

# DREF operation



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Tunisia: 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 150,000 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Tunisian Red Crescent in delivering immediate assistance to some 5,000 beneficiaries affected by the ongoing civil unrest. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Reports indicate that the unrest that started in Tunisia on 17 December 2010 resulted in some 78 deaths and 94 people injured. Initial estimates of damage to infrastructure and economic losses amounts to nearly three billion dinars (some CHF 2 billion). The unrest has caused socio-economic hardships on the general population, with basic supplies becoming scarce and a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups. While the security situation is reportedly now under control, the situation is evolving and remains unstable with the potential for ongoing demonstrations. According to the Tunisian Red Crescent, thousands of families are in need of immediate assistance.



This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and will therefore be completed by 24 May, 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 24 August, 2011). [<click here for the DREF budget; or here for contact details>](#)

## The situation

As a result of ongoing economic, political, and social hardships, Tunisia has been severely affected by social unrest that started on 17 December 2010, with public demonstrations prompting a change of government. While a semblance of stability has returned, the situation remains fluid and continues to evolve, with a negative impact on livelihoods, and limiting basic goods, services, and coping mechanisms. The immediate concern is humanitarian in terms of assisting those most in need; with an immediate focus on approximately 25,000 families whose income, livelihoods and coping mechanisms are very limited.

## Coordination and partnerships

The IFRC immediately established contact with the Tunisian Red Crescent to provide support in terms of needs assessments, reinforced capacity, and material assistance. At the outset of the unrest the Secretary

General of the Tunisian Red Crescent organized and managed meetings for three consecutive days, with the participation of the IFRC and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), to monitor the situation and define the needs and role of the National Society. The National Society also reinforced contact with the relevant ministries (health and social affairs) to specify respective roles in delivering support to those most seriously affected by the unrest. Several United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and sister National Societies contacted the Tunisian Red Crescent and offered assistance.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Tunisian Red Crescent immediately established a crisis committee in the headquarters, with daily meetings held with volunteers and staff. Given the security concerns at the time, caution was taken to limit any potential danger to volunteers. Under appropriate conditions, volunteers began to provide the following targeted assistance.

- health and care.
- mobilization of f blood donors in collaboration with the National Centre for blood donation.
- psychological support to families of those injured or killed.
- Supporting people to clean their neighbourhoods.
- identifying families in need and preparing updates on beneficiary lists.

## The needs

While the Tunisian Red Crescent identified food and clothing as acute needs for thousands of families across the country, the immediate focus is on delivering assistance to nearly 1,000 families who receive no help from other sources. These families are among the most vulnerable assisted by the National Society even in normal times. The request also seeks to strengthen the capacities of the National Society, including the provision of first aid kits and development of volunteer management capabilities.

## The proposed operation

<b>Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)</b>
<b>Objective: Some 1,000 families receive the planned amount of basic food and non-food relief items.</b>
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute relief supplies (blankets) and food parcels in order to help families affected by the crisis.</li> <li>• Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.</li> <li>• Monitor supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.</li> <li>• Report on relief distributions.</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency health</b>
<b>Objective: Psycho-social support (PSP) is provided for people and volunteers. Thirty volunteers from 24 TRCS branches will benefit from a training of trainers (ToT) on PSP.</b>
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide planned basic psycho-social support to people in need</li> <li>• Conduct training/information programmes for Red Crescent volunteers and beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Enhance preparedness and readiness.</li> </ul>
<b>Logistics</b>
<b>Objective: The Tunisian Red crescent is supported in the procurement and the distribution of the goods.</b>
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure the required goods/items</li> <li>• Transport relief goods</li> <li>• Organize a refresher logistics course for Tunisian Red Crescent volunteers and staff.</li> </ul>

## 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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**DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY**

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**TUNISIA CIVIL UNREST****MDRTN004****BUDGET CHF****RELIEF NEEDS**

Shelter	
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	20,000
Food	70,000
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	
Medical & First Aid	19,500
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	4,000
Other Supplies & Services	
<b>Total Relief Needs</b>	<b>113,500</b>

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT**

Land & Buildings  
Vehicles Purchase  
Computers & Telecom Equipment  
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.  
Medical Equipment  
Other Machinery & Equipment

**TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES**

Storage - Warehouse	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,000

**PERSONNEL**

International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	
National Staff	1,500
National Society Staff	4,000
Consultants	

**WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**

Workshops & Training	10,600
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**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Travel	800
Information & Public Relations	
Office running costs	3,700
Communication Costs	2,000
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	745
Other General Expenses	

**SERVICE FEES**

Service Fees

**PROGRAMME SUPPORT**

Programme Support - PSR	9,155
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**Total Operational Needs** **36,500**

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**DREF ALLOCATION** **150,000**

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