

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Egypt : Civil unrest

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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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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.

CHF 107'672 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The unrest that started in Egypt on 25 January 2011 resulted in many deaths and injuries. It has been reported that the protests are costing USD 310 million per day (USD 4.65 billion since the protests began).

The unrest has caused socio-economic hardships on the general population. The situation remains unstable with the potential for ongoing demonstrations. This operation aims mainly to cover the urgent medical needs of the wounded, injured and affected by the demonstrations.



Egyptian Red Crescent volunteer giving assistance at the hospital

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and will therefore be completed by 11 June, 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 11 September, 2011).

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The situation

As a result of ongoing economic, political and social hardships, Egypt has been severely affected by social unrest that started on 25 January 2011, with public demonstrations prompting a political change. The situation remains volatile with a negative impact on livelihoods, limiting access to basic goods and health services. The immediate humanitarian concern is to support and take care of the people affected and injured in the demonstrations.

Coordination and partnerships

Since the beginning of the unrest, a daily permanent communication was established between the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (ERCS) headquarters, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC).

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society also reinforced contacts with the relevant ministries to specify respective roles in delivering support to those most seriously affected by the unrest.

Sisters National Societies and some donors contacted the Egyptian Red Crescent Society. At the present time, and due to the logistical difficulties, the ERCS advises all donors to contribute in cash to provide needs from local market rather than sending shipment of materials and medical supplies from abroad.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In addition to the 24-hour operations room in the Egyptian Red Crescent Society headquarters and its branches which monitor the situation, Egyptian Red Crescent Society has installed a temporary health post in the international zone of Cairo airport, where hundreds of people have been stuck for days; ERCS also distributes light meals and provides the means for the passengers to contact their families free of charge.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Blood Bank in Cairo is now open for donations. In three days, the Bank gathered around 500 blood bags, which were sent to the hospitals. Also, Egyptian Red Crescent Society physicians and first aid volunteers are located where the demonstrations are happening, to provide emergency health care.

Egyptian Red Crescent Society staff and volunteers are visiting the hospitals in Cairo and Al Giza districts to provide care and psychosocial support to the injured and affected people.

The needs

The operation is designed to cover the emergency medical response of around 10 000 persons in the demonstrations and to support 250 homeless due to the unrest. This will be done by:

- covering the urgent needs of the wounded, injured and affected by the unrest, including first aid
- covering the urgent needs for 16 hospitals (including Egyptian Red Crescent Society hospitals) which are providing health care to the sufferers
- intensifying the collection of donated safe blood through the 6 Egyptian Red Crescent Society blood banks including all necessary requirements of safe blood provision
- covering the logistical support cost including transportation of affected persons, Egyptian Red Crescent Society volunteers, staff, supplies and medical materials

The proposed operation

Emergency health

Objective: Cover the emergency medical needs for 10 000 persons

Activities planned:

- Provide material supplies and medicine in 16 hospitals and 6 blood banks
- Conduct 4 First Aid training for 120 Red Crescent volunteers, in particular preparedness and readiness for this kind of situation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: relocate in proper shelters 250 homeless due to the unrest

Activities planned:

- Distribute relief supplies (blankets, mattress, tents, bed) in order to help people affected by this situation
- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions

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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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief		11,550
Shelter - Transitional		0
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
Clothing & Textiles		17,250
Food		0
Seeds & Plants		0
Water & Sanitation		0
Medical & First Aid		35,000
Teaching Materials		0
Ustensils & Tools		0
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements		0
Total Supplies	0	63,800
Land & Buildings		0
Vehicles		0
Computer & Telecom		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		0
Medical Equipment		0
Other Machinery & Equipment		0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage		0
Distribution & Monitoring		0
Transport & Vehicle Costs		3,000
Total Transport & Storage	0	3,000
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff		0
National Staff		0
National Society Staff		22,000
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	0	22,000
Workshops & Training		8,000
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Travel		0
Information & Public Relation		0
Office Costs		2,000
Communications		2,300
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges		0
Other General Expenses		0
Total General Expenditure	0	4,300
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	0	6,572
Total Programme Support	0	6,572
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	0	107,672