

DREF operation update



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Sudan: Preparedness for Civil Unrest

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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 emergency response. 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.

Period covered by this update: 8 March to 10 April 2010.

Summary: CHF 394,035 (USD 366,708 or EUR 269,170) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 8 March 2010 to support the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) in preparing for the elections and possible civil unrest, and delivering immediate assistance to 50,000 beneficiaries (10,000 families in 14 targeted states).

SRCS was issued an additional CHF 105,965 to cover unmet costs of over ten days for about 20,000 volunteers who provided First Aid services to voters at polling stations and assisted during civil unrest as a result of the outcome of elections. This additional funding will be utilized in support of volunteers sustainability through provision of water, food and transportation.



SRCS volunteers conducting First Aid training.
Photo by SRCS

Prior to the elections that started on 11 April 2010 in Sudan, the SRCS had put in place an election preparedness contingency plan, with a view of assisting the possible victims of election related violence in the country. This plan is part of the long term contingency plan being carried out in collaboration with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in preparation for the upcoming referendum in January 2011.

The training of trainers (ToTs) trainings was conducted at the branch levels. Volunteers hand-printed SRCS logos on 5,000 First Aid bags packed with First Aid materials. Volunteers also hand-printed SRCS logos on 2,000 aprons. First Aid bags and aprons were dispatched to the branches.

From early March on, the Central Emergency Committee was established at Khartoum headquarters and activities at both state and branch levels were monitored closely on daily basis. The daily Central Emergency Committee meetings were attended by SRCS, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), ICRC and Partner National Societies (PNSs).

Activities related to preparedness enhanced the image of the SRCS as these activities were broadcasted on the national television on several occasions.

On 12 April 2010 the Sudan's Election Commission announced a two-day extension to voting until 15 April 2010 throughout the whole country. The polling result will be announced during five days after final election date. This date might even be prolonged. Based on these developments SRCS and its volunteers are alert and well prepared to handle this situation. This operation is expected to be implemented in 1 month, and completed by 4 May 2010. In line with Federation reporting standards, the Final Report (narrative and financial) is due 90 days after the end of the operation (by August 2010).

The European Community Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) contributed Euro 150,000 in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The Canadian, Danish and Netherlands Governments have also replenished the DREF for this allocation. Other major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Canadian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments. Details of all donors can be found on <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

Sudans' general elections took place from 11 to 15 April 2010. These are the first multi-party elections since 1986. Therefore, SRCS has prepared itself thoroughly in assisting those who might be affected by election related violence. Over this reporting period there has been sporadic outbreaks of violence especially in campaign stations.

Tensions are still evident and escalating all over Sudan. Amongst the ten southern states, there are six frontline states where violence is expected, especially during the outcome of elections. These include;

- Rumbek in Lakes state.
- Melout and Paloc in Malakal, Northern upper Nile.
- Awiel in Northern Bahr Elghazal state.
- Abeyi.
- Bentiu in Unity State.
- Ezo in Yambio, Western Equatoria state.

Violence in these areas may be instigated by the already volatile situations in these areas, including: border demarcation issues (the presence of heavily armed forces on both sides of the river Kir); oil revenue disbursements still to be resolved as well as Lord Resistance Army (LRA) presence in states bordering the Congo. However, the overarching issue in the southern Sudan continues to be inter-tribal conflicts.

Central, eastern, northern and western Sudan has been experiencing isolated incidents of violence as a result of elections. In eastern Sudan candidates were kidnapped and some threatened to deter them from organizing campaigns rallies. In the western region inter tribal conflicts and JEM declared that they would not allow elections to be conducted in the Darfur states especially in the internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Greater Khartoum has consistently experienced outbreaks of violence in all the localities and especially at the campaign stations.

SRCS has been preparing for election related violence since December 2009, SRCS purchased First Aid bags locally and with the assistance of volunteers, SRCS logo was printed on them. In addition, aprons were made locally and SRCS logo hand printed on them by volunteers.

Dissemination of the Red Cross Red Crescent principles and role of the Red Crescent volunteers has been carried out in all states on national TV and radio stations. Air time was provided free of charge in support and recognition of the Sudanese Red Crescents Societies efforts in preparedness.

With the reported escalation of violence, SRCS will be on standby until 22 April 2010 – two days after the election results are announced.

Coordination and partnerships

With support from the ICRC, IFRC and in-country Partner National Societies (PNSs) including German, Saudi, Austria, Finnish and Danish Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as well as the Swiss Embassy, SRCS mobilized, trained and equipped 17,000 volunteers across the country with First Aid knowledge and information so as to be able to provide rapid and effective First Aid when required. The support received from these PNSs was utilized in training, purchasing of First Aid materials and procuring communication material such as handsets and establishing base stations.

