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Start Date: **2024-07-19**

Report Date: **2024-07-20**

Numeric Details (People)

89	-	-
Injured (RC)	Injured (Government)	Injured (Other)
0	0	-
Missing (RC)	Missing (Government)	Missing (Other)
1	1	-
Dead (RC)	Dead (Government)	Dead (Other)
-	-	-

Displaced (RC)

Displaced (Government)

Displaced (Other)

89

-

-

Affected (RC)

Affected (Government)

Affected (Other)

89

89

3

Assisted (RC)

Assisted (Government)

Local Staff

7

-

1

Volunteers

IFRC Staff

Delegates

Sources for data marked as Other

The information contained here is provided by Equatorial Guinea Red Cross, but the affected people are in a government premises, and Red Cross teams have access to them.

Description

On 20 July 2024, the National President of Equatorial Guinea was alerted by government authorities from Bata on a shipwreck that occurred early morning of 20 July 2024, before dawn. The shipwreck is said to have occurred at the Rio Campo Cribi sea border between Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon. It is difficult currently to indicate the origin of what seems to be a clandestine boat. The rescued passengers indicate that they were travelling to Gabon, and that the boat’s captain immediately escaped upon seeing the coast of Equatorial Guinea, abandoning the passengers to their fate. This resulted into the shipwreck. According to the passengers, the boat had been travelling since 1st July 2024, and the passengers seem to have been promised jobs in Gabon.

The boat was carrying 90 people, including 47 women from different nationalities (30 from Benin and 17 from Togo), as well as 43 men also from different nationalities (10 from Togo, 16 from Benin, 8 Burkina Faso nationals, 2 Niger nationals, and 6 Nigerians. 1 died, and his nationality has not been clarified yet).

One of the passengers died because of the shipwreck, and 89 were rescued. These 89 are wounded, some with fracture. The Equatorial Guinea Red Cross team did not participate in the rescue as the

accident occurred very early in the morning (before dawn). However, the host National Society provided first aid services to the wounded as soon as they were alerted by government authorities (the Gendarmerie Nacional).

A rapid assessment conducted by the Equatorial Guinea Red Cross (EGRC) indicate that the 89 rescued passengers are in a small room at the Gendarmerie in Bata, a room that normally can contain up to 4 people. They have nowhere to go as none of them is from Equatorial Guinea. They urgently need water, food, clothes, sleeping matts, mosquito nets, pillows, buckets, jerrycans and cups for drinking water. The National Society also needs first aid kits to replenish their stock and to continue providing first-aid services to the affected people rescued from the shipwreck.

Request For Assistance

Government Requests International Assistance: **No**

NS Requests International Assistance: **Yes**

Information Bulletin Published

No

Actions taken by National Society

General

- ✓ Damage/Needs assessment
- ✓ Psychosocial support services
- ✓ First Aid

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Actions taken by Federation

General

- ☒ Damage/Needs assessment
- ☒ Other

Summary:

The Yaoundé CCD Program Coordinator is presently in Equatorial Guinea. Coordinating with the teams in Bata, he assisted them with questions to gather valuable information for damage/needs assessment. Since the National Society staff is still not well acquainted with the use of the GO platform, the IFRC staff is also posting this alert on behalf of the National Society whose staff will be trained in the coming weeks.

Actions taken by others

Government competent services conducted the rescue work in a timely manner, which explains why the number of deaths is very limited (1). The EGRC was alerted when the rescue work was already completed.

Planned International Response

DREF: Planned

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