

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East

Emergency appeal n° MDR81001
Operations update n° 9
19 December 2008

Period covered by this Ops Update: 1 December 2007 to 30 November, 2008

Appeal target: CHF 5,037,019 (USD 4,075,135 or EUR 3,190,770)

Appeal coverage: 82%

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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 21 July 2006 for CHF 1,329,000 (USD 1,000,000 or EUR 846,000) for three months to assist 50,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 200,000 (USD 159,120 or EUR 127,455) was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the National Societies to respond to the crisis. Following generous contribution from the donors, the amount was fully paid back to DREF.
- The Appeal and budget were revised on 11 August 2006 - budget increased to CHF 5,036,998 (USD 4,075,135 or EUR 3,190,770) for three months to assist 65,000 beneficiaries.
- With Operations Update no.6, the Appeal was extended to 31 March 2007.
- With Operations Update no.7, the operational period was extended until 31 December 2007.
- With Operations Update no 8, a full overview of the activities was provided and the operational period was extended until 31 December 2008 for the Lebanese Red Cross to complete the rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in south Lebanon.



Construction of the emergency medical service station in Kabr Chmoun

Summary:

With this operations update, the International Federation wishes to extend the operational period of the Emergency Appeal to 31 March 2009 in order to finalise payments to the contractors in particularly related to the construction project in Tyr, southern Lebanon. Based on this extension, a Final Report on the whole Emergency Appeal will be made available by the end of June 2009 (three months after the end of the operation).

The situation

The emergency phase of the Middle East Humanitarian Crisis operation was completed by September 2006. The host National Societies of Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Red Cross on Cyprus have responded quickly to the immediate humanitarian needs of thousands of displaced people and third country nationals on transit. During the

following months until the end of 2006, the operation in Syria, Egypt and Cyprus focused on the replenishment of relief stocks which were distributed by the National Societies during the peak of the crisis.

In Lebanon, the focus was on the rehabilitation of the National Society's infrastructure, along with capacity building in key emergency response support services. While most of the activities were completed in 2007, unforeseen circumstances resulted in a delayed implementation of the construction and rehabilitation phase. The timeframe of the two identified projects within this phase was negatively affected by complex government procedures dealing with land deeds, lengthy tender processes to ensure quality, as well as contextual influences. Most importantly, the rapid increase in the price of construction materials as a result of rising import costs for steel and other materials required a constant revision of the designs and the need to adjust the extent of the projects. By February 2008, a consultant was selected for the projects and the tender processes were completed by the beginning of August 2008. The construction of the emergency medical service station in Kabr Chmoun and the Lebanese RC local branch in Tyr started in the middle of August and was due to be completed by the end of the year.

With this operations update, the International Federation wishes to extend the operational period of the Emergency Appeal to 31 March 2009 in order to finalise payments to the contractors, in particular for the construction project in Tyr. These two outstanding activities in Lebanon will be concluded in February 2009.

The International Federation would like to express its gratitude to the OPEC Fund for International Development, Canadian Government and Canadian Red Cross, American Red Cross, Norwegian Government and Norwegian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, British Red Cross, Australian Red Cross and all the other National Societies who have contributed to this Appeal and have allowed significant humanitarian assistance to the people affected from the conflict in Lebanon and its consequences in neighboring countries.

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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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/07-2008/11
Budget Timeframe	2006/07-2008/12
Appeal	MDR81001
Budget	APPEAL

