

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Egypt: Flash Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

Summary: CHF 257,914 (USD 246,525 or EUR 175,360) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 3,500 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This DREF operation aimed to assist the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (Egyptian RCS) in its efforts to meet the humanitarian needs of those affected by the flooding in four regions in Egypt (North Sinai, South Sinai, Red Sea and Aswan).

The assistance mainly included provision of psychological support not only to the families of the victims, but also to the survivors. In addition, food and non food items, along with shelter, were provided to the beneficiaries. In total, 3,500 individuals were reached with this operation.

This DREF allocation has not only allowed the Egyptian Red Crescent to enhance the mobilization of its efforts and its volunteers, but also reinforced the good communication and coordination between the headquarters and branches of the National Society.

The balance of CHF 12,890 will be returned to DREF.

ECHO replenished EUR 88,000 (CHF 129,428) for the Egypt allocation and EUR 59,830 (CHF 87,079)

The situation

Heavy wind and rains affected parts of Egypt, the Gaza Strip, Israel and Jordan on 18 January 2010, sweeping away homes, knocking out power lines and cutting roads. Torrential rains in Egypt claimed the lives of 12 people, leaving many injured and hundreds displaced by rain-induced flooding in the Sinai Peninsula, the Red Sea port of Hurghada and Aswan Governorate in southern Egypt. A great number of houses in four regions in Egypt (North Sinai, South Sinai, Red Sea and Aswan) were severely hit by these flash floods. Some 3,500 persons (500 households) were evacuated.

The Egyptian Red Crescent established national and local emergency cells, and mobilized its intervention teams and volunteers to support the affected families through the provision of relief assistance (first aid,



In January 2010, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society Volunteers distributed blankets and needed materials for the beneficiaries after the flood. Photo: Egyptian Red Crescent.

psycho-social support, and distribution of relief items the National Society's pre-positioned emergency stocks). At least, 3,500 people (500 families) were affected or were homeless in the flash floods that happened in January 2010.

Many people have lost their crops and Cattle but they were recompense by the Egyptian government through the donation account they have established for the Egyptian flash floods.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Emergency health
Objective: Basic health care is provided to the affected people, as well as psycho-social support when needed. The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through hygiene promotion to 500 families (3,500 beneficiaries) in the four regions affected by the floods for six months.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide basic health care and psycho-social support to people in need and ensure restoring family links (RFL) services. • Conduct training/information programmes for Red Crescent volunteers and beneficiaries, in particular regional hygiene promotion, disease identification and referral advice. • Manage and conduct community awareness activities focusing on good hygiene practices and floods preparedness and readiness.

The Egyptian Red Crescent reacted to the floods by mobilizing around 100 volunteers in line with its mandate and internal capacities. The National Society's disaster management department constantly communicated with the branches as well as with the governmental institution in charge of rescue, which has coordinated the operation both at central and local level.

The Egyptian Red Crescent conducted several workshops for the afflicted Egyptian Red Crescent branches, Volunteers, Disaster Management staff and Logistics staff on Shelter management, water and sanitation, climate project cycle and humanitarian charter Communication in emergencies, camp management and Logistics Simulation exercise.

Egyptian Red Crescent collaborated with the Egyptian government on helping the affected people by giving them emergency awareness activities focusing on hygiene practices. There was no waterborne and water related diseases threatening the affected people.

Expert volunteers provided the psycho-social support to the affected people.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Objective: Food and non-food relief items are distributed to the 500 families from Egyptian RC warehouses and non-food items are procured to refurbish the National Society's relief stocks.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct emergency needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Procure and distribute relief supplies. • Refurbish National Society stocks that were distributed by Egyptian Red Crescent volunteers. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

The volunteers supported the civil defense in evacuating affected people to temporary shelters, transporting injured people to medical structures, and provision of first aid and psycho-social support.

The food and non-food items from the National Society's own basic relief stocks- 3,000 blankets, 100 tents, 1,000 mattresses, 1,000 pillows, 500 ground sheets and 1,000 bed sheets that had been distributed in the affected regions- were replenished to the Egyptian Red Crescent stocks.

Egyptian Red Crescent distributed incentive on the volunteers who had helped them in the flash floods.

