

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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IRAQ: RESPONSE TO HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

*Appeal No. MDRIQ002
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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

Operations Update No. 3; Period covered: 1 June to 15 August, 2007; Appeal target: CHF 10,346,869 (USD 8,338,196 or EUR 6,420,644); Appeal coverage: 53 %; Outstanding needs: CHF 4,900,024 (USD 4,074,075 or EUR 2,998,920)

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Appeal history:

- **Launched on 12 February 2007 for CHF 10,346,869 (USD 8,338,196 or EUR 6,420,644) for 12 months to assist 50,000 families (300,000 beneficiaries) with relief items and 150,000 beneficiaries in the health sector.**
- **Final Report is due by the end of April 2008.**
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: N/A.**
- **Some of the activities (from the 05EA026 appeal) were re-scheduled to be implemented in 2007, i.e. regional warehouse construction in IRCS Baghdad Branch.**

Operational Summary:

Tender and procurement of 13,000 family kits (non-food items) and 8,500 first aid kits have been completed. The delivery of these items to the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) warehouses is expected to be completed by 20 September 2007. In addition, tender for Baghdad regional warehouse has been completed, and the company bids have been received.

Procurement of first aid kits, training and printing materials are in progress and the procedures related to the in kind donation of 80 mannequins by the Dutch Red Cross are ongoing.

The planning and reporting workshop for branch directors from the 18 Governorates of Iraq and programme management personnel of headquarters has been postponed to September 2007 due to organizational difficulties. The youth and volunteer induction course has been postponed as well, due to similar reasons.

The International Federation undertakes activities that 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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Introduction

International efforts for stabilization and assistance

The International Compact with Iraq (ICI) is an initiative of the Government of Iraq in partnership with the United Nations, other International Agencies and is supported by the World Bank. This initiative seeks a new partnership with the international community. It establishes a framework of commitments that will enable Iraq to realize its national vision of a secure, unified, federal and democratic nation, founded on the principles of freedom and equality, and providing peace and prosperity for its people.

After a year of sustained collaboration, the National Unity Government successfully launched the International Compact with Iraq at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt on 3 May, 2007. Over 70 delegations participated in the Sharm El Sheikh meeting, including more than 30 Foreign Ministers.

At Sharm El Sheikh the international community endorsed the ICI documents and in doing so entered into a new partnership with Iraq. This partnership is based on the Government of Iraq's commitment to carry out a comprehensive programme of reform and investment over the next five years, supported in every possible way by the international community. Statements of international support included pledges of over US\$35 billion in reconstruction assistance and debt forgiveness.

As a continuation of the dialogue, a conference for Iraqi hosting countries at experts level was held in Amman, Jordan on 26 July 2007 with the participation of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, as well as observer states such as Turkey, Iran, Russia and Japan and international organizations like the United Nations (UN), the Arab League and the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. The conference focused on possible ways of supporting countries that host Iraqi citizens in handling the additional burden in terms of services and resources. The aim of the conference was also to seek further assistance and cooperation to help these countries to continue offering the necessary services to the externally displaced Iraqis.

As a continuation of the international efforts, a two days ministerial consultation on health issues of Iraqis in neighboring countries took place in Amman on 29-30 July 2007. The consultation was complementary to the efforts of the Strategic Framework for Humanitarian Action in Iraq. The consultation was organized by the World Health Organisation (WHO) with the participation of the Ministers of Health and senior level representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria, as well as the UN system and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The agenda covered reviews of available information on the current health situation and access to health services of Iraqis in neighboring countries; discussed the modalities and challenges in ensuring

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equitable access to health services for Iraqis; addressed the resources required to ensure sustainable and equitable health access and defined a mechanism for monitoring and evaluating health coverage of Iraqis in neighboring countries.

Although substantial efforts have been taken by respective Governments and International Organizations, the situation in Iraq continues to be extremely complex and insecure. The violence during June and July has become increasingly sectarian and has dramatically increased by the bombing of the holy shrine in Samarra for the second time.

