

DREF operation



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Morocco: Floods in Agadir

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 75,652 (USD 73,530 or EUR 50,910) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Moroccan Red Crescent Society (Moroccan RC) in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,875 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Floods caused by heavy rains have killed five people, injured 20, and left many thousands homeless in and around Moroccan town of Agadir on 24 December 2009. 1,500 families are estimated to have been affected by the worst floods the region has been experiencing since decades.

Three of the 12 districts of the surrounding Agadir province have been hit by the floods and many homes have been inundated. The National Society has benefited from in kind and cash donations from other actors and is seeking to complement the operation with this DREF request. The DREF will support the Moroccan RC in assisting 375 families (1,875 beneficiaries) with relief items and in building the National Society's capacity.

The operation has started on 29 December 2009. It is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 31 March, 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 30 June, 2010).

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Thousands of people are left homeless after the floods of December 2009 in Agadir, Morocco. Photo: Moroccan RC.

The situation

The region of Sous Massa Draa (Agadir) of Morocco was hit hard by floods on 24 December 2009 caused by the bad weather. To date, 12 communities across the Agadir region were affected by the floods which killed five people, injured 20, and left many thousands homeless. According to official sources, 1,500 families are in need of assistance for food and non-food items. The floods also caused serious material damage in the provinces of Agadir, Ida Outanat and Inazgane.

Following a warning given by the national meteorological services, the Ministry of Interior has activated the national committee for monitoring and coordination. Local and provincial committees under the chairmanship of the walis and governors were also activated in all regions of the Kingdom for the implementation of operational plans to protect people and property and to help those at risk and affected.

Coordination and partnerships

In line with the information received by the central committee of the Moroccan RC, crisis centers were established in the affected areas in close collaboration with local authorities. To meet the needs of the disaster affected population, the Moroccan RC cooperated closely with the local authorities and requested some support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies through its North Africa Regional Representation to provide relief in the form of food and non-food items to affected families in the region of Massa Draa.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The National Society has responded to the emergency through:

- Seven members of the provincial committee of the Agadir branch
- Five senior staff (programme managers) of the Agadir branch
- 30 rescuers from the regional disaster response team
- 20 volunteers from Agadir and Taroudant branches
- Two caravans
- Two 4x4 vehicles
- Two trucks
- Two ambulances
- Two cars
- Two motorcycles
- Moroccan RC committees of Agadir and Taroudant

EUR 23,000 was made available by Moroccan RC to purchase food items and the below were distributed to the mentioned locations from the National Society's stocks in the regional warehouse of Agadir.

Relief items	Agadir Id Aoutanane	Inazgane	Quantity
Flour (bag of 10 kg)	300	-	300
Oil (5 litres)	300	-	300
Sugar (1 kg)	1,000	450	1,450
Cheese (16 packs)	-	300	300
Jam (1 kg)	-	30	30
Milk powder (1 kg)	-	50	50
Coffee (0,5 kg)	-	15	15
Tea	75	15	90
Blankets	700	200	900
Matresses	200	-	200
Jerry Cans	160	-	160

The needs

Selection of people to be reached: Beneficiary selection was done in close cooperation with the local authorities. On basis of the lists of beneficiaries, Moroccan RC was requested to take care of 375 families (approximately 1,875 beneficiaries). As part of the contingency planning, Moroccan RC has been assessing its resources and capacity to mobilize the needed food and non-food items. The National Society volunteers also help the affected communities in cleaning up the houses in order to allow affected people to return to their houses as soon as possible.

The Moroccan RC teams continue to assess the needs of affected communities in some remote areas. Plans are reviewed daily and adjusted accordingly based on the new information provided by the Moroccan RC teams deployed in the affected sites or collected from affected people accommodated in the schools, public buildings or with relatives. On basis of the first assessment, an initial distribution of items was organized for some 300 families. The National Society plans to refurbish as soon as possible its own stocks fearing new small scale disasters in the coming weeks.

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Objective: Food and non-food relief items are distributed to the 375 families from Moroccan RC central and regional warehouses and non-food items are procured to refurbish the National Society's relief stocks.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct emergency needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Procure and distribute relief supplies. • Refurbish National Society stocks that were distributed by Moroccan RC volunteers. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

The following relief items will be procured, distributed and used to refurbish the stocks of the Moroccan RC.

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Coffee (0,5 kg)	-	15	15
Tea	75	15	90
Blankets	1,000	500	1,500
Matresses	400	100	500
Jerry Cans	160	40	200

Capacity Building and Public Awareness
Objective: The health risks of the disaster on the affected population are reduced through the provision of disaster risk reduction awareness sessions at community level in twelve districts of the Agadir region.
Activities planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct floods awareness workshops for Moroccan RC Agadir regional and local branches. • Print awareness materials for community sensitization.

The Moroccan RC has benefited from the support of the International Federation within the framework of the MENA disaster management strategy in the form of training. The Moroccan RC has an experience in responding to floods-related disasters, relief operations, social mobilization and has a good network of volunteers who help to manage community distributions and sensitization activities.

The regional representation plans to organize an evaluation workshop with the participation of the Moroccan RC coordinators and volunteers involved in the operation, in order to reflect on the lessons learnt and future steps to be taken.

