conducted at the border posts of Malaba, Busia and Tororo as a result of the massive influx of refugees from Kenya into Uganda, and in Kisoro, Kanungu, Kampala

West, East and Mukono as a result of the influx of Congolese refugees from Congo and relocation of IDPs to their villages.

**Activity 2: Provide Relief assistance to persons affected by disasters.**

As a result of the above assessments conducted in the affected communities, households were provided with blankets, jerrycans, tarpaulins, soap and mosquito nets. *(See distribution matrix below)*

Region	Branch/Areas affected	No of HHs /ppl affected	Items distributed							
			Blankets	M.Nets	Soap	Cups	Plates	Tarps	S/pans C/pots	J/cans
Gulu	Kitgum									1,215
Mbarara	Kanungu		2,550		2,550	4,250	4,250	850	1,700	1,700
	Kisoro		450		450	750	750	150	300	300
Kampala	Kampala West	108	1,471			915			366	100
	Kampala South	147	588			735		147	294	
	Kampala East	50				250				
	Mukono	201	592			1,005				
	Kalangala	55	165		165	275	275	55	110	
	Entebbe		540			450	450	65		360
Hoima	Arua/Koboko & Ajia	69	145		207	345	345	138	138	138
	Kibaale		485			35				315
Mbale	Kapchorwa	611	1,833	1,222	1,833	1,833	1,833	1,000	1,222	1,222
	Soroti	201	201	201		402	1,005			201
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>9,020</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>11,245</b>	<b>8,908</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>4,130</b>	<b>5,551</b>

**A. Floods Recovery Phase Interventions: ECHO Support**

In support of the floods affected communities in 2007, the following recovery interventions were implemented and phased out in shelter, water and sanitation and food security.

**a) Activity 1(3107): Construction of Floods Resistant Huts**

The construction of 7023 floods resistant huts that had been planned for were completed in Katakwi and Amuria as shown in the table below.



*One of the completed huts in Katakwi*

District	Sub-County	Target	Completed
Amuria	Obalanga	640	884
	Kapelebyong	850	870
	Acowa	1002	1120
Katakwi	Magoro	660	714
	Ngariam	679	679
	Ongongoja	1981	1981
	Usuk	1211	1211
<b>Total</b>		<b>7023</b>	<b>7459</b>

*Note: Additional 436 were added as a result of the communities' initiative and willingness to participate to avoid future disasters.*

**b) Activity 2 (3109) Water and Sanitation Activities**

**i) Institutional Latrine construction**

20 Institutional latrines were completed in 20 primary schools of Amuria and Katakwi benefitting 11,555 pupils in school.

**ii) Construction of family latrines**

Constructions of the 830 family latrines were completed and in use in Acowa, Asamuk and Kapelebyong parishes benefitting 4150 people in Amuria district.

**iii) Construction of bathing shelters**

Constructions of the 145 bathing shelters were completed and in use benefitting 870 households in Usuk sub-county in Katakwi district. (6 households share 1 bathing shelter)

**iv) Borehole Rehabilitation**

20 boreholes were rehabilitated and functioning in Amuria and Katakwi.

**v) Borehole Disinfection**

16 contaminated water sources in Oditel, Obuku, Airabet, Kapelebyong adekis, Okoboi, Adipala, Airabet PS, Adodoi central, Angerepo PS, Acromait, Amaseniko, Aturai PS, Nyada, Angaro, Matailong and Aminito were disinfected with chlorine in Amuria and Katakwi districts.

**vi) Distribution of Pump repair kits**

5 borehole repair tool kits were distributed in Kapelebyong, Asamuk and Acowa in Amuria and Toroma and Kapujan in Katakwi districts.

**vii) Hygiene Promotion**

35 volunteers were trained in effective water source management and formation of water user committees were guided by the trained volunteers in their respective communities through data collection on households with mosquito nets, proper latrines with hand washing facilities, incidences of malarial and water borne diseases.

**c) Activity 3: Food Security**

21,000 seeds and tools were distributed to 21,000 households in Usuk, Omodoi, Ogongoja, Kapujan, and Toromo in Katakwi and Kapelebyong, Murungatuny, and Acowa in Amuria district. The seed kits distributed comprised of 5kgs of maize, 5kgs of beans, 5kgs of sorghum, 4kgs of cow peas, 0.02kgs of sukuma wiki, 0.02kgs of Amaranthus, 0.02kgs of onions, 0.02kgs of egg plants, and 0.02kgs of Okra for both the first and second seasons. The tools distributed comprised of hoes, sickles, pangas, and axes.



*A beneficiary showing off her eggplants in Amuria*



*A maize garden in Obalanga parish in Amuria*

In addition to the above, 60 farmer groups were formed in Amuria and Katakwi and were provided with 120 Oxen and 60 Ox-ploughs together with planting materials through seed fair/voucher system in an effort to move from subsistence farming to intensive agricultural production.



*A set of oxen and ox-ploughs distributed to farmer groups*

## **B. Refugee Operations in Eastern and Western regions**

### **i) Distribution of NFIs and Food items**

With support from the branch, regional, headquarter staff and volunteers, NFIs were received from partner organizations and distributed in Mulanda transit camp as a result of the influx of refugees from Kenya due to the post-election violence in January 2008 in Kenya, Matanda and Ishasha transit camps as a result of the Congolese influx from DRC as shown in the matrix below.

<b>M/nets</b>	<b>J/cans</b>	<b>Plates</b>	<b>Cups</b>	<b>C/pots</b>	<b>Tarps</b>	<b>Blankets</b>	<b>Soap</b>
406	2,544	7,059	6,043	2,000	1,000	3,000	6,566



*Registration of refugees in Matanda*



*Distribution of NFIs in Matanda*

### **ii) Water and Sanitation**

86 temporarily pit latrines, 26 refusal pits and 46 bathing shelters were constructed in Mulanda transit camps. A temporary water supply container was constructed to ensure availability of water to the refugees both in Matanda and Mulanda. Hygiene promotion brochures and posters were provided and distributed in the transit camps by volunteers to minimize on the outbreak of hygiene related diseases.

### **iii) Coordination meetings**

Coordination meetings chaired by OPM and UNHCR and other partners were held at the national level whereas inter-agency coordination meetings were attended at the field level with regular sitreps provided from Matanda, and Mulanda transit camps.

***Objective 4: Assisting families who are scattered separated and without news in times of disasters and in specific social cases through an effective and operational RFL service.***

**Activity 1(650604T): Improved Transmission Mechanism RFL**

**(a) Exchange of Red Cross messages**

2,690 Red Cross messages were collected and delivered during the year. Refugees from the various settlements hosting the Congolese, Rwandese and Sudanese and the relatives of the detainees continued to be the main areas of RFL interventions.

**(b) Tracing Requests/inquiries for missing persons**

128 new tracing requests from within and outside the country for tracing missing family members were opened. 33 cases were closed negatively due to insufficient information from the inquirers, while 46 were positively concluded and feedback sent to the respective inquirers.

**(c) Certificate Requests**

3 new cases of individuals requesting for personal documents and academic certificates were registered, while 3 cases were closed negatively due to insufficient information.

**(d) Extend RFL/Tracing services to a wider population**

One joint RFL dissemination session facilitated by ICRC and URCS was held for implementing partners and the refugee community leaders in Nakivale Refugee settlement. A total of 35 participants from AAH, GTZ and OPM attended. Planned sessions for Kyangwali and Kiryandongo could not be held due to financial constraints.