Authorized sources continue publishing data on extreme violence and the death toll is beyond 100 per day. The peaking violence against various targets indicated 5,335 (178 attacks a day) direct attacks against civilians, forces and infrastructure in June 2007. According to the data from March 2007, the average number of daily attacks was 94.

Furthermore living conditions deteriorated due to the extreme summer temperatures scaling between 50-52 degrees Celsius, and the shortage of water and electricity. According to statistical data, 70% of the population lacks access to potable water. As a consequence the number of diseases increase.

The recently published WHO annual report states that the health sector in Iraq is on the brink of complete collapse, which will lead to a genuine problem in the country. The report also states that diarrhoea and other bacterial infections that are seen in two thirds of the cases are the cause of deaths among children under the age of five. The Iraqi Ministry of Health (MoH) warned the population in July of a possible increase in waterborne diseases among children and elderly during the hottest months - July and August. The water sewage system has failed to absorb due to lack of maintenance. Cases of viral hepatitis, diarrhoea, typhoid and various bacterial infections are registered in Baghdad. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) highlights that 20% of children suffer from malnutrition, which is the cause of physical and mental handicap. In addition, hospitals are short of medical personnel.

In Iraq, the unemployment rate is estimated at 70% and the inflation rate last year stagnated at 53.2%. The fuel crisis has affected almost all aspects of life, especially as it is used for electric generation in the absence of a central electrical supply in most parts of Baghdad.

Current situation on appeal response

The recent progress of the funding situation of the appeal enabled the International Federation to launch operations in disaster management (DM) and health according to the plan of action and project agreements signed with the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS).

The appeal target is CHF 10,346,869 and currently covered more than 50 %.

Operations

Federation and Iraqi Red Crescent activities

Disaster management

Overall programme goal: The suffering of families left vulnerable by the economic decline and collapse of the social security systems in the country and by natural and human-made disasters is alleviated.

Disaster relief

Objective: The suffering of 50,000 socially vulnerable families and victims of natural disasters such as floods is alleviated by delivering non-food items.

The budgeted CHF 6,597,847 was intended to cover the target of 50,000 beneficiary families. The recent response analysis showed some 43% coverage under this activity plan. This enabled the International Federation to announce tender for purchasing non-food relief items in order to support 13,000 socially vulnerable families. Up to date, the tender has been finalised and contracts are signed. The purchasing part of the programme is expected to be completed by 20 September 2007 and consequently, the relief items will be delivered to the destinations for further action.

The amount of 13,000 family kits will be distributed in the following Governorates: Kerbala (3,000), Anbar (5,000), Suleymania (2,500) and Dahuk (2,500).

An additional amount of CHF 3,741,873 is needed to cover the plan for disaster relief.

Disaster preparedness

The CHF 320,855 budget for disaster preparedness aimed to train staff and volunteers in camp management, computerize the stock movement in IRCS warehouse system and improve radio communication. The allocation of CHF 64,000, mainly contributed by the Japanese Red Cross, allowed undertaking activities related to this area. Preparations are ongoing regarding the computerized warehouse stock movement control system workshop to be held in Jordan for IRCS warehouse managers and logistics staff of the headquarters.

Capacity building of physical structure

Objective: Two regional warehouses in Erbil and Baghdad are constructed to increase the IRCS warehouse storage capacity.

Tender for Baghdad regional warehouse has been completed, and the company bids have been received. Since Baghdad regional warehouse is fully funded, funding (CHF 706,600) is needed to cover Erbil regional warehouse. The increasing costs of materials and services force the representation to conduct a re-evaluation of bills of quantities for the Erbil warehouse construction. Re-assessment will be conducted in due course.

Health and care

Overall programme goal: Reduce the prevalence of common health problems in the 18 governorates of Iraq by providing training and mobilising the IRCS volunteers and community organizations.