How we work
<i>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</i>

(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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DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

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BUDGET CHF

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	37,500
Construction Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	
Food	7,454
Seeds & Plants	
Water & Sanitation	
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	1,400
Other Supplies & Services	
Total Relief Needs	46,354

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Land & Buildings
Vehicles Purchase
Computers & Telecom Equipment
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.
Medical Equipment
Other Machinery & Equipment

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse	
Distribution & Monitoring	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	650

PERSONNEL

International Staff	
Regionally Deployed Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	2,730
Consultants	

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training	13,000
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	
Information & Public Relations	5,000
Office running costs	2,500
Communication Costs	300
Professional Fees	
Financial Charges	201
Other General Expenses	

SERVICE FEES

Service Fees

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR	4,917
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Total Operational Needs	29,298
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DREF ALLOCATION	75,652
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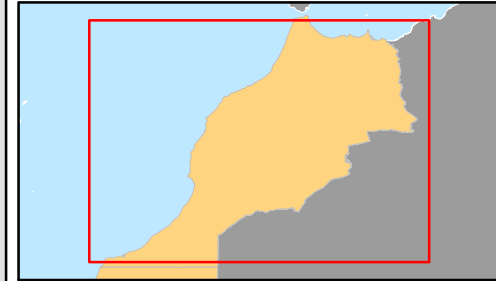
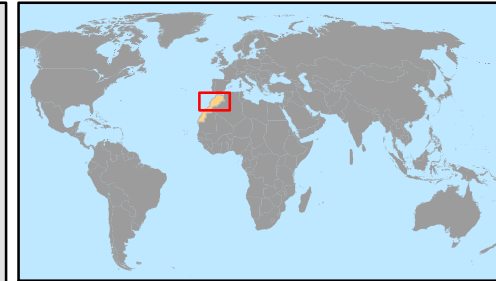
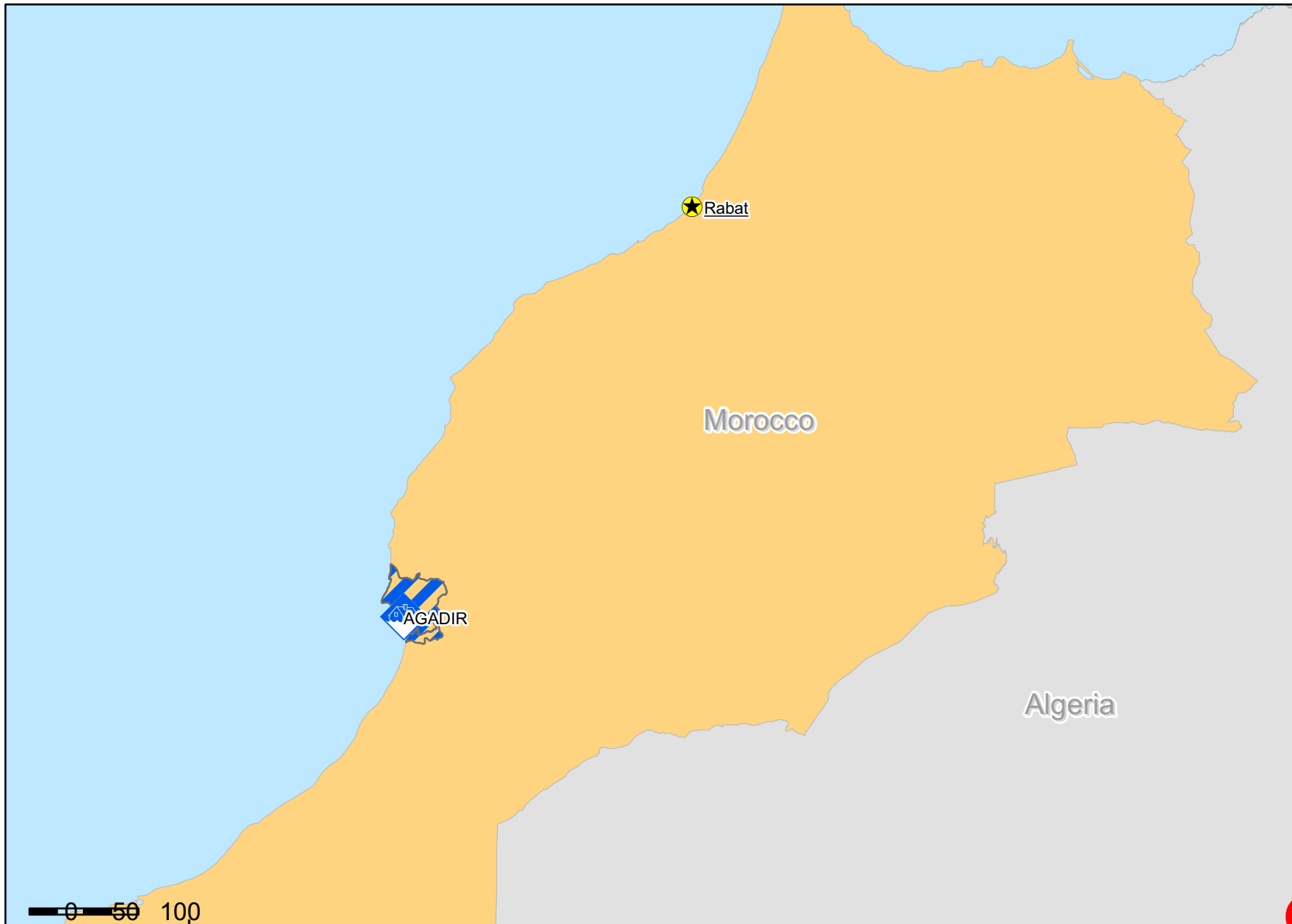





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