**(e) Emergency tracing /tracing during public functions**

During the year, 7 public functions namely (NRM day, International women's day, Labour Day, Martyrs day, Independence Day, Uganda trade fair show, and Golf tournament) were held, with a total of 52 clients receiving services offered.

**(f) Network with other partners in the country**

As a way of sharing experiences, coordination meetings were held with OPM, ICRC, Inter-AID, UNHCR, Refugee Law project, Action Africa Heife, DED, GTZ, UNICEF, TPO, and African

Humanitarian Action on issues of protection, refugee resettlement and unaccompanied children. The tracing officer participated in a two weeks training organized by UNHCR on Age, Gender, Diversity and Mainstreaming (AGDM) in Kampala.

**(g) Enhance Capacities to provide RFL services (Expand, facilitate and maintain existing structures)**

A four day training organized jointly with ICRC was held in Mukono and participants included selected BFC's and regional DM officers. Due to lack of funds, implementation and facilitation to the branches could not take place.

*Objective 5: Develop and implement appropriate food security and environment management interventions for the vulnerable communities.*

**Activity 1 (3800) Advocacy meetings on food security and climate change activities**

During the year, a DREF application was sent to the federation to support URCS in delivering assistance to 5,000 households in Karamoja sub region. In response to the DREF, USD 157,426 was allocated for the distribution of seeds and tools to 5,000 households (25,000 people) in the districts of Abim and Kotido. The zonal food security delegate (East and Horn of Africa) made a field visit to Karamoja to follow-up on the approved DREF activities. It was agreed by the department and project officers that distribution of seeds and tools would take place in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009 targeting the rainy season.

A baseline survey was conducted in Kacheri and Nakapelimoru sub-counties in Kotido district, Nyakwae and Alerek in Abim district in Karamoja sub-region. Questionnaires were administered at both parish and district headquarter level for purposes of long term food security programme interventions to begin in January 2009.

The CBDM project officer attended a one week global workshop on developing livelihood guidelines in early recovery in Sri Lanka. The aim of the workshop was to help national societies implementing livelihoods and food security activities have the same strategic objectives while improving people's livelihoods in recovery. The first draft of the guidelines will be out in the first quarter of 2009. This means that all the livelihood activities will be guided by the document agreed upon by all national societies.

On similar developments, the CBDM Project officer, Programme Officer (Community Development, OD) and the Head of Department (OD) attended a 3 week (November 30 – December 21, 2008) study visit in Liberia and Sierra Leone to share experiences, and lessons learnt on peace building programmes that is:- the Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation Programmes and Community Animation Peace & Support programmes. These two countries experienced a decade in civil wars which have now ended as was the case in Northern Uganda, thus the need for the study to find out the best practices that can be implemented and integrated into the URCS programmes. A detailed report on the findings and recommendations for the society was shared out with the department.

4 staff (both from headquarters and regional level) attended a six day training in Micro Economic Initiative (MEI) organized by ICRC at Fair way hotel Kampala. The training was meant to impart skills to URCS staff on developing community MEIs for increasing their income including productive grants (cash for work), vocational skills and micro credits depending on the community initiatives.

5 cluster meetings were attended by the project officers on food security at the national level for coordination purposes. The meetings were meant to bring together all agencies implementing food security and livelihood activities in Uganda for information sharing using the integrated Food security phase classification approach. On similar developments, 2 project officers (food security) and 1 program officer (risk reduction) attended a high ministerial meeting organized by FAO on the integrated food security phase classification. It was resolved that OPM would take the lead role starting January 2009 to oversee food security situations and interventions in Uganda. IPC maps (October – December) showing food security situations in Uganda were given to each participant for proper planning on food security interventions.

### *Additional Programme Strategy for Northern and Eastern Uganda*

#### **1. German –BMZ Project**

The project implementation area was in Oyam district in water and sanitation activities.

#### **Activity 1: Protection of springs**

8 springs were protected in 4 sub-counties of Iceme, Ngai, Ogur and Adwari benefitting 3,234 households. Water user committees were formed to oversee the maintenance and management at the community level.

**Activity 2: Drilling of boreholes**

4 boreholes were drilled in Iceme, Ngai, Minakulu and Otwal sub-counties and later handed over to the communities benefitting 3,850 households.

**Activity 3: Borehole rehabilitation**

25 boreholes were rehabilitated in Iceme (7), Ngai (6), Minakulu (6) and Otwal (6) benefitting a total of 3,850 households in Oyam.

**Activity 4: Hand pumps**

8 hand pumps were rehabilitated in 4 sub-counties in Iceme (2), Otwal (2), Ngai (3) and Minakulu (1). This was done through blowing by use of a compressor, de-silting, replacement of worn out pump parts, well construction, apron/drainage channels and concrete casting.

**Activity 5: Sanitation and hygiene promotion**

47 volunteers (2 per parish) were trained in PHAST and the topics covered included: methodologies in awareness/education, reporting and Red Cross principles.

**2. Band Aid/BRCS Project****Activity 1: Construction of Boreholes**

12 boreholes were constructed in Olilim, Adwari, Ogur, Aromo sub-counties benefitting 6,464 households.

**Activity 2: Spring Protection**

15 springs were protected in the 3 sub-counties of Adwari, Ogur and Aromo benefitting a total of 4,657 households.

**Activity 3: Distribution of Latrine digging kits**

600 digging/toolkits (spades, sickles, metallic bucket, rope, hoe, bucket and pickaxe) were distributed with one bag rotationally used by 5 households.

**Activity 4: Training of water user committees**

19 water user committees (11 members per water user committee) of the 19 water sources drilled and protected were trained by health assistants and URCS sub county coaches with supervision from the

Water and Sanitation officer for the operation and maintenance of the bore holes and protected springs.

#### **Activity 5: Hygiene Awareness sessions**

56 awareness sessions on safe water and sanitation practices accompanied with drama plays were conducted in 8 parishes of Ogur and Aromo and 6 parishes of Olilim and Adwari benefitting a total of 23,513 people. The sessions were delivered by trained Red Cross volunteers and topics covered included personal and household hygiene, environmental and food hygiene and the safe water chain.

### **3. Guernsey Overseas Aid Project**

Project implementation areas were Amuria and Katakwi and the main areas of intervention were water and sanitation.

#### **Activity 1: Construction of Household latrines**

126 latrines were constructed and completed and functioning in Ocorokoit, Amootom Original and Airabet parish camps in Amuria sub-county benefitting 630 households. Each latrine covers 5 households.

#### **Activity 2: Distribution of Pit sinking tools**

200 pit sinking tools were distributed in Obalanga sub-county in Amuria. 150 pits were sunk as a result of the tools distributed. The communities are slowly adjusting and realizing the need for latrines.

#### **Activity 3: Distribution of Latrine Cleaning Tools**

200 latrine cleaning tools comprising of a cleaning brush, a pair of gloves, a pair of gumboots, and a metallic bucket were procured and distributed in Amuria.

#### **Activity 4: Hygiene Awareness Sessions**

139 were conducted in Amootom Original, Ocorokoit, Aeket and Airabet satellite camps benefitting 9,425 households. The communities acquired knowledge on household and environmental hygiene to reduce the prevalence of sanitation related diseases.