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	5,037,019					5,037,019
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>American Red Cross (from United States - Private Donors)</i>	593,750					593,750
<i>Andorra Red Cross</i>	25,732					25,732
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>	76,957					76,957
<i>Australia - Private Donors</i>	1,385					1,385
<i>Belarusian Red Cross</i>	6,165					6,165
<i>British Red Cross</i>	144,723					144,723
<i>Canada - Private Donors</i>	2,756					2,756
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)</i>	1,108,800					1,108,800
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>	12,598					12,598
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	200					200
<i>Germany - Private Donors</i>	785					785
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>	37,181					37,181
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	159,950					159,950
<i>Lebanese Red Cross</i>	69,615					69,615
<i>Luxembourg - Private Donors</i>	198					198
<i>New York Office (from Kraft Foods)</i>	30,705					30,705
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	29,682					29,682
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>	339,070					339,070
<i>On Line donations</i>	77,455					77,455
<i>OPEC Fund For International Developm</i>	1,390,800					1,390,800
<i>Other</i>	-265,840					-265,840
<i>Saudi Arabia - Private Donors</i>	836					836
<i>Switzerland - Private Donors</i>	1,300					1,300
<i>Ukrainian Red Cross</i>	3,400					3,400
<i>Unidentified donor</i>	-3					-3
<i>United States - Private Donors</i>	88,380					88,380
C1. Cash contributions	3,936,579					3,936,579
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Lebanese Red Cross</i>	133,832					133,832
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	133,832					133,832
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	38,533					38,533
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	2,934					2,934
C4. Inkind Personnel	41,467					41,467
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	3,672					3,672
C5. Other Income	3,672					3,672
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	4,115,549					4,115,549
D. Total Funding = B + C	4,115,549					4,115,549
Appeal Coverage	82%					82%

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II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	4,115,549					4,115,549
E. Expenditure	-3,571,397					-3,571,397
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	544,153					544,153

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)	5,037,019						5,037,019	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	69,204	40,884				40,884	28,320	
Construction - Facilities/Infrastruc		200,801				200,801	-200,801	
Construction Materials	942,882						942,882	
Clothing & textiles	199,076	189,738				189,738	9,338	
Food	253,237	249,125				249,125	4,112	
Water & Sanitation	86,590	85,705				85,705	885	
Medical & First Aid	3,607	221,901				221,901	-218,294	
Teaching Materials	1,269	828				828	441	
Utensils & Tools	38,720	39,143				39,143	-423	
Other Supplies & Services	229,536	164,414				164,414	65,122	
Total Supplies	1,824,121	1,192,539				1,192,539	631,582	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	21,528						21,528	
Vehicles	1,018,690	730,511				730,511	288,179	
Computers & Telecom	151,708	118,227				118,227	33,481	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	140,054	143,765				143,765	-3,711	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	1,331,980	992,502				992,502	339,478	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	96,123	98,828				98,828	-2,704	
Distribution & Monitoring	16,000	23,283				23,283	-7,283	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	79,196	62,804				62,804	16,392	
Total Transport & Storage	191,319	184,914				184,914	6,405	
Personnel								
International Staff	243,480	209,729				209,729	33,751	
National Staff	131,467	129,239				129,239	2,228	
National Society Staff	140,603	95,192				95,192	45,410	
Consultants	20,646	106,763				106,763	-86,117	
Total Personnel	536,195	540,923				540,923	-4,728	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	295,151	68,583				68,583	226,568	
Total Workshops & Training	295,151	68,583				68,583	226,568	
General Expenditure								
Travel	85,892	50,439				50,439	35,453	
Information & Public Relation	41,871	24,082				24,082	17,789	
Office Costs	96,390	87,175				87,175	9,216	
Communications	34,230	45,492				45,492	-11,262	
Professional Fees		31,701				31,701	-31,701	
Financial Charges	5,718	8,704				8,704	-2,986	
Other General Expenses	2,800	4,411				4,411	-1,611	
Total General Expenditure	266,901	252,003				252,003	14,898	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies	190,211	79,211				79,211	111,000	
Total Contributions & Transfers	190,211	79,211				79,211	111,000	
Programme Support								
Program Support	327,406	231,966				231,966	95,441	
Total Programme Support	327,406	231,966				231,966	95,441	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions	73,734	28,756				28,756	44,978	
Total Operational Provisions	73,734	28,756				28,756	44,978	

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BUDGET (C)		5,037,019					5,037,019	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)		5,037,019	3,571,397				3,571,397	1,465,623
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,465,623					1,465,623	