Community based first aid programme (CBFA)

Objective: The CBFA programme is expanded to 18 governorates and localities by increasing the participation of its volunteers in the national health intervention programmes, including HIV/AIDS and immunization campaigns.

Project agreement and related programming documents are completed and signed. Purchasing of training materials and first aid kits are in process. In addition, the supply companies for first aid medical contents, bags and manuals are selected and contracted. The expected time of delivery of the first aid kits is the end of August 2007.

Procedures related to the in kind donation of 80 mannequins (20 infant, 20 female and 40 male) by the Dutch Red Cross are ongoing. These mannequins will be used in 18 Governorates as training material.

The programme is almost fully covered (86%).

Polio immunization campaign

After negotiations between the IRCS and WHO, it has been concluded that in the given circumstances the IRCS cannot implement the programme this year.

A formal letter from the IRCS is expected by the representation, clarifying the final decision, reasons and conclusions.

School first aid

Objective: The school first aid programme has been strengthened and consolidated in selected governorates extremely exposed to ongoing armed conflicts and arbitrary killings.

The school first aid programme for primary, intermediary and high schools can be considered as one of the most important programmes implemented by the IRCS and supported by the International Federation. The continuation of the programme is linked to the process of first aid knowledge dissemination, which has been implemented since 1997.

Due to funding reasons, the project agreement and operational plan of action was divided into two parts. The first part was designed for two months (April-May 2007) and was fully implemented within the given time frame. The IRCS health department had conducted nine trainings of trainers and 922 first aid courses for students. Nevertheless, the project agreement has been amended for the rest of the planned part of the programme. Implementation of phase no.2 of the school first aid programme is expected to continue when the school year begins in September 2007.

The programme is focusing on nine governorates - Baghdad, Anbar, Taamem, Diyala, Ninevah, Salah al-Din, Babilonia, Najaf and Kerbala - and is fully funded.

Organizational development

Programme Goal: The IRCS capacity to provide effective and efficient services to the vulnerable groups is strengthened in full compliance with the Fundamental Principles of Red Cross and Red Crescent and its own constitution.

Objective: The IRCS has enhanced its organizational and operational capacity at all levels.

Planning and reporting workshop for IRCS branch directors and headquarters programme officers had to be rescheduled due to difficulties in organization and facilitation. The seminar has been postponed to September 2007 to be held in Amman, Jordan. Substantial planning and preparations of thematic, organizational and logistics matters have taken place.

The youth and volunteer induction course also had to be postponed due to temporary organizational difficulties. The representation has been looking into several alternative solutions for adequate facilitation of this activity. This induction training of trainers is part of extensive training sessions to be held at branch Governorates by qualified youth and volunteer trainers.

Currently, the International Federation is planning the activities as stated above. The planned budget for organisational development (OD) activities was CHF 310,160. The outstanding need to fully cover OD plans is CHF 143,320.

Special contributions beyond the scope of the appeal

Additional contribution by the Australian Government and Australian Red Cross:

The additional contribution of CHF 515,000 (AUD 500,000) from the Australian Government and Australian Red Cross is earmarked for health affiliated assistance, such as purchasing of 2,000 wheelchairs and 1,500 first aid kits.

A formal procurement tender was conducted for purchasing 2,000 wheelchairs of various types according to the need communicated by the IRCS.

In kind donation of tents provided by the Iranian Red Crescent Society:

In kind donation of 5,000 tents provided by the Iranian Red Crescent Society to the International Federation's Iraq operation aimed to cover urgent shelter needs of the vulnerable population. The value of the donation is CHF 1,000,000.

