

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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SUDAN: FLOODS IN KASSALA STATE

2 September, 2003

Appeal N° 19/03; Launched on: 05 August 2003 for CHF 1,917,000 (USD 1,412,563 or EUR 1,250,535) for 3 months for 140,000 beneficiaries.

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000

Operations Update N° 4; Period covered: 18 August to 1 September, 2003

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 87%; for details see the attached contributions list, also available on the Federation's website.

Outstanding needs: CHF 256,897

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: 2003 Annual Appeal for Sudan (no. 01.10/2003) and Sudan Drought (no. 17/03)

Operational Summary: Due to the evolving nature of the situation, the number of beneficiaries receiving non-food supplies under this appeal has been increased to 13,000 families, or some 65,000 persons. This decision has been reached by the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination (HAC) committee which is managing the response to the emergency at the local level. The figure is based on a revision of those affected, and a shortfall in overall support from other agencies. The SRCS and Federation plan to provide assistance to this group through the existing appeal, planned activities, the re-allocation of non-food item stocks currently on hand, and strategic adjustments. Donors are encouraged to contribute to meet the remaining funding needs, and to support the SRCS who has been the major player in responding to the needs of the beneficiaries, together with the Federation and WFP.

Most of the non-food items flown in from Amman have been distributed and all additional items for the extra 25,000 beneficiaries have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the next two days (Note: a consolidated distribution report for the 14 – 25 August period is attached here as an annex). The ERU provided by the Austrian and German Red Cross societies is fully operational providing potable water to 150,000 beneficiaries, vector control for 100,000 people, and sanitation and hygiene services initially to 12 schools in the area.

The health situation appears to be under control, with no outbreaks of epidemics. Larvaecide and indoor spraying is being carried out and 26,000 insecticide treated nets (ITN's) are being distributed by the SRCS to prevent malaria outbreaks. SRCS volunteers continue to manage and operate 7 health clinics with support from the Ministry of Health and Federation provided drugs from the Emergency Health kits that were flown to the area.

The Head of Operation and senior health officer (Geneva) visited Khartoum and Kassala from August 24 –

30 to review the programme and initiate an exit strategy in particular for the ERU team that is expected to complete its work by mid-September. The Khartoum-based flood coordinator and Kassala-based logistics officer completed their missions. The team has been strengthened by the employment of an experienced local specialist who will oversee completion of the operation.

The Sudanese Red Crescent Society and their volunteers continue to be recognised by the affected population and the local media as key players in what is generally regarded a very successful operation, a point made by the Governor of Kassala State.

Operational developments

The Humanitarian Assistance Coordination (HAC) Committee that is tasked by the Government to coordinate the response to this disaster has reviewed the affected caseload and concluded that close to 17,000 families or 105,000 people have totally or partially lost their houses. It has been decided that these beneficiaries should receive both food and non-food assistance from agencies operating in the area. WFP with SRCS support has been tasked to distribute food. The SRCS, with Federation support, has been tasked to distribute non-food items (plastic sheeting, blankets, jerry cans, soap and treated mosquito nets) to 13,000 families. The needs of the initial 8,000 beneficiaries have been met primarily through relief goods flown to Kassala from Amman. All the remaining goods have now been ordered, mostly from local suppliers in the Sudan, under the existing competitive bidding procedures of the SRCS and distributions are continuing.

The Austrian/German ERU team is fully operational with tanks and equipment set up at strategic locations of the city providing water to 150,000 people, mostly through the existing grid with some supplementary tankering. Vector control (screening and spraying) is provided to about 100,000 beneficiaries. Additionally the ERU has been approached and has agreed to empty and renovate sanitation facilities at initially 12 primary schools in badly affected areas of the city.

The health situation in Kassala remains stable with no epidemics or other major health problems reported during the reporting period.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

Objective: To provide emergency relief items and medical support to those affected and prevent outbreak of disease and to provide water and sanitation services for a period of three months.

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

Relief items for the initially identified 8,000 families have been distributed and items for the additional caseload ordered and in some instances delivered to Kassala. Please refer to the tables below.

Clean water is being provided to approximately 150,000 people, primarily by assisting the water authorities by treating borehole water while the water system is being repaired, with some supplementary tankering being carried out in the most affected areas. Approximately 100,000 beneficiaries have benefited from vector control activities (spraying and cleaning). 12 schools in the most affected areas have been identified for a more systematic sanitation up grading that is being carried out.

In the health sector, the 7 SRCS clinics have seen over 10,000 patients in the 2 weeks under review, but no significant health problems due to floods have been observed.

The much needed distribution of impregnated mosquito nets has started, and will be completed in the next weeks. The Federation has agreed to provide 26,000 nets to the 13, 000 families the SRCS has been asked to support.

Impact

The SRCS, with Federation and sister society support, is the main agency engaged in the response to this disaster. This is acknowledged both by the beneficiaries and the Government, as well as the international community. The timely intervention in the WATSAN and health sectors has resulted in virtually no significant deterioration in the

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health situation in the city. It is of course understood that for those that have lost their houses and most of their possessions the Red Cross/Crescent intervention in the non-food sector will need to be supplemented with rehabilitation and reconstruction support provided through other channels. Nevertheless, the SRCS is one of the few agencies that has managed to provide at least some support to those affected.