The Egyptian Red Crescent have been buying shelves for the local committee of Agadir , to allow them to stock the relief items before distribution to beneficiaries

Logistics
Objective: The Egyptian Red Crescent is supported in the procurement process and the distribution of the goods.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure goods. • Store and transport relief goods. • Print floods awareness material. • Organise a refresher logistics course for Egyptian Red Crescent volunteers.

The President of Egyptian Red Crescent paid a visit to Aswan Governorate on 26 January 2010 and to North Sinai Governorate on 31 January 2010 to follow up on Egyptian Red Crescent activities and cooperate with governmental authorities as well as to coordinate the relief items.

Two meetings were held in each governorate with the concerned governmental authority, the Egyptian Red Crescent representatives at the central and local levels, donors and representatives of those affected. Discussions were successful in solving some constraints around the actual needs, financial support, and the erection of new houses. A central executive committee was established involving all concerned stockholders to follow up the implementation plans.

The Egyptian Red Crescent funded the construction of a village in North Sinai, in an area of over 15,000 m², with 48 housing units, through the donations received by the Egyptian Red Crescent for the victims of the flash floods. North Sinai governorate was responsible for provision and completion of the infrastructure, and essential services, as electricity, water supply, roads etc. The Sinai Development Foundation participated by erecting three vocational training centers for women handicrafts, carpentry and metal works, as well as a shopping market, and a hall for holding local celebrations.

The Egyptian Red Crescent regularly coordinated with the North Sinai governorate, and Sinai Development Foundation completed the construction works within a record time of 50 days. The architecture of the village is suited to the living conditions and cultural habits of the inhabitants and people of Al Arish.

The Egyptian Red Crescent will erect a new model village at the area of Nikhil, in North Sinai.

Conclusion

This disaster has proved the ability of the Egyptian Red Crescent to mobilize its efforts and its volunteers. It has also shown the good communication and coordination between the headquarters of the National Society and its branches all over the country in along with the Egyptian government and the private donors.

The Egyptian Red Crescent showed his ability to gain the trust of the government and the donors.

The Egyptian Red Crescent is an auxiliary to the government in the humanitarian field and therefore it is important for the National Society to adapt itself to its environment and changes. Learning from its previous experience, the society has worked to be better prepared to respond to risk and vulnerability, supporting the vulnerable. In addition, the Egyptian RCS has expanded its training courses for the youth and volunteers in disaster management, floods preparedness, and community based first aid and psychological support in other National Society branches.

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/1-2010/7
Budget Timeframe	2010/1-2010/07
Appeal	MDREG009
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	257,914					257,914
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	257,914					257,914
C6. Other Income	257,914					257,914
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	257,914					257,914
D. Total Funding = B + C	257,914					257,914
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	257,914					257,914
E. Expenditure	-245,024					-245,024
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	12,890					12,890

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		257,914					257,914	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	76,250	81,723				81,723	-5,473	
Clothing & textiles	121,200	66,981				66,981	54,219	
Utensils & Tools		4,951				4,951	-4,951	
Total Supplies	197,450	153,656				153,656	43,794	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,500						1,500	
Distribution & Monitoring	500	885				885	-385	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,000	9,769				9,769	-8,769	
Total Transport & Storage	3,000	10,654				10,654	-7,654	
Personnel								
National Staff		3,396				3,396	-3,396	
National Society Staff	12,000	39,452				39,452	-27,452	
Total Personnel	12,000	42,848				42,848	-30,848	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	15,000	14,124				14,124	876	
Total Workshops & Training	15,000	14,124				14,124	876	
General Expenditure								
Travel		889				889	-889	
Information & Public Relation	10,000						10,000	
Office Costs		602				602	-602	
Communications	500	5,650				5,650	-5,150	
Financial Charges	200	-1,156				-1,156	1,356	
Other General Expenses	3,000	2,804				2,804	196	
Total General Expenditure	13,700	8,788				8,788	4,912	
Programme Support								
Program Support	16,764	14,955				14,955	1,810	
Total Programme Support	16,764	14,955				14,955	1,810	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	257,914	245,024				245,024	12,890	
VARIANCE (C - D)		12,890				12,890		