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/02-2007/07
Budget Timeframe	2007/02-2008/01
Appeal	MDRIQ002
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
A. Budget	1,713,436	8,292,311		310,160	30,963	10,346,869
B. Opening Balance	0	0		0	0	0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
American Red Cross	62,679					62,679
Finnish Red Cross	162,000					162,000
Japanese Red Cross	227,896	61,000				288,896
Monaco Red Cross				49,200		49,200
New York Office		3,202				3,202
New Zealand Red Cross				11,164		11,164
On Line donations		14,602				14,602
Swedish Red Cross	88,650	620,550				709,200
C1. Cash contributions	541,225	699,354		60,364		1,300,943
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
Australian Red Cross	257,500	1,699,500		103,000		2,060,000
Malaysian Red Crescent		638,120				638,120
Norwegian Red Cross	409,903					409,903
Swedish Red Cross	22,438	157,063				179,500
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	689,840	2,494,683		103,000		3,287,523
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
American Government		246,798				246,798
Australian Red Cross		65,931				65,931
Australia - Private Donors		9,524				9,524
Danish Red Cross	9,409					9,409
Irish Government		11,660				11,660
Irish Red Cross		1,920				1,920
Japanese Red Cross	3,904					3,904
Netherlands Red Cross	23,904	21,425				45,329
Norwegian Red Cross	122,313					122,313
South Africa Government				3,477		3,477
Swedish Red Cross		305,877			30,963	336,840
United States - Private Donors		1,276				1,276
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or	159,529	664,411		3,477	30,963	858,380
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	1,390,595	3,858,447		166,841	30,963	5,446,845
D. Total Funding = B + C	1,390,595	3,858,447		166,841	30,963	5,446,845

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0		0	0	0
C. Income	1,390,595	3,858,447		166,841	30,963	5,446,845
E. Expenditure	-289,491	-472,665		-62,919	0	-825,076
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	1,101,104	3,385,782		103,921	30,963	4,621,770

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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
BUDGET (C)		1,713,436	8,292,311		310,160	30,963	10,346,869	
Supplies								
Construction Materials	1,162,000							1,162,000
Clothing & textiles	3,020,000							3,020,000
Medical & First Aid	323,588							323,588
Teaching Materials	220,000							220,000
Utensils & Tools	1,382,405							1,382,405
Total Supplies	6,107,992							6,107,992
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	10,000							10,000
Medical Equipment	481,525							481,525
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	491,525							491,525
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	97,418	10,680	25,267		19		35,966	61,452
Total Transport & Storage	97,418	10,680	25,267		19		35,966	61,452
Personnel Expenditures								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	195,325	14,486	109,973				124,459	70,865
Delegate Benefits	84,123							84,123
Regionally Deployed Staff	32,486							32,486
National Staff	616,006	3,206	174,005		6,842		184,054	431,952
National Society Staff	140,000							140,000
Total Personnel Expenditures	1,067,939	17,693	283,978		6,842		308,513	759,426
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	842,621	57,880	899		24,782		83,561	759,060
Total Workshops & Training	842,621	57,880	899		24,782		83,561	759,060
General Expenditure								
Travel	183,382	4,989	35,773		15,708		56,470	126,912
Information & Public Relation	244,937	30	3,430				3,460	241,477
Office Costs	271,931		33,082			19,395	52,477	219,453
Communications	85,427	-844	13,321		7,686	10,257	30,420	55,008
Financial Charges	155,768	16,669	14,702			3,021	34,391	121,376
Other General Expenses	118,855	1,631	28,523		3,793	-32,672	1,274	117,580
Total General Expenditure	1,060,300	22,476	128,831		27,186	0	178,493	881,806
Depreciation								
Depreciation	6,527		2,967				2,967	3,560
Total Depreciation	6,527		2,967				2,967	3,560
Program Support								
Program Support	672,547	18,817	30,723		4,090		53,630	618,917
Total Program Support	672,547	18,817	30,723		4,090		53,630	618,917
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		161,946					161,946	-161,946
Total Operational Provisions		161,946					161,946	-161,946
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	10,346,869	289,491	472,665		62,919	0	825,076	9,521,793
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,423,945	7,819,646		247,240	30,963	9,521,793	