

EMERGENCY APPEAL



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SUDAN: FLOODS

**Preliminary appeal
no: 24/2001
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***THIS APPEAL SEEKS CHF 1,293,933
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 10,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR THREE MONTHS***

The Situation

The water level of the Nile is currently the highest for more than 20 years, including 1988 when there were major floods in Sudan. Tens of thousands of people have abandoned their homes and authorities have urged others to be prepared to move at short notice.

Whole villages and settlements in the states of Sinnar and River Nile are submerged. Heavy rains and seasonal rivers have damaged property, crops and livestock north of Kassala, in three areas in Southern Darfur state and in Toker province, Red Sea state.

Sudanese Red Crescent (SRC) branch volunteers have been active in several communities for the past few days. They have been helping evacuate endangered areas and informing people of possible dangers ahead. Volunteers have been directly helping communities with immediate needs, such as providing food and building sand bag protection. Teams are already active in five states - Sinnar, Gezira, Khartoum, River Nile and Northern State, and are being mobilised in two others - Kassala and Southern Darfur.

The capital Khartoum is also at risk. Every year, 200,000 migrants move to the city seeking safety from the conflict in the south or searching for jobs and services. Vulnerability levels increase with every influx because new arrivals often build their shelters in flood-prone areas.

The next two to three weeks will be crucial. The river and dams upstream of the Blue Nile, are full and any additional rainfall could trigger a disaster. Latest reports are of heavy rains in the Blue Nile catchment areas in Ethiopia.

The Needs

Immediate Needs w

Non-food relief items such as plastic sheeting/tarpaulins, empty sacks, cooking sets, chlorine tablets and essential drugs are in short supply and will be needed at the earliest. Equipment for mobile health clinics, mosquito nets, water pumps and water filters is also needed. Transportation for the emergency teams and the mobile health clinics are a problem. The SRC branches involved in the planned actions have only a few old vehicles.

The Proposed Operation**Objectives and Activities planned w**

Objective 1: To provide essential shelter, non-food relief items, first aid, clean water and sanitation facilities to an estimated 10,000 vulnerable, displaced people, particularly in the River Nile, Kassala and Sinnar.

Objective 2: To provide health education and basic health care by setting up mobile health clinics

Objective 3: In view of the forecast rise of the Nile river to assess further needs and possible displacement of populations, damage to property and the risk of epidemics, through emergency volunteer teams

In Kassala and Southern Darfur flash floods and seasonal rivers have killed livestock, damaged property and made families homeless. Additional states may be subject to interventions as the emergency unfolds.

Two major activities are already ongoing or being planned:

- Emergency volunteer teams have been assigned to pay regular visits to areas at risk and to make people aware of the hazards as well as to improve protection against floods. When an emergency occurs, the teams are equipped to assist floods victims with first aid and other immediate needs. It is also their task to carry out rapid assessments and prepare daily reports to the SRC headquarters. It is expected that each SRC state branch will have one to three teams operational during the project period.
- Mobile Health Clinics to compliment the Ministry of Health service in affected areas. The SRC has experience in this at a number of state branches. Each team will have two to three professional health workers and two to three community based first aid/community based primary health care (CBFA/CBPHC) volunteers. There will be one to two teams per state branch.

National Society Capacity Building w

The concept of emergency volunteer teams will be developed, including training in assessment and reporting. Branch communication and transportation will be strengthened as much as funding allows.

Co-ordination w

SRC is a member of the Higher Council for Civil Defence and has been involved from the first moment, including field trips to River Nile and Sinnar states. Important coordination is being carried out by the government's coordination body, the Humanitarian Aid Commission: a first meeting was held 8 August. With International Federation support, NGOs as well as UN agencies are kept informed about reports coming from SRC branches.

Monitoring and Evaluation w

Monitoring will be the responsibility of SRC headquarters with International Federation support. During the most critical phase - up to end of August - daily activity reports from the branches are expected.

Capacity of the National Society w

Because of the ongoing drought operation and assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Southern Darfur, SRC headquarters is under considerable strain. It will need to employ two temporary relief officers/coordinators to handle this new emergency. In the states, capacity is adequate in Gezira,

Khartoum and Kassala. There is a need for additional staff in Sinnar, River Nile, Southern Darfur and Northern State.

Present Capacity of the Federation w

The Sudan delegation has a head of delegation and a finance and administration delegate, plus a relief coordinator and a relief delegate assigned for the drought operation. It is not expected that they can devote time to this new emergency. To support the country delegation, a relief coordinator with, if possible, a health profile, is requested to assist the delegation in extending technical support to SRC state branches.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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All International Federation Assistance Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

In line with the Minimum Reporting Standards, the first operations update on this appeal will be issued within 30-days of the launch and the second will be issued over the course of the operation; a final narrative and financial report will be issued no later than 90 days after the end of the operation.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support and these programmes are outlined on the Federation website.

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		ANNEX 1
<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>		APPEAL No. 24/2001
Sudan floods		
TYPE		VALUE
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>		IN CHF
Shelter & constructions		170'000
Mosquito nets		51'000
Blankets		42'000
Empty sacks		40'000
Water tabs		80'000
Medical & first aid (NEHK)		94'000
Utensils, tools and other supplies		238'100
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS		715'100
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>		
Vehicles		47'000
Computers		10'500
Telecom. equipment		16'000
Generators & lightning		14'000
Other equipment		48'000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>		
Programme management		87'250
Technical support		26'118
Professional services		28'965
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>		124'000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
Expatriate staff		40'000
National staff		90'000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>		
Travel & related expenses		12'000
Information expenses		15'000
Administrative & general expenses		20'000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS		578'833
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES		1'293'933
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)		0
NET REQUEST		1'293'933