

# DREF operation final report



International Federation  
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## Egypt: Dahab Bomb Explosions

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The International Federation's 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 30,000 (USD 24,320 or EUR 19,000) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 24 April 2006 to support the national society in delivering assistance to beneficiaries and replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

This DREF operation aimed to assist the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (Egyptian RCS) in its efforts to meet the humanitarian needs of the victims of the bomb explosions in Dahab. The assistance included provision of basic relief items and psychological support.

The DREF allocation has also allowed the Egyptian RCS to replenish its disaster preparedness stocks used during the emergency phase and raise the visibility of the National Society in the eyes of the community.



Location of Dahab

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## The situation

On 24 April 2006 - a public holiday in celebration of Sham Al-Nasseim spring festival - three bomb attacks occurred in the Egyptian resort city of Dahab. The resort, located on the Gulf of Aqaba coast in South Sinai, is a popular destination for both national and foreign tourists. The first bomb exploded outside the Al Capone restaurant, one of Dahab's most popular beachfront night spots. The second explosion occurred outside the Ghazala supermarket while the third bomb was detonated close to a footbridge popular with evening strollers.



Egyptian Red Crescent Society volunteers participated in the rally condemning the explosions in Dhab

The attack, leaving 30 dead (mostly Egyptians, but including a German, Lebanese, Russian, Swiss, and a Hungarian) and 150 wounded (including tourists from Australia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Israel, South Korea, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, and the United States), was the third set of triple bombings on the eastern coast of the Sinai Peninsula in the past 18 months. In October 2004, 34 people were killed after bombs exploded in Taba, which was followed by the Sharm El Sheikh attack in July 2005 where more than 80 people lost their lives.

The day following the bombings, the residents of Dhab were joined by tourists in a peaceful rally condemning the outrage. The Egyptian Red Crescent Society (Egyptian RCS) participated in this rally, mobilized its volunteers, and prepared posters especially for this occasion.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action



Egyptian Red Crescent Society providing psychological support to victims

The Egyptian RCS was immediately present on the spot through its local branch in South Sinai. Volunteers were quickly mobilized, supporting the authorities in rescue activities, provision of basic relief items and psychological support in the hospitals.

The results of an initial assessment conducted by the Red Crescent branch of South Sinai were immediately transmitted to the National Society headquarters in Cairo in order to monitor the situation and identify the humanitarian needs of the victims.

The families of the deceased received compensation of approximately CHF 13,000 from the government, while compensation for the injured was determined according to the severity of their injuries. In addition, President Mubarak ordered a committee to be established immediately in order to assess the compensation payments to the owners of shops and other businesses.

The International Federation, in close contact with the Secretary General of the Egyptian RCS, was present since the beginning of the operation through its North Africa regional office in Tunis. Thanks to an effective communication with the Secretariat, initial needs were communicated and a plan of action was prepared by the National Society. The Egyptian RCS had a central task force at its headquarters which received information from the field. A total of 38 volunteers from the headquarters in Cairo and South Sinai Red Crescent branch had been deployed on the site and part of them worked on a 24 hours shift.

Tents and blankets were purchased from Cairo and transported to the South Sinai branch in order to be distributed to the victims. The DREF allocation has also allowed the Egyptian RCS to replenish its disaster preparedness stocks used during the emergency phase.

In the meantime, contact was established with the International Federation's representation in Israel. The representative confirmed that Magen David Adom sent emergency and medical teams (50 paramedics, 15 ambulances) and offered support to their counterparts in the Egyptian RCS.

The DREF operation supported the Egyptian RCS in its effort to assist the victims of these attacks as well as to reinforce the capacity of the South Sinai branch in organisational development, equipment, and training.

## Conclusion

As a result of this operation, an important quantity of relief items was distributed to the victims during the emergency. In addition, effective communication and cooperation between the National Society headquarters/branch, the regional office of the International Federation, as well as several actors involved in the operation lead to an effective and quick response.

This DREF operation had a positive impact on the visibility of the National Society. It strongly reinforced the profile and community perception of the work done by the Egyptian RCS. On the other hand, it has highlighted the importance for the National Society to continue to build basic disaster preparedness stocks both at national and regional level.

## How we work

*All International Federation 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 is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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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MDREG003 - Egypt - Dahab Terrorist Attacks

Final Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/05-2006/09
Budget Timeframe	2006/05-2006/08
Appeal	MDREG003
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
<b>A. Budget</b>		30,000				30,000
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>DREF</i>		30,000				30,000
<i>C3. Reallocations (within appeal or</i>		30,000				30,000
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>		30,000				30,000
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		30,000				30,000

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>C. Income</b>		30,000				30,000
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-30,000				-30,000
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		0				0

## 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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		30,000					30,000	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	10,208		13,457			13,457	-3,249	
Clothing & textiles			7,204			7,204	-7,204	
Other Supplies & Services	10,002						10,002	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>20,209</b>		<b>20,660</b>			<b>20,660</b>	<b>-451</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	260		256			256	3	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>260</b>		<b>256</b>			<b>256</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Staff			865			865	-865	
National Society Staff	2,109		2,553			2,553	-444	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>2,109</b>		<b>3,418</b>			<b>3,418</b>	<b>-1,309</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	4,206		3,685			3,685	522	
Office Costs	1,000						1,000	
Financial Charges	266		31			31	235	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>5,472</b>		<b>3,715</b>			<b>3,715</b>	<b>1,757</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	1,950		1,950			1,950	-0	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>1,950</b>		<b>1,950</b>			<b>1,950</b>	<b>-0</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>30,000</b>		<b>30,000</b>			<b>30,000</b>	<b>-0</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>-0</b>				<b>-0</b>	