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EGYPT: DAHAB BOMB EXPLOSIONS

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 30,000 (USD 24,320 or EUR 19,000) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. This operation is expected to be implemented over 4 months, and will be completed by the end of August, 2006; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by the end of November, 2006). Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This operation is aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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For longer-term programmes in this or other countries or regions, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for national society profiles, please also access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

Background and current situation

At least 30 people have been killed and 160 others injured in three explosions in the Egyptian resort town of Dahab (south Sinai) on Monday, 24 April 2006, at 07:15 PM. The blast occurred in quick succession

Dahab is located in South Sinai, in a touristy area highly frequented by national and foreigners during the spring festivities (3 days off in Egypt). According to Egyptian Media, a large number of the victims are Egyptians as well as foreigners.

Hundreds of Israeli tourists are trying to leave Egypt, returning back to their country. The Government of Israel has proposed their assistance to the Government of Egypt. State of alert has been declared in Eilat, and medical and emergency teams have been mobilized.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action



Volunteers of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society were quickly mobilized to provide psychological support for affected people in hospitals

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society (ERCS) has been immediately present on the spot through its local branch in South Sinai. Volunteers were quickly mobilized to support the authorities in rescue as well as to provide psychological support for affected people. A psychological support team was quickly sent from the Headquarters to Dahab, in order to support the volunteers from the South Sinai branch

North Africa Regional Office was very quickly in contact with the National Society and offered its support.

ERCS has established, at their Headquarters, a central task force and is expecting more information from the field. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Office in Cairo is also closely following the situation.

Contact was also established with the Federation's Delegation in Israel. The Head of Delegation, Anna Segall, confirmed that Magen David Adom sent emergency and medical teams (50 paramedics, 15 Ambulances) to Eilat and has been offering support to their ERCS counterparts.

Terrorist attacks in Tabah (October 2004) and in Sharm El Sheikh (July 2005) have caused more than hundred deaths. The Federation, through its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund, has been supporting Egyptian Red Crescent in its effort to assist the victims of these attacks as well as to reinforce the capacity of the South Sinai Branch (capacity building, equipment, training). A Disaster Management workshop was recently held in Egypt, thanks to the support of Finnish Red Cross and Department for International Development (DFID).

As a reminder for the Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies supporting in assistance, it is important to refer to the Resolution XI of the Xth International Conference of the Movement in 1921:

1. No Red Cross Society shall set up a Section, Delegation or Committee or Organization, or have any activity in a foreign country without the consent of the Central Committee of the National Society of that country and of its own Central Committee, especially as far as the use of the name and the emblem of the Red cross is concerned. Central Committee are requested to give such approval generously when it is clear that the foreign section is working exclusively on behalf of its own countrymen. In case of disagreement, the central committee may refer the question to the supreme authority of the International Red Cross.

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It goes without saying that foreign Sections should in the same way as the National Red Cross, respect the legislation and administrative measures of the country in which they are working, and operate always in agreement with the National Red Cross.

2. Such undertakings must be exclusively humanitarian.

3. It is desirable that the sending of a Red cross mission, or the constitution of a section on foreign territory, should be notified to the International Committee with the names of the responsible directors, and that the International Committee should be kept informed of the activities of such mission or sections.

Financial assistance was requested by the Egyptian Red Crescent to offer some immediate support to victims and affected families, therefore, CHF 30,000 (USD 24,320 or EUR 19,000) was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support this assistance, covering the procurement of relief items, the costs of search and rescue phase, including the indemnities for the volunteers mobilized.

Budget Summary

Item	Total Costs (CHF)
Supplies	20,209
Shelter and blankets	10,208
Cash distribution for families having lost their family providers	7,569
Rescue equipment	2,432
Transport	260
Fuel and car rental	260
Personnel	2,109
Incentives for volunteers	2,109
Visibility	5,472
Travel and accomodation	4,206
General administration	1,266
Program Management Support (6.5%)	1,950
Total CHF	30,000

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