

# MINOR EMERGENCY



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## TUNISIA: KELIBIA TORNADO

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### In Brief

**CHF 11,000 (USD 8,745 OR EUR 7,115) HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FROM THE FEDERATION'S DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF).**

**UNEARMARKED FUNDS TO REPAY DREF ARE ENCOURAGED.**

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### The situation



The tornado as it approached Kelibia

On 13 November 2004, at about 3.45 pm local time, the town of Kelibia and neighbouring areas (Cap Bon, Zaghouan, Hammamet, Hammam-Ghézaz) were affected by a tornado with winds of about 140km/hour. The system began in the west of the town and travelled approximately 25 kilometers during an hour and 15 minutes, resulting in the death of 9 and injury of 73 and causing significant material damage. Three houses were completely destroyed, with others suffering structural damages of varying levels (roof, windows, doors, panels, etc). The heavy rains that were associated with the tornado provoked motor vehicle accidents in the Greater Tunis (Grand Tunis) area. Additionally, the tornado resulted in downed power lines, blocked rails, damaged crops (mainly citrus fruits and olive trees) and loss of livestock and agricultural equipment. The loss of

life was limited, as the tornado occurred at the time when the majority of inhabitants were indoors, preparing for the breaking of the fast (rupture du jeûn) during the holy month of Ramadan. More than 200 persons were affected by the tornado.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action taken so far

Immediately after the passage of the tornado, the local committee of the Tunisian Red Crescent, in coordination with the authorities (the Delegate of the Governorate, the Mayor and Civil Protection) commenced damage and needs assessment, in order to provide for the immediate needs of those affected. 45 persons with injuries of various types and degrees of severity were offered first aid and then provided with secondary treatment at the Kelibia regional Hospital. 32 persons were transferred to the Surgical Unit of the Menzel Temoime hospital and 4 critical cases were referred to the University Hospital in Nabeul.

In the emergency phase of the response to the tornado, the Kelibia Committee, supported by the National Headquarters, took care of the families who had lost their homes, donated blankets and bed linen, food items and clothing; and assisted them to relocate to the homes of family members in the interim period. Thirty three families, who were affected by the tornado, were provided with blankets, mattress covers, clothing, shoes, and kitchen items from the stocks which were held at the warehouse of the National headquarters of the Red Crescent.



**Volunteers of Kelibia committee preparing items for distribution**

Subsequently, the Tunis Regional Office of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies supported the Tunisian Red Crescent to obtain CHF 11,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) for the provision of coupons to the thirty three families who had received initial support from the Kelibia Committee. The coupons were used to purchase basic household items, in collaboration with a local retailer. The support to these families was agreed in a meeting which was held with the local authorities and the socio-economic status and level of damages which they suffered from was set as the main criteria for support to the vulnerable.

## The needs

### Emergency relief (food and basic non-food items):

The following families were assisted in the emergency phase, by the Kelibia Committee of the Tunisian Red Crescent, upon the assessment of the damage:

1. Ridah Ben Ibrahim	Kitchen and one room totally destroyed
2. Mohamed Ennajar	Doors, windows, and furniture destroyed
3. Imed Farj Allah	Furniture totally destroyed
4. Abderraouf Ben Ibrahim	Wall, doors and windows destroyed
5. Famille Bouafif	House totally destroyed – 4 bedrooms and kitchen, as well as food items
6. Mohamed Ben Massoud	Doors, windows and the kitchen destroyed, and food items damaged
7. Mohamed Zheni Bennasr	Enclosure of house damaged, food items lost
8. Fouad Ben Hédi Triki	Doors, windows and furniture destroyed
9. Mohamed Akrouf	House totally destroyed
10. Mohsen Beltaief	Doors and windows destroyed, walls cracked
11. Mohamed Zakraoui	One room completely destroyed
12. Mohamed Njili	Kitchen, doors, windows and furniture destroyed

13. Zakia Bedoui	Doors, windows and furniture destroyed
14. Tahar Chikaoui	Doors, windows and furniture destroyed
15. Mr Salem Ben Ahmed	Doors, windows and furniture destroyed
16. Mustapha Ben Houria	Doors and windows destroyed, roof damaged
17. Hammouda Chaouch	Walls damaged, windows and furniture destroyed
18. Mohamed Sghir	Enclosure destroyed, cracks in the structure of the house
19. Ibrahim El Ouaer	Roof of one room caved in
20. Habiba Ridane	Doors damaged, furniture destroyed
21. Adel Abdel Jaoued	Walls badly damaged, house uninhabitable
22. Jamil Kardeghli	House completely destroyed by fallen light post
23. Mohamed Ben Amor Kessila	One room and doors destroyed
24. Dadou veuve de Mohamed Bou Izza	Front part of house and furniture destroyed
25. Hammouda Ben Hassine	Damage to house and furniture
26. Mohamed Mahfoudh	Loss of professional vehicle
27. Habib Haouari	House totally destroyed
28. Noureddine Belhadj	Major damage to house
29. Abdelhakim Nasser	Major damage to home
30. Jamila Ben Salah	Major material damage, injuries
31. Khmais Bou Azza	Room, furniture and food stuff destroyed

### **Coordination**

The support to the persons in the aftermath of the tornado was carried out in close coordination with the Governorate of Nabeul, the National Solidarity Committee, and the local council of the ruling party, through the crisis cell - including the Kelibia Committee of the Tunisian Red Crescent - which was established and chaired by the Governorate. The Governorate of Nabeul provided construction material. The national Solidarity Committee donated blankets, food items and mattresses. Blankets, mattresses and food items were also provided by the local council of the ruling party.

All the beneficiaries of the assistance which was provided by the Kelibia Red Crescent Committee were chosen in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, and following strict assessment criteria. The needs of women and children, who comprised a large portion of the affected population, were also covered in the operation.

The Kelibia Committee was provided with technical support from the Tunis Regional office for the organization of the coupons. The Committee was also sensitized about the emergency procedures and mechanisms of the Secretariat. In addition, relief items in the sum of CHF 20,000, from the allocation of the British government's Department for International Development (DFID) to the regional disaster management programme, was provided to the Tunisian Red Crescent to boost its stocks in preparation for future emergencies. Stocks from the national headquarters of the Tunisian Red Crescent were later sent to the Kelibia Committee, to enhance its response capacity in the future. Follow-up events including training disaster management and a simulation exercise will be carried out in the coming months.

**[Financial statement attached below; Please click here to return to the title page and contact information](#)**

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M05ME010 TUNISIA: KELIBIA TORNADO

Report Parameters	
Year/Period	2005/01-2005/07
Appeal	M05ME010
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

### I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Budget (A)		11,000				11,000
Opening Balance (B)		-				-
Income						
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
DREF		11,116				11,116
Reallocations (C2)		11,116				11,116
Total Income (C) = SUM(C1..C2)		11,116				11,116
Total Funding (B + C)		11,116				11,116

### II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
Opening Balance (B)		-				-
Income (C)		11,116				11,116
Expenditure (D)	-	11,116				- 11,116
Closing Balance (B + C + D)		-				-

### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	EXPENDITURE					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			11,000			11,000		
Supplies								
Other Supplies & Services	10,285		10,271			10,271	14	
Total Supplies	10,285		10,271			10,271	14	
General Expenditure								
Travel	-		69			69	- 69	
Communications	-		54			54	- 54	
Total General Expenditure	-		122			122	- 122	
Program Support								
Program Support	715		723			723	- 8	
Total Program Support	715		723			723	- 8	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)			11,116			11,116	- 116	
VARIANCE (C-D)			- 116			- 116		