

Provincial Disaster Risk Manager (government)

You are overworked, underpaid and somewhat frustrated working in Eucerus where every year more and more emergencies occur. You feel like your ability to operate is trumped by the security situation and limited budget allocations. Despite this, your team works hard and, together with the Red Cross, can provide immediate assistance to those who have been affected by floods.

The homes and livelihoods of those in low-lying areas are undoubtedly the most impacted. Humanitarian interventions led by the Red Cross (e.g., evacuations) mean those people tend to have access to clean drinking water in the weeks following the floods. However, only the most desperate families benefit as most are afraid to leave their homes.

Data analysis from admissions to health clinics surrounding Momoal from the past 3 years shows that patients admitted for diarrhoea and dengue fever mainly come from 10 communities who live on higher ground. Their water supply comes from a reservoir in the lowland area which is often flooded and therefore contaminated. The surveys carried out by some of the health clinics paint a more dire situation in the deep rural areas.

This year, your priority is to ensure that these deep rural areas are educated in how to identify safe water for drinking, hygiene and sanitation. You can provide this training to the Red Cross and for them to replicate in the areas where it's dangerous for government staff to go. This training of trainers, plus the time for them to spread these vital messages, is expected to take around 2 months.

You also want to ensure drinking water tanks are available at each of the 10 communities who are most affected around Momoal. You would need 3 days' notice to arrange this, and the tanks cost \$50 each.

