

EMERGENCY APPEAL



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MOROCCO: FLASH FLOODS

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IN BRIEF

***THIS PRELIMINARY APPEAL SEEKS CHF 580,000 (USD 390,000 or EUR 393,000)
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 20,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR 3 MONTHS***

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocation: CHF 40,000

Situation

The heavy rains reported in Morocco since 17 November have killed at least 35 people in 24 hours. Ten others are missing. The floods, the worst in 30 years, were triggered by heavy rains that began ten days ago. Some 100 Moroccan Red Crescent volunteers were immediately mobilised to help evacuate families and begin cleaning thick mud out of homes. According to the authorities, 100,000 people may be affected by the floods. Most of the victims died when their houses, built in river beds, were swept away.

The heaviest casualties are in the region of Settât, where flash floods caused the river Bengueribi to burst destroying the small village of Douar Chtioui Loussi - near Berrechid, 130 km south of Rabat - resulting in severe destruction and casualties in Settât town, 30 km farther south.

The area surrounding Fez, in the east of the country, and the shanty towns close to Kenitra (north of Rabat) have also been affected. In Moulay Yacoub, Fez region, a man and four of his five children died when their house collapsed. Most of the homeless are being cared for by family members, while a minority is being sheltered in schools. Many people have lost all their belongings. Hundreds of head of cattle have been killed and damage to crops and infrastructure is extensive. A total of 25,000 families are estimated to be affected.

With the water receding, a Federation delegate arrives today (28 November) to assist the Moroccan Red Crescent to complete an assessment and identify needs. The Federation's Secretariat in Geneva is monitoring the situation and is in contact with the Moroccan Red Crescent as well as the Federation's Tunis regional office. This

appeal is based on preliminary information received from the Moroccan Red Crescent and intends to provide emergency relief to 20,000 of the most affected families.

Needs

Immediate Needs w

With winter and colder nights approaching, the most immediate needs identified by the Moroccan Red Crescent Society are shelter, warm clothes and food for 4,000 families in Settat and 1,000 families in Kenitra. Family size varies from three to nine.

Proposed Operation

Objectives and activities planned to reach the objectives w

This operation aims to provide emergency assistance to the most vulnerable. During the first phase, and for an estimated three months, basic relief items will be distributed to 5,000 families in the most affected regions of Settat and Kenitra.

Water and sanitation w

Objective: Provide drinking water and clean up flooded areas and homes

Activity: The Moroccan Red Crescent branches volunteers have from day one started cleaning operations to help the people remove destroyed belongings. The branches will also help provide safe water to 5,000 families by distributing jerrycans and water purification tablets.

Health and carew

Objective : Run health posts to provide basic health care to the affected population.

Activity: While the authorities take care of the general health situation, the Moroccan Red Crescent intends to open health posts for basic care, counselling and psychological support in the areas of temporary shelter. This activity is part of the National Society's ongoing close cooperation with the authorities,

Relief: distribution of food and basic non-food items w

Objective: The Moroccan Red Crescent will distribute food to the most vulnerable population.

Activity: The Moroccan Red Crescent has purchased basic food items, such as wheat, sugar, rice, tea and coffee. These products are available on the local market. The Federation Secretariat has released a Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) amount of CHF 40,000 to support local procurement and distribution of food. Purchase and distribution of candles is also taking place.

Shelter w

Objective 1: Provide temporary shelter for the homeless

Activity: Provide temporary shelter with the distribution of 1,000 tents, 20,000 blankets and 4,000 tarpaulins to the most vulnerable.

Objective 2: Provide clothing to those most in need.

Activity: The weather conditions as well as the deteriorated living conditions under tents and loss of belongings makes it urgent to provide warm clothes to the most affected families. Initial information is sketchy but assessments will establish needs and these will be communicated in later updates.

Capacity of the National Society w

The National Society reacted immediately to the disaster and began an assessment of the most urgent needs in all affected areas. Volunteers of Red Crescent branches have worked continuously. However, there will be a need to upgrade the local capacities as regards stocks and training of volunteers. These needs will be further defined in later updates.

Monitoring and Evaluation w

It has been agreed with the National Society that a delegate will be assigned to the affected areas and will monitor the distributions, ensure coordination and reporting on the operation and assessment of further needs. The level of National Society capacity building will also be evaluated.

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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PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY

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TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Shelter & constructions	222,000
Clothing & textiles	110,000
Medical & first aid	16,000
Utensils & tools	13,000
Other relief supplies	9,000
<u>TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS</u>	370,000
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>	
Vehicles	3,000
Telecom. equipment	15,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme management	39,000
Technical support	12,000
Professional services	13,000
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	80,000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
Expatriate staff	30,000
National staff	10,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Information expenses	3,000
Administrative & general expenses	5,000
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS</u>	210,000
<u>TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES</u>	580,000
<u>LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)</u>	0
<u>NET REQUEST</u>	580,000