**Activity 5: Radio spots and talk shows**

480 radio spots and 8 radio talk shows on the activities of Red Cross, sanitation improvement and provision of safe water were aired on Veritas FM in Amuria and Katakwi with discussants drawn from the district local governments.

**Activity 6: Distribution of health awareness posters and leaflets**

3,468 posters and 5,723 leaflets were procured and distributed to 9,945 beneficiaries in Katakwi and Amuria.

**Activity 7: Establishment of Water and Sanitation Committees**

22 water user committees were established with wider consultations with the district officials. The communities are operational and submit monthly reports to the sub-counties.

**Activity 8: Design and establishment of sanitation bill boards**

8 billboards were delivered to the project areas with messages on awareness on hygiene and sanitation improvements in Ateso.

**DANIDA Project**

The project implementation areas were in Pader in Ogole, Lukaci, Koyo and Atoo and the main areas of interventions were Water and Sanitation, HIV/AIDS and Food security.

**a) Water and Sanitation activities****Activity 1: Borehole rehabilitation**

20 boreholes were rehabilitated in Pader Kilak, Awere, Lira Palwo, Acholibur, Wol and Omot.

**Activity 2: Training of Water User Committees**

20 water user committees totalling to 200 participants were trained. Each water source comprised of 10 participants including the chairman LC1.

**Activity 3: Training of PHAST groups**

50 participants including local councils, chairpersons, parish councilors and village health team members (VHTS) were trained on the effectiveness of good hygiene and sanitation practices. Participants were equipped with knowledge of how to conduct hygiene awareness through PHAST methodologies, thus the formation of village PHAST groups.

#### **Activity 4: Promotion of Hygiene Awareness**

A total of 333 awareness sessions were conducted in the 4 return sites on good hygiene practices, personal hygiene and environmental hygiene.

#### **Activity 5: Radio spots and Talk shows**

342 radio spots and 4 talk shows were conducted in the 4 return sites.

#### **Activity 6: Distribution of Soap**

3,303 bars of soap were distributed benefitting 1,102 beneficiaries in the 4 return sites.

#### **Activity 7: Distribution of latrine digging kits**

2,595 digging kits were distributed in Paiula, Wangcol, Orabim, Harambee, Cambeno, Guti and Laminanyula benefitting 7,697 households. As a result of the digging tools distributed, a total of 145 latrines have been constructed.

### **b) HIV/AIDS Activities**

#### **Activity 1: Pre-intervention assessment**

The project commenced with pre-intervention needs and assessment in proposed return sites with the aim to identify settlement sites for the implementation of HIV/AIDS. The target communities identified included Oweka, Lacani, Lanyatido and Oywelomon return sites.

#### **Activity 2: HIV/AIDS Communication Training**

One training on HIV/AIDS Communication was conducted in Pader drawing 20 participants from Lanyatido, Oywelomon, Oweka and Lacani return sites in Lapul sub-county and 5 branch volunteers. The training was conducted to build capacities of volunteers with information and skills to effectively conduct HIV/AIDS awareness sessions and empower the return communities with knowledge to enhance prevention.

### **Activity 3: Awareness Sessions**

80 sessions were conducted in all the 4 return sites reaching out to 3,120 people. The awareness sessions were aimed at increasing the level of knowledge of the communities in the return sites on facts about HIV/AIDS/STDS and as a result there was high demand for HIV counseling and testing services and more expectant mothers are reported to visiting the health centres for antenatal care.

### **Activity 4: Radio Spots and Talk shows**

370 radio spots and 12 talk shows have been aired out on Luo FM focusing on the benefits of HIV Counseling and testing, basic facts on HIV/AIDS and modes of transmission. Radio spots messages were aired 8 times a day and the strategy was intended to enable listeners adopt safe sexual practices and develop health seeking behaviors like VCTs, prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV, early diagnosis and treatment of STDs and general behavioral change.

Partner organizations like LWF and PSI who carry out HIV counseling and testing reported that more males go for HCT at the health centers while more couples go for PMTCT programs. This was as a result of the talk show programs.

### **Activity 5: Coordination meetings**

9 meetings were attended by the project officer in Pader. 4 HIV/AIDS working group meetings, 1 forum partnership meeting, 1 health, nutrition & HIV/AIDS, 1 district strategic planning meeting and 2 World Aids day meetings held at the district health office.

#### **c) Food Security Activities**

1700 kits (received from DANIDA) and 888 kits (received from the Humanitarian Grant) were distributed in Lapul Sub-county and the beneficiaries were Ogole, Lukaci, Koyo, Atoo for the distribution of 1700 kits and Atoo parish for the 888 kits benefitting a total of 2588 households.

30 volunteers were trained on simple modern agricultural methods in Pader. The volunteers were equipped with skills and knowledge on basic food security and livelihood activity implementation in their respective areas. The trained volunteers continued to monitor and administer crop performance in the return areas.

### **DFID VI Project**

The project implementation areas were Amuria, Katakwi, Pader, Kitgum and Lira with Water and Sanitation, HIV/AIDS and GBV awareness as the main areas of intervention.

### **DFID A III: Water and Sanitation activities in Katakwi, Amuria, Pader, Kitgum and Lira.**

#### **Activity 1: Construction of Family latrines**

461 pit latrines were constructed in Katakwi (151) and Amuria (310) benefitting 2,154 people.

#### **Activity 2: Distribution of latrine digging kits**

900 latrine digging kits comprising of a hoe, metallic bucket, nylon rope, pick axe and shovel were distributed in Lukwor, Owyelomono, Lamina Odyek and Alula villages in Pader, while distribution was done in the return communities of Omodoi, Amootom, Ocorokoit, Aeket and Alere in Katakwi and Amuria. Monitoring on the construction of latrines is on-going in these areas.

#### **Activity 3: Distribution of latrine cleaning kits**

900 latrine cleaning kits comprising of boots, brushes and gloves were distributed in return communities in Katakwi and Amuria.

#### **Activity 4: Construction of bathing shelters**

100 bathing shelters were constructed and completed in Amootom, Ocorokoit and Aeket in Amuria benefitting 500 households. The beneficiaries expressed high appreciation to the society for the assistance offered thus improved personal hygiene.

#### **Activity 5: Construction of Ecosan Latrines**

15 ECOSAN latrines were constructed in Amuria and Katakwi benefitting 6,842 people, 10 Ecosan latrines are under construction in Pader (5) and Oyam (5).

**Activity 6: Spring well protection**

40 springs were protected in Lira (15), Oyam (10), Pader (10) and Amuria and Katakwi (5) reaching out to a total of 3,778 people.

**Activity 7: Drilling of Shallow Wells**

A total of 10 shallow wells were drilled in Lira (6) and Oyam (4). The shallow wells were drilled with the active participation of the communities who were involved in fetching water used as a coolant to the machine.

**Activity 8: Distribution of pump repair tool kits**

5 pump repair tool kits were procured and distributed in Katakwi ( Omodoi) and in Amuria (Kapelebyong, Wera and Obalanga) districts.

**Activity 9: Training of Pump Mechanics**

30 pump mechanics were trained in Soroti (with participants drawn from Amuria and Katakwi) and equipped with skills to handle operations and maintenance of water sources in the communities of Amuria and Katakwi.

**Activity 10: Training of Water User Committees**

18 water user committees were formed in Katakwi and Amuria. Selections and establishments for these community structures were done before training.

