

ARABIAN PENINSULA/GULF: BUILDING CAPACITIES

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Although most of the National Societies of the Arabian Peninsula are international donors to the Federation's programmes, the geo-political situation in the region and vulnerability of some countries to natural disasters (such as Yemen) require more support from the Federation and other donors. The Federation will continue to support the National Societies in terms of capacity building and disaster preparedness.

The context

The Arabian Peninsula and Gulf countries have not experienced any major disasters lately except Yemen which was affected by several floods this year. Although this part of the world is not prone to major natural disasters, it is located in an important geo-strategic area which has witnessed a number of conflicts over the past years. The countries need Disaster Preparedness plans such as road safety programmes. Yemen, however, needs a more comprehensive Disaster Preparedness plan in order to respond to natural disasters such as floods as well as to socio-economic unrest.

Latest events

Yemen has been affected by several floods during the past year and a half. The Yemen Red Crescent supported the government in providing various types of assistance to the affected people. A mission visited Yemen in March 2000 to discuss issues related to the disaster preparedness capacity and social activities of the Society. The Yemen Red Crescent has a well established profile in the country, but needs support to develop its disaster preparedness capacity and expand its social services such as health care, particularly for the most needy and vulnerable people.

The Federation's Logistics and Fleet Base located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, was opened this year. There have also been discussions about establishing a Federation representation in Kuwait which would play an important role in upgrading the co-operation between the Gulf National Societies.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Disaster Response •

The National Societies in the region continued to provide services to the needy and vulnerable people at the national and international level. In Yemen, the National Society has provided assistance to the people affected by floods, in co-operation with the government.

Disaster Preparedness •

The Federation started a regional Disaster Preparedness programme for the Middle East and North Africa National Societies. This programme aims to support National Societies in the region in their Disaster Preparedness Planning. This programme will be expanded to the Arabian Peninsula National Societies in order to help them in developing their own Disaster Preparedness plans.

Logistics / Fleet Base, Abu Dhabi •

With the signature between the Federation and the Government of the United Arab Emirates in May 2000, the Federation has strengthened its capacity in providing logistical support to the various operations. The Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates has participated with their services in establishing the Centre. Logistical support has already been provided to the Federation's operations and contributed to their timeliness and efficiency.

Outstanding needs

There has been little response so far to this Appeal. However, the situation in the region the vulnerability of certain groups, particularly in Yemen, require increased donor support.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Through the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, the Federation has maintained close contacts with the government of the United Arab Emirates.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

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Arabian Peninsula / Gulf							ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.67/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED					15/09/00
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				577,000		TOTAL COVERAGE	
						-0.3%	
Balance carried forward from 1999				-1,592			
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				-1,592	CHF	-0.3%	
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%	
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF		
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:							
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