Constraints

The major constraint encountered during this reporting period has been the increase in the beneficiaries' numbers. Although the impact has been partly offset by a locally negotiated CHF 100,000 contribution from the French Embassy in Khartoum, additional relief items are being purchased under the existing Appeal. It is estimated that between 100,000 – 150,000 additional CHF will be needed to meet the additional needs.

Federation coordination

Coordination under this Appeal continues to be excellent. This is primarily due to the Sudanese Red Crescent having taken a clear lead from the outset of the emergency, articulating the needs and priorities for the Red Cross Red Crescent intervention. A relief agreement has been signed and negotiated.

Most of the donor societies have committed their support in unearmarked cash contributions greatly enhancing operational flexibility. Deployment of the ERU team has also been well coordinated and supported on the ground.

Sister societies, primarily from within the region, that provided bilateral support have done so by and large, with provision of food and relief items that could be utilised by the SRCS and distributed to the beneficiaries.

The society's good relations with the Government and local authorities, that has enabled the Federation to fly needed supplies directly to Kassala, rather than Khartoum, has contributed significantly to the timeliness and speed of this operation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement -- Principles and initiatives

Cooperation between the Movement components under this appeal continues to be good. Of particular value has been the ICRC logistical support and temporary provision of trucks and vehicles that facilitated movement of relief goods. This has been of particular value, as some of the commercial trucking companies raised their prices to profit from the emergency.

National Society Capacity Building

The Sudanese Red Crescent and its Kassala branch will benefit from this operation primarily in the watsan and telecommunication sectors. The ERU team has been working closely with counterparts not only from the SRCS but also from the Governmental Water Corporation. Staff have been trained in detecting contaminated water sources and to run the basic ERU services beyond the stay of the German and Austrian RC team. The society will receive the ERU vehicles and equipment upon completion of this operation.

A mission to upgrade telecom facilities in Kassala is due to arrive shortly, bringing in much needed equipment, in particular radio handsets that will facilitate the work of the SRCS volunteers. Additional training activities are planned and will be implemented subject to budgetary constraints.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

As the emergency is to all practical purposes over, media interest, never strong in this disaster, has moved on elsewhere. Nevertheless, the Federation continues to post stories on the Web, DMIS is regularly updated and, when appropriate, media work is being carried out.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 19/2003

PLEDGES RECEIVED

02.09.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

					TOTAL COVERAGE	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'917'200	86.6%	
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD		147'059	GBP	324'045	20.08.03	PURCHASE, TRANSPORT, FLIGHT COSTS & DISTRIBUTION RELIEF ITEMS
DANISH - RC		277'500	DKK	57'859	08.08.03	
FINNISH - RC		30'000	EUR	46'470	06.08.03	
JAPANESE - RC		46'600	USD	63'609	08.08.03	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1'000'000	NOK	189'750	08.08.03	
SWEDISH - GOVT		700'000	SEK	118'300	12.08.03	
SWISS - RC				90'525	14.08.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				890'558	CHF	46.5%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AUSTRIAN - GOVT/RC				200'681	12.08.03	ERU
GERMAN - GOVT/RC				336'835	12.08.03	ERU
GERMAN - GOVT		149'922	EUR	232'229	12.08.03	RELIEF ITEMS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				769'745	CHF	40.1%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	

Date	Distribution Location	House Hold	Plastic sheets 6x4 m	Tarps 6x4 m	Blanket	Blanket	Jerry-cans 20 ltr	Jerry-cans 10 ltr	Jerry-cans 20 ltr	Tents small	Tents hospital	Laundry soap 250 gm	Laundry soap 250 gm	Tarps 6x8 yd	Mosquito nets	Mosquito nets
YTN			SD/SHE/ FED/ 03005	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03012	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03001	SD/SHE/ GRC/ 03007	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03002	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03003	Local purchase	SD/SHE/ GRC/ 03008	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03016	SD/SHE/ FED/ 03004	Local purchase Fed & French Emb	Local purchase Fed & French Emb	Local purchase Fed & French Emb	SD/SHE/ GRC/ 03006
14/8	Biryai	1120	1120		2240		1120									
14/8	Shaheed Kila North	250	250		500		250									
14/8	Shaheed Kila South	580	580		1160		580									
14/8	Barno & Bargo	700	700		1400		700									
14/8	Halanga	2760	2760		5520		2760			150						1008
16/8	Waw Nour & Nuraab	1340	1340		2680		1340									
16/8	Khatmia Gadida ext	347	347		694		347			80						
16/8	Schools	410	410		820		410									
17/8	Altadamon	717	493	224	1434		717									
19/8	Margania	897			1794					50						
19/8	Banat	603			1206											
23/8	Schools									120						
25/8	Al-Kara	249			498		249									
25/8	Mukram	637		246	1274			1274								
25/8	Hilat Jadid	320			640		320									
25/8	Soriba	360			720			710								
25/8	Hai Al-Bank	280			560		247									
25/8	Shaheed Taj Alsir	503			1006			1006								
25/8	Shaheed Haran	470			940											
25/8	AlKhatmia el gadima	1157			2314			2314								
25/8	Al Ingaz Sharag	848			1696			1696								
25/8	Al Jasur	371			742			742								
25/8	Eshlag Aljaish	337			674											
25/8	Eshlag Alshorta	251			502											
	Total distributed		8,000	470	31,014		9,040	7,000		400						1,008
	Balance		0	0	996		0	0		0						992