**DFID E 1: Hygiene Promotion****a) Hygiene Awareness sessions**

A total of 920 awareness sessions were conducted in Lira (Ogur, Aromo and Olilim), Oyam (Ngai, Otwal and Minakulu), and in Amuria and Katakwi reaching out to a total of 42,132 people. The sessions were accompanied with drama plays covering personal hygiene, household hygiene, environmental hygiene, food hygiene, operation and maintenance of WATSAN facilities.

**b) Radio Spots and Talk shows**

A total of 1,452 radio spots and 19 talk shows were conducted in Katakwi and Amuria, Pader, and Lira. As a result of the radio spots and talk shows, it was observed that the level of poor hygiene practices was decreasing and this could be proved by the decreasing cases of hepatitis E

and cholera outbreaks in Pader. Communities were now focused on constructing latrines and adopted proper maintenance on the use of latrines thus reduction in open defecation.

**c) Distribution of Soap**

109,171 bars of soap were distributed in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira and Pader benefitting approximately 23,300 households. (Additional 39,171 bars of soap were distributed in the beginning of the year)

**DFID E II: HIV/AIDS & GBV Activities in Amuria, Katakwi, Pader and Kitgum**

The following activities were conducted in the quarter with the aim of increasing knowledge, attitude and practice of HIV/AIDS and GBV prevention.

**Activity 1: HIV/AIDS & GBV Awareness**

A total of 403 awareness sessions were conducted in Katakwi, Amuria, Kitgum and Pader reaching out to a total of 32,307 people. The sessions were conducted by trained volunteers whose aim was to increase the level of knowledge of the communities on facts about HIV/AIDS/STDS.

**Activity 2: Drama Shows**

A total of 108 drama shows were conducted in Amuria, Katakwi, Kitgum, and Pader reaching out to 8,848 people.

**Activity 3: Video Shows**

A total of 56 shows were conducted in Amuria, Katakwi, Kitgum and Pader reaching out to 10,184 people. It was observed that the video shows are very important for community mobilization as it brings men, women and the youth beneficiaries together to participate actively.

**Activity 4: Radio Spots & Talk shows**

A total of 1,262 radio spots and 20 talk shows were conducted in Amuria, Katakwi, Pader and Kitgum. Topics of discussion ranged from basic facts on GBV, HIV testing/prevention to home based care and as a result of these shows; the communities have been responsive to the HIV/AIDS activities.

**Activity 5: Distribution of Mama Bag Kits**

A total of 2,000 mama bag kits were distributed in Amuria, Katakwi and Pader reaching out to 2,619 expectant mothers. The kits were meant to promote safe delivery and sustain the livelihood of the expectant mother and family. Due to disagreements on the distribution of the mama bag kits with the district officials and URCS, the kits had to be divided into 2 parts in Pader.

**Activity 6: Condom Education and Promotion**

24,000 pieces of condom were received from UNHCR and WHO through the district health office. 9,600 condoms were distributed in the 4 return sites in Pader and Kitgum with 90% of the beneficiaries ranging from 18-30 years of which 99% were males.

**Activity 7: Distribution of Clothes**

A total of over 10,000 clothes were distributed to beneficiaries in Amuria & Katakwi with the majority of the beneficiaries being children.

**Activity 8: World AIDS Day Celebrations**

Celebrations were held in Abarilela sub-county in Amuria, Omot sub-county in Pader and Paloga sub-county in Kitgum districts with services such as First Aid, drama shows and songs all performed by the trained volunteers.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

A joint annual review on DFID funded projects was conducted in November 2008 in Kampala by BRCS and URCS representatives with discussions held with senior management, Disaster Management and Finance department and other partner organizations like ICRC and Danish Red Cross. Phase 2 of the review was conducted at the field with BRCS, DFID and URCS representatives across four districts with visits to the project sites in Katakwi, Amuria, Lira and Pader with discussions held with beneficiaries, district officials and thereafter a debriefing session with URCS senior management on findings and recommendation. The final report on the joint review was shared out with other line departments.

## **Karamoja Project Intervention: ICRC Support**

During the year, the following disaster management activities were implemented.

### **Activity 1: Assessments**

A 3 day pre-floods assessment was conducted by a team from URCS in the identified high risk/communities in all the 5 districts of Karamoja with a purpose of gaining increased understanding of the level of preparedness for the floods vulnerable communities.

### **Activity 2: Stock Piling**

In preparation for any disaster response in Karamoja, Moroto branch received stocks of Non Food Items which were kept in Moroto District prisons stores till a tenancy agreement between URCS (Tenant) and Moroto District Government prisons (Landlord) was reached.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Cooking Pots	Piece	7,528
Plates	Piece	19,144
Cups	Piece	20,199
Blankets	Piece	7,809
Clothes	Bale/Pieces	200/24,000

### **Activity 3: Drilling of Boreholes in the Greenbelt resettlement camps**

Five boreholes were drilled in Nabwal (2), Lomaratoit (1), and Apeitolim (2) in Iriiru Sub-county and Lokopo sub-county helping 29,000 people get access to safe water.

### **Activity 4: Training of Water User Committees**

Five Water User committees were trained for each of the 5 boreholes drilled in Nabwal, Lomaratoit, and Apeitolim in aspects of borehole management, Water and sanitation and reporting.

### **Activity 5: Water and Sanitation Awareness sessions**

A total of 8 awareness sessions were conducted in the resettlements of Nabwal, Lomaratoit and Apeitolim. The communities were sensitized and encouraged to construct latrines and hand washing facilities (made out of Jerricans and ropes).

### **Activity 6: Radio Spots and Talk shows**

A total of 12 talk spots (6) and talk shows (6) were conducted at All Karamoja FM with the aim of sensitizing the public on proper water use and good hygiene & sanitation practices.

### **Activity 7: Distribution of Household NFI Kits**

Essential household NFIs were distributed to the most vulnerable families in Nabwal, Apeitolim and Lokopo resettlement camps with the aim of improving food utilization, hygiene and sanitation at the household level. (See table below):

<b>Resettlement</b>	<b>Popn</b>	<b>H/holds</b>	<b>C/pots</b>	<b>Plates</b>	<b>Cups</b>	<b>Blankets</b>	<b>Clothes</b>
Nabwal	2,523	636	1,272	3,180	3,180	1,908	3,816
Apeitolim	6,286	1,367	2,734	6,835	6,835	4,101	8,202
Lokopo		128	256	494	247	247	-
Total	8,809	2,131	4,262	10,509	10,256	6,256	12,018
<b>BALANCE IN STORE</b>	-	-	<b>3,266</b>	<b>8,635</b>	<b>9,937</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>11,982</b>

### **Activity 8: Food Security Assessment**

A team of 4 URCS project officers (Recovery, HIV/AIDS, CBDM and the Programme officer for Karamoja) conducted a Food Assessment in the sub-counties of Alerek, Nyakwae, Kacheri, Panyangara, Iriir and Lokopo in the districts of Abim, Kotido and Moroto. The aim of the assessment was to carry out a detailed analysis of food security and HIV/AIDS and GBV interventions in Karamoja that could help URCS in the planning processes and interventions in the region.



### 6.0. Progress in Implementing the Work Plan:

Goal/Objective	Performance Indicator	Planned Outcomes	Actual Outcomes	Comments
<i>Goal: Strengthen community resilience and institutional capacity to respond and reduce the impact of disasters.</i>				
<b>Strategy 1: Predict and prepare for effective, timely and appropriate response to man made and natural disasters</b>				
<b>Activity 1: (650410/3751)</b> Conduct Regional DM Training	No of Regional Trainings conducted.	Conduct 4 Regional Trainings in Mbale, Gulu, Mbarara and Hoima.	4 trainings were conducted in Mbale, Gulu, Mbarara, Mbale and Gulu drawing a total of 104 participants. (60 men and 44 women)	Participants were equipped with knowledge and skills in disaster management and VHF radio communication use and maintenance.
<b>Activity 2: (650406E)</b> Support to DM structures at branch levels.	No of DM structures supported at the branch level.	Support 30 DM structures at the branch level.	27 branches were supported with focal persons, volunteer incentives, motorcycle repairs, stationery and fuel.	As a result of the support offered, some branches were actively involved in the mobilization of the community in Cholera, Meningitis fever and Hepatitis sensitization.
<b>Activity 3: (650410E)</b> Support to branch RCAT Trainings.	No of branches supported to conduct RCAT trainings.	Support 19 branches to train their RCAT teams.	19 branches were supported to train their RCAT teams. The trained RCAT teams were able to support their respective branches on the onset of disasters.	A total of 404 volunteers (200 men and 204 women) were trained.
<b>Activity 4: (3221/650406)</b> Procurement of RCAT equipments	No of RCAT equipments procured and delivered.	Procure and provide 883 RCAT equipments for the branches.	500 pinafores and 383 reflectors were procured to facilitate visibility of volunteers and staff during activity implementation.	Additional 24 life jackets, 6 diver suits, 120 gumboots and 120 T-shirts were received from ICRC and stored at the URCS Kampala warehouse for distribution to the respective

				branches.
<b>Activity 5: (650405E):</b> Strengthen partnership and networks with governments at all levels and other stakeholders in Disaster Management	No of coordination meetings attended with other stakeholders.	Participate in 3 coordination meetings with other partners.	6 meetings were attended at the Office of the Prime Minister for the development of a National contingency plan to guide operations in case of a disaster.	During the meetings, a National Task Force was established to help in coordination and management of emergencies during the festive season.
<b>Strategy 2: Build the capacities of communities to respond, mitigate and recover from disasters</b>				
<b>Activity 1 (3772)</b> Development of an Integrated Training Manual	No of training manuals developed.	Develop 1 comprehensive integrated training manual.	1 integrated training manual was developed by a consultant with consultation with field regional and headquarter staff.	A 5 day pre-testing exercise was conducted in Mbarara with selected regional programme officers and BFCs.
<b>Oxfam GB Project</b> <b>Activity 1:</b> District Planning meeting	No of meetings held at the district.	Hold 3 meetings at the district level.	3 meetings were held both at the sub-county and district level.	Issues discussed included sharing of work plans and budgets for activities to be implemented in the district.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Community Action Plans	No of communities supported to develop action plans.	Develop 3 community action plans	3 parishes were supported to develop community action plans.	Communities were also sensitized on disaster management issues.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Formation of CBDM resource persons	No of CBDM resource persons formed.	Form 30 groups of CBDM resource persons	30 community based resource persons (10 per parish) were mobilized and formed. The CBDM resource persons came from Haibale, Kiranga and Bweramule parishes in	The trained community based resource persons (15 men and 15 women) were to sensitize the community on the construction on energy saving stoves.

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<b>Activity 4:</b> Training of CBDM resource persons	No of CBDM resource persons trained.	Train 30 CBDM resource persons.	30 mobilized CBDM resource persons were trained in Disaster management and First Aid skills.	A total of 1,100 households were sensitized by the trained CBDM resource persons and as a result 150 stoves were constructed.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Facilitation of CBDM resource persons	Facilitate CBDM resource persons	Facilitate 30 CBDM resource persons with umbrellas, gumboots and bicycles	The resource persons were facilitated with 30 bicycles, 30 Umbrellas and 30 gumboots.	These items were meant to facilitate the resource persons in the implementation of activities in their respective communities.
<b>Activity 6:</b> Training of Biomass energy saving stoves	No of TOTs trained in biomass energy saving stoves.	Train 20 TOTs in biomass energy saving stoves.	20 TOTs were trained in energy saving stoves from the 3 parishes of Rwebesingo.	Trained persons extended their skills to other community members for adaptation.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Monitoring and supervision of CBDM projects	No of monitoring visits No of supervision visits	Conduct 2 monitoring visits in Rwebesingo.	2 monitoring visits were conducted by both the project officer and Oxfam GB.	Trainings were attended by the CBDM Project officer and the BFC facilitated by Oxfam GB for efficient project implementation.
<b>Strategy 3: Respond effectively and timely to all disasters affecting the most vulnerable households.</b>				
<b>Activity 1 (3596/3796)</b> <b>Improve/quicken assessment procedures</b> Support branches affected by disasters to carry out assessments.	No of branches supported to carry out disasters assessments.	Support branches affected by disasters to carry out assessments.	A total of 13 branches were supported to carry out assessments and relief items were distributed.	Kisoro and Kanungu were affected with massive influx of refugees from Congo. URCS intervened with the distribution of NFIs and promotion of hygiene awareness.
<b>Floods Recovery Response Activities</b>				
<b>Activity (3107)</b>	No. of floods resistant huts	Construction of 7023	7459 floods resistant huts were	The target was over shot by 436 huts

Construction of flood resistant shelters in Amuria and Katakwi districts.	constructed in the communities of Katakwi and Amuria.	flood resistant shelters in Katakwi and Amuria districts.	constructed in the 7 sub counties 3 in Amuria and 4 in Katakwi district.	due to community willingness and adaptation of the shelter programme.
<b>Activity (3109)</b> Water and Sanitation: Construction of institutional latrines	No of institutional latrines constructed in the floods affected communities in Amuria and Katakwi districts.	Support to construction of 20 institutional latrines to floods affected communities	20 latrines were constructed and completed in 15 institutions in Amuria and Katakwi	The institutions have access to latrines thus reduction in spread of water and vector disease.
<b>Activity 1:</b> Construction of family latrines	No. of family latrines constructed in the floods affected communities.	Construction of 830 family latrines in the floods affected communities	830 family latrines have been constructed and completed in Katakwi and Amuria.	Most household have been able to get access to the family latrines thus reduction in open defecation.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Construction of bathing shelters	No of bathing shelters constructed in the floods affected communities.	Construction of 145 bathing shelters in the floods affected communities	145 bathing shelters have been constructed and completed in Katakwi and Amuria.	Bathing shelters were constructed to avoid water logging and spread of diseases.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Borehole Rehabilitation	No of boreholes rehabilitated.	Rehabilitate 20 boreholes in Amuria and Katakwi.	20 boreholes were rehabilitated in Amuria and Katakwi.	Boreholes were rehabilitated in institutions for access to clean water.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Borehole Disinfection	No of boreholes disinfected.	Disinfect 16 contaminated water sources.	16 contaminated water sources were disinfected with chlorine in Amuria and Katakwi.	The boreholes were disinfected to contamination of water and spread of vector diseases.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Distribution of Pump repair kits	No of pump repair kits distributed.	Distribute 5 pump repair kits.	5 pump repair kits were distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	