Since 25 March 2010, the SRCS Central Emergency Committee for National Election Preparedness (CECNEP) has been coordinating daily meetings with other members of the Movement. Cooperation between headquarter and the southern Secretariat has been very close with regular information and resource exchange.

The SRCS attended all coordination meetings including those organized by the United Nations. The SRCS is working in collaboration with the National Election Commission, security authorities, police, Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs Commission (HAC) – Federal and State in order to promote the work of SRCS as well as provide protection to volunteers.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

The scope of the operation is in the area of disaster preparedness as defined by SRCS strategy and lies within the capacity of SRCS of which the backbone is volunteer management. The focus has been in fourteen high risk states as identified in the DREF request. The SRCS has:

- Activated the emergency teams in these states.
- Well prepared to participate in First Aid and rendering relief services.
- Improved its communications network.
- Readjusted the quantities of items procured in light of support provided by other partners.

Strengthening SRCS response mechanisms in 14 high risk states

Objective: Conduct refresher training for volunteers and the Emergency First Aid Teams (EFATs) to be able to provide first aid and psychological support to affected people.

Activities planned

- Conduct refresher training for National Disaster Response Teams.
- Conduct refresher training for Branch Response teams in 14 states (high risk).
- Dissemination campaign focusing on community leaders, authorities and combatants in these states.
- Formation of emergency room at headquarters.

Progress

A two days refresher NDRT training of trainers was conducted between 25 and 26 March 2010 for a total of 32 participants from all the state branches in Khartoum. The following topics were covered:

1. Discussion and consensus on SRCS contingency plan.
2. Safer access.
3. Management of dead bodies.
4. Dealing with multiple injuries.

5. Coping with stress.
6. Monitoring and reporting.
7. Rapid need assessment.
8. Communication and use of radio.
9. Code of conduct.
10. Role of SRCS First Aid volunteers during emergency.

It is envisaged that the ToTs will cascade the NDRT training in their respective states. As a result about 17,000 volunteers at state level are well prepared to act in an emergency when needed.

Communities were empowered on the role of SRCS, a total of 168 dissemination sessions were carried out in each of the 14 targeted states. The session covered was on; the new International Humanitarian Law (IHL) curriculum and was led by the respective branches. In addition the following items were produced headquarters in Khartoum, southern Secretariat and the branches:

1. 10,000 SRCS emblem stickers distributed to NDRT members.
2. 200 SRCS flags for First Aid posts and vehicles.
3. Hazard maps produced for NRDT training.
4. 2,000 aprons that replaced the 825 budgeted volunteer vests.
5. Emblems hand printed on 5,000 First Aid bags (delivered to all states).
6. 1,000 SRCS badges produced (distributed to NDRT members).
7. Banners produced for SRCS emergency election rooms.

Fully equipped emergency rooms (27) were established at SRCS headquarter in Khartoum, at southern secretariat and at branch levels. The emergency rooms have been operational since 7 March 2010. Although one emergency room was initially planned at headquarter, it was considered wise to establish emergency rooms at state and branch level.

Challenges

- Limited and high costs of transport caused serious setbacks in the transportation of visibility materials and movement from and between the branches to the localities;
- Difficulties in access were faced in certain states, particularly in southern Sudan and Darfur causing a delay in scheduled trainings.

Emergency health (Current)
<p>Objective: Provision of emergency health care in 14 high risk states</p> <p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-positioning of universal kits, occupational kits, emergency health kits, vehicle kits, aprons/vest, and stretchers in 14 high risk states. • Being prepared to provide back-up services to governmental health institutions and offer medical services to the injured when needed.

Progress

The targeted states provided back-up services to government health institutions. The following items were purchased, packed and distributed:

- 5,000 First Aid bags.
- 2,000 aprons.
- 207 occupation First Aid kits.
- 246 tents.

Table 1: Distributed items

		Aprons	Tents	Occupational FA kits	Radio Handsets	Thuraya
North and central	First Aid kits					
Northern	150		5	5		
River Nile	150		5	5		
Khartoum	600		25	15	5	2
Gezira	500		10	7		
White Nile	150		5	7		
East Sudan						
Sennar	150		5	5		
Gedaref	150		5	5		
Kassala	150		10	10	5	
Blue Nile	200		10	10	5	1
Red Sea	150		5	5		
West Sudan						
North Darfur	150		15	5		
South Darfur	200		15	