<b>Activity 6:</b> Hygiene Promotion	No of volunteers trained in hygiene promotion.	Train 35 volunteers in water source management.	35 volunteers were trained in effective water source management.	Formation of water user committees was guided by the trained volunteers.
<b>Activity B:</b> Food Security	No of agricultural inputs distributed to floods affected victims in Amuria and Katakwi.	Provide 21,000 seeds and tool kits and 60 pairs of oxens with ox-ploughs to farmer groups.	21,000 seeds and tool kits were distributed together with a total of 120 oxens and 60 ox-ploughs.	Tools distributed comprised of hoes, sickles, pangas and axes. Seeds included 5kgs of maize, beans, sorghum, 4kgs of cowpeas, and 0.02kgs of Sukuma wiki, Amaratu, onions, egg plants and Okra.
<b>Objective 4; Assist families who are scattered, separated and without news in times of disasters and in specific social cases through an effective and operational RFL service.</b>				
<b>Activity (650604T)</b> (A) Exchange of Red Cross messages	No of Red Cross Messages exchanged.	Receive and process all incoming RCMs	2,690 RCMs were exchanged between family members.	Refugees from the various settlements continued to be the main areas of RFL interventions.
(B) Tracing Requests / inquiries for Missing Persons	Number of TRs handled Number of Cases concluded Number of updates made on TRs Number of Family Re-unions opened	Receive and process all incoming TRs and continue following up opened cases by getting regular updates	128 new TR files were opened 33 cases were closed negatively due to insufficient information to locate sought persons while 46 were closed positively after locating the sought families.	This is an on-going continuous exercise.
(C) Certificate Requests	No of certificate and personal documents requests concluded	Receive and process all incoming Certificate Requests and continue following up opened	3 new cases were received and 3 others were closed negatively due to insufficient information.	This is an on-going continuous exercise.

		cases		
(D) Extend RFL/Tracing Services to a wider population	No of dissemination sessions held in the settlements and communities.	Conduct 3 dissemination sessions in Kyangwali and Kiryandongo.	1 joint RFL dissemination session facilitated by URCS and ICRC was held for implementing partners and refugees community leaders in Nakivale refugee settlement.	Due to financial constraints, the 2 planned sessions for Kyangwali and Kiryandongo could not be conducted.

(E) Emergency Tracing / Tracing during public functions.	No of functions attended and clients served.	Attend to all crowd pulling events to assist those with RFL needs.	7 public functions: NRM day, International women's day, Labour day, Martyrs day, Independence day, Uganda trade fair show and Golf tournament) were attended with services offered to a total of 52 clients.	This is a continuous ongoing activity.
(F) Network with other partners in the country	No of meetings held with other partners	Continued close working relationship with partners to serve the vulnerable.	Partnership meeting hosted by UNHCR and attended by all partners in protection issues.	The programme has strengthened its interaction with actors who make referrals especially UNHCR, Refugee Law Project and InterAid.
<b>Activity (650402T) E</b> (g) Expand, facilitate and maintain existing structures	Amount and level of support to the branches carrying out tracing	Support all branches doing tracing services with fuel, incentives, motorcycles, rent and postage.	Lack of funds halted the implementation of this activity.	Activity to commence once funds are available.

***Additional Strategies for Northern Uganda Programme Interventions in vulnerable communities***

**a) Guernsey Project Activities in Katakwi and Amuria**

<b>Activity 1:</b> Construction of Household Latrines	No of household latrines constructed in Amuria.	Construct 126 latrines in the selected camps in Amuria.	126 Latrines were completed and functioning in Ocorokoit, Amootom and Airabet in Amuria.	630 households benefited from the construction of these latrines.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Distribution of Pit Sinking tools	No of pit sinking tools distributed.	Distribute 200 pit sinking tools to beneficiaries in Amuria.	200 Pit sinking tools were distributed.	Beneficiaries were Obalanga sub-county.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Distribution of Latrine Cleaning Tools	No of latrine cleaning tools distributed	Distribute 200 latrine cleaning tools in Amuria.	200 latrine cleaning tools were procured and distributed in Amuria.	The cleaning tools are to be used for maintaining the constructed latrines.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Hygiene Awareness Session	No. of hygiene awareness sessions conducted.	Conduct 180 hygiene awareness sessions and drama shows	139 sessions have so far been conducted.	9,425 households have benefitted from these sessions.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Conduct Radio Spots and Talk shows	No. of radio spots and talk shows in Amuria and Katakwi.	Conduct 480 radio spots and 8 talk shows.	480 radio spots and 8 talk shows have so far been conducted on Veritas FM.	The messages and sessions have sensitized the communities on the need to have a clean and safe environment.
<b>Activity 6:</b> Distribution of Health Awareness posters and leaflets	No. of health awareness posters and leaflets distributed to beneficiaries.	Distribute 13,000 posters and leaflets to beneficiaries in Amuria and Katakwi.	5000 posters and 5,723 leaflets were distributed to beneficiaries in Amuria.	Distribution of the balance of 2,277 is on-going.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Establish Water and Sanitation committees	Establish water and sanitation committees	Establish 22 water and sanitation committees in Amuria.	22 water user committees were established with wider consultations with the district	The committees are operational and functioning.

			officials.	
<b>Activity 8:</b> Design and establishment of sanitation bill boards	No of billboards designed.	Design 8 billboards for Amuria and Katakwi.	8 billboards were designed and distributed to the project sites.	Billboards were designed with messages on awareness on hygiene and sanitation improvement in Ateso.
<b>b) DANIDA Project Activities in Pader District</b>				
<b>Water and Sanitation Activity 1:</b> Borehole rehabilitation	No of boreholes rehabilitated.	Rehabilitate 20 boreholes in the 4 return site	20 Boreholes were rehabilitated in Pader Kilak, Awere, Lira Palwo, Acholibur, Wol and Omot.	Target met.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Training of PHAST groups	No of PHAST groups trained.	Train 50 volunteers to promote hygiene in the villages.	50 participants including local councils, chairpersons, parish councillors and village health committes were trained on the effectiveness of hygiene.	Participants were equipped with knowledge of how to conduct hygiene awareness through PHAST methodologies. Out of the 50 volunteers trained, 10 groups went back to their villages to form groups of 6 to promote hygiene and sanitation.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Formation and Training of Water User Committees	No of water user committees formed	Form 20 water user committees in the villages.	20 water user committees were formed and trained to manage and promote hygiene near the water sources.	Communities have now gained a sense of ownership through proper maintenance and operation.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Promotion of Hygiene Awareness	No of awareness sessions conducted.	Conduct 400 awareness sessions	333 awareness sessions have so far been conducted in the 4 return	Awareness sessions include topics such as good hygiene practices,

			sites.	personal and environmental hygiene.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Conduct Radio spots	No of radio spots conducted.	Conduct 400 radio spots	342 radio spots have so far been conducted.	Activity still on-going.
<b>Activity 6:</b> Conduct Radio shows	No of talk shows conducted.	Conduct 8 radio shows	4 radio shows have so far been conducted.	Activity still on-going.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Distribution of Soap	No. of bars of soap distributed to beneficiaries.	Distribute 9,179 bars of soap to beneficiaries.	3,303 bars of soap have so far been distributed to beneficiaries.	1,102 beneficiaries benefited from the soap distributed.
<b>Activity 8:</b> Distribution of Latrine digging kits	No. of latrine digging kits distributed.	Distribute 2,595 digging kits to beneficiaries in the return sites.	2,595 digging kits were distributed to beneficiaries in the return sites benefitting 7,697 households.	A total of 145 latrines were constructed out of the digging tools distributed.
<b>Food Security Activity 1:</b> Distribution of seeds and tools	No of seeds and tools distributed.	Distribute 2,588 seeds and tools in the selected return sites.	2,588 seeds and tools were distributed to beneficiaries of Ogole, Lukaci, Koyo and Atoo parishes.	1700 seeds were received from DANIDA and 888 were received from the humanitarian grant.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Conduct trainings on agricultural methods.	No. of trainings conducted.	Conduct 1 training on agricultural methods.	30 volunteers were trained on simple modern agricultural methods in Pader.	Volunteers trained for purposes of monitoring administration of post seed distribution, crop evaluation and post harvest evaluation.
<b>HIV/AIDS Activity 1:</b> HIV/AIDS Communication	No of trainings conducted.	Conduct 1 training on HIV/AIDS communication in	1 training on HIV/AIDS was conducted in Pader drawing 20 participants from the 4 return sites	The trained volunteers were equipped with skills and knowledge on HIV/AIDS awareness to enhance

Training		Pader.	in Lapul sub-county.	prevention.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Carry out HIV/AIDS sensitization sessions	No of sessions conducted. No of people reached	Conduct 80 awareness sessions	80 sessions were conducted reaching out to 3,120 people.	Target met due to team work and hard work by the volunteers considering the project timeframe.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Conduct Radio spots	No of radio spots conducted.	Conduct 106 radio spots	248 radio spots conducted. Messages are aired 8 times a day to enable listeners adopt safe sexual practices.	Target overshoot due to increased need from the community.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Conduct Radio talk shows	No of radio talk shows conducted.	Conduct 12 talk shows	12 talk shows were conducted on LUO FM in Amuria and Katakwi.	Topics focused on the benefits of HIV counseling and testing, basic facts on HIV/AIDS and modes of transmission.
<b>c) German - BMZ Project Activities in Oyam district</b>				
<b>Activity 1:</b> Protection of springs	No of springs protected in Oyam district.	Protect 8 springs in the 4 sub-counties of Oyam district.	8 springs were protected in Iceme, Ngai, Ogur and Adwari benefitting 6,468 households.	Water user committees were formed to oversee the maintenance and management at the community level.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Drilling of boreholes	No of boreholes drilled	Drill 4 boreholes in the 4 sub-counties of Oyam.	4 boreholes were drilled in Iceme, Ngai, Ogur, Minakulu and Ogur benefitting 3,850 people.	The completed boreholes were handed over to the communities.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Borehole rehabilitation	No of boreholes rehabilitated	Rehabilitate 25 boreholes in the 4 sub-counties of Oyam.	25 boreholes were rehabilitated in Iceme, Ngai, Minakulu and Otwal benefitting a total of 10,816 households.	Boreholes are functioning and in use.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Hand pumps	No of hand pumps rehabilitated in the 4 sub-counties.	Rehabilitate 4 hand pumps in the 4 sub-counties.	4 hand pumps were rehabilitated in Iceme, Ngai, Otwal and Minakulu.	

<b>Activity 5:</b> Sanitation and Hygiene promotion	No of volunteers trained to carry out sensitization.	Train 47 volunteers in PHAST.	47 volunteers were trained in PHAST.	Topics covered included methodologies in awareness/education, reporting and Red Cross principles.
<b>d) Band Aid /BRCS Project activities in Lira District</b>				
<b>Activity 1:</b> Construction of Boreholes	No of boreholes constructed.	Construct 7 boreholes in 4 sub-counties.	12 boreholes were constructed in Olilim, Adwari, Ogur and Aromo benefitting 6, 464 households.	Additional 5 boreholes were added to make it 12 as result of the cash balances.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Spring Protection	No of springs protected.	Protect 12 springs in the sub-counties	15 springs were protected in Adwari, Ogur and Aromo benefitting 4,657 households.	Additional 3 springs were added to make it 15 as a result of the cash balances.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Distribution of Latrine digging kits	No of digging kits distributed.	Distribute 600 digging kits to beneficiaries.	600 digging kits were distributed to beneficiaries in the return sites.	Digging kits comprised of spades, sickles, metallic buckets, ropes, hoes and pickaxes.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Formation and training of water user committees	No of water user committees trained.	Train 19 water user committees.	19 water user committees were formed and trained for the operation and maintenance of the boreholes and protected springs.	Training was facilitated by health assistants and URCS sub-county officials.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Hygiene awareness sessions	No of awareness sessions conducted.	Conduct 56 awareness sessions.	56 awareness sessions benefitting 23,513 people were conducted in the 14 parishes of Ogur, Aromo, Olilim and Adwari.	Sessions were delivered by trained Red Cross volunteers.
<b>e) DFID VI project activities in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira, Pader, Oyam and Kitgum</b>				
<b>DFID A III: Water and Sanitation Activity 1:</b>	No of family latrines constructed in Amuria and Katakwi districts.	Construct 461 family latrines in Amuria and Katakwi districts	461 were constructed in Amuria and Katakwi benefitting 2,154 beneficiaries.	Target met

Construction of Family Latrines				
<b>Activity 2:</b> Procure and distribute latrine digging kits	No of latrine digging kits procured and distributed.	Procure and Distribute 900 digging kits for Katakwi and Amuria districts.	900 digging kits were procured and distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	As a result of the digging kits distributed, monitoring of latrines constructed is on-going.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Procurement and distribution of Latrine cleaning kits	No of latrine Cleaning kits procured and distributed.	Procure and Distribute 900 cleaning kits for Katakwi and Amuria districts.	900 cleaning kits were procured and distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	The cleaning kits distributed are meant to enhance proper operation and maintenance of the latrines built.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Construction of bathing shelters	No of bathing shelters constructed in Amuria.	Construct 100 bathing shelters in Amuria district	100 bathing shelters were constructed benefiting 500 households in Amuria district.	As a result of the bathing shelters constructed, personal hygiene of the community members have improved because of the comfort of bathing under a sheltered structure.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Construction of Ecosan Latrines	No of Ecosan latrines constructed in Amuria and Katakwi	Construct 25 ECOSAN latrines in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira and Pader.	15 latrines were completed in Amuria and Katakwi with 5 on-going in Lira and 5 in Pader district.	Activities in Lira and Pader will be completed in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009.
<b>Activity 6:</b> Spring Well Protection	No of Spring wells protected in Amuria and Katakwi districts	Protect 40 spring wells in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira, Oyam and Pader.	5 springs were protected in Amuria and Katakwi benefitting 1,374 people, 15 in Lira benefitting 904 people, 10 in Oyam benefitting 691 and 10 in Pader benefitting 809 people.	A total of 40 springs protected and 3,778 people reached with access to safe clean water.

<b>Activity 7:</b> Distribution of pump repair tool kits	No of pump repair tool kits distributed in Amuria and Katakwi districts.	Distribute 5 pump repair tool kits in Amuria and Katakwi.	5 repair tool kits were procured and distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	Activity to commence in Pader in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009.
<b>DFID E 1:</b> <b>Hygiene Promotion</b> <b>Activity 1:</b> Hygiene Awareness sessions	No of Hygiene awareness session conducted in Lira, Oyam, Amuria and Katakwi districts.	Conduct 920 awareness sessions in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira, Oyam and Pader.	920 awareness sessions were conducted in Lira, Oyam and Katakwi benefitting a total of 42,132 people.	The sessions are accompanied with drama plays covering personal, household and environment hygiene.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Conduct radio spots.	No of radio spots conducted in Amuria, Katakwi, Lira, Oyam and Pader.	Conduct 1,452 radio spots.	1,452 radio spots were conducted in Katakwi, Amuria, Pader and Lira.	Activity on going.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Conduct talk shows.	No of radio talk shows conducted in Katakwi, Amuria, Oyam, Pader and Lira.	Conduct 19 talk shows.	19 talk shows were conducted in Katakwi, Amuria, Pader and Lira.	Activity on going.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Distribution of soap	No of bars of soap distributed.	Distribute 70,000 bars of soap in Lira, Katakwi and Amuria.	45,000 bars of soap were distributed in Katakwi, and Amuria, and 25,000 in Lira.	39,171 bars of soap were distributed in the beginning of the year.
<b>DFID E II:</b> <b>HIV/AIDS &amp; GBV</b> <b>Activity 1:</b> HIV/AIDS & GBV Awareness	No. of HIV/AIDS awareness sessions conducted in Pader, Kitgum, Katakwi and Amuria.	Conduct 350 sessions in Pader, Kitgum, Katakwi and Amuria.	403 awareness sessions held in Pader, Kitgum and Amuria benefitting 32,307 people.	Targets were overshoot due to increased participation by the volunteers.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Conduct Radio Spots and Talk Shows	No. of talk spots and talk shows conducted.	Conduct 20 talk shows and 1,262 radio spots in Katakwi,	1,262 radio spots and 20 talk shows aired in Katakwi and Amuria, Kitgum and Pader.	Topics of discussion ranged from basic facts on GBV, HIV testing/prevention to home based care.

		Amuria, Kitgum and Pader.		
<b>Activity 3:</b> Conduct video shows	No of video shows conducted.	Conduct 56 video shows in Kitgum, Pader, Katakwi and Pader.	A total of 56 shows were conducted in Amuria, Katakwi, and Pader reaching out to 10,184 people.	Due to limited funds, activity could not be held in Kitgum. It was observed that video shows brought together men, women and youth beneficiaries together.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Conduct drama sensitization shows	No. of drama shows conducted.	Conduct 108 shows in Pader, Kitgum, Katakwi and Amuria.	108 sessions were conducted in Pader, Kitgum, Katakwi and Amuria.	A total of 8,848 beneficiaries were reached.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Conduct condom education and promotion.	No. of Condoms distributed.	Distribute 9,600 pieces of condoms in Pader and Kitgum.	9,600 pieces of condom were distributed.	Condoms received from UNHCR and WHO through the district office.
<b>Activity 6:</b> Distribution of Mama Bag Kits	No. of Mama bag kits distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	Distribute 2500 mama bag kits in Pader, Kitgum, Katakwi and Amuria.	1,500 mama bag kits distributed to expectant mothers in Pader, Katakwi, and Amuria. Distribution in Kitgum to commence in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009.	Due to misunderstanding between the district health officials and URCS on the distribution of the kits, it was resolved that the kits be divided into two components.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Distribution of Clothes	No of clothes distributed.	Distribute 10,000 clothes in Amuria and Katakwi.	10,000 clothes were distributed in Amuria and Katakwi.	Majority of beneficiaries were children.
<b>Karamoja Interventions : ICRC Support</b>				
<b>Activity 1:</b> Drilling of boreholes in the greenbelt resettlement	No of boreholes drilled.	Drill 7 boreholes attached with animal water troughs.	5 boreholes were drilled (3) in Iriir sub-county and (2) in Lokopo sub-county.	Funds sent were for 5 boreholes instead of the 7 boreholes.

camps				
<b>Activity 2:</b> Training of Water User committees	No of Water User committees trained.	Train 14 water user committees.	5 water user committees were trained in aspects of borehole management, water and sanitation and reporting.	The trained water user committees will be in charge of maintaining the rehabilitated boreholes.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Water and Sanitation Awareness sessions	No of awareness sessions conducted.	Conduct 8 awareness sessions in the resettlement areas.	8 sessions were conducted in the resettlement camps of Nabwal, Lomaratoit and Apeitolim.	The communities were encouraged to construct latrines and hand washing facilities.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Conduct Radio spots and Talk shows	No of Radio spots and talk shows conducted.	Conduct 6 radio spots and 6 talk shows.	6 radio spots and 6 talk shows were conducted at All Karamoja.	The aim of these awareness sessions was to sensitize the public on proper water use, good hygiene and sanitation practices.
<b>Activity 5:</b> Distribution of Household NFI kits	No of NFI kits distributed	Distribute 1,250 to returning camps.	A total of 1,250 NFI kits were distributed to the returning families in Lokopo settlement camp.	2 cooking pots were distributed to each household while 2 plates, 1 cup and 1 blanket were distributed to each individual.



## **7.0. Challenges Faced**

During the year, the department experienced a number of challenges and these were:

- Late transfer of funds for programmes like ICRC, DANIDA, affected the implementation of planned activities resulting to delays in reporting and accountabilities.
- Inadequate emergency funds led to the slow responses to facilitate rapid disaster assessments to guide timely interventions leading to delays in providing the required services at the time they were urgently needed by the vulnerable people. (For example the Cholera outbreaks in Pallisa and Mbale)
- High expectations from the community for NFI's especially when conducting awareness sessions, thus most people are reluctant to participate most especially in the construction of latrines.
- Changes in population movement kept changing, as the rate of communities returning home kept increasing, thus making implementation of activities difficult.
- Accessibility to most of the return camps was a challenge as most roads were impassable and as a result roads had to be forged for implementation to take place.
- Poor support from the district in the implementation of mama bags in Pader making mobilization quite difficult because communities were too busy in their fields harvesting their crops. Distribution of mama bags to expectant mothers in Pader and Kitgum was not possible because of the newly developed policy from the Ministry of Health that encouraged all expectant mothers to access services from the health centers other than the Traditional Birth Attendant. As a result, this halted the distribution process since a consensus had to be reached between the health officials and URCS in Pader and Kitgum.
- Limited mileage to carry out planned activities due to the vastness in some regions like Karamoja.

## **8.0 Lessons Learnt**

- Rapid and effective disaster response depends on availability of emergency support facilitation in terms of logistics, relief and support funds.

- Coordination at all levels is vital for effective implementation of planned activities. The lack of participation by the district leaders and local officials have in most cases hindered the implementation of some projects.
- Implementation of some projects like the Mama Bag kits and HIV/AIDS awareness has increased the demand for more of these activities as the communities enjoyed the benefits.

## **9.0. Recommendation**

- Massive mobilization and dissemination of the community is needed in order to gain acceptability for effective implementation of projects.
- The department needs to continuously mobilize for resources to facilitate timely responses to disasters at all levels.
- Activity implementation should be carried out in the same area to consolidate URCS gains and also to fully utilize available transport in the implementing areas.
- Information on HIV/AIDS needs to be backed up with service provision in order to measure impact among the community.
- More efforts should be put in engaging key stakeholders in collaborative partnership as a strategy for facilitating programme expansion beyond current areas of operation.

## **10. Conclusion**

Despite the continued challenges faced during the implementing period, the department finalized the new objectives and planning for 2009. Some of the new objectives like DRR have already begun implementation in the fourth quarter of 2008 as the rest will commence in the first quarter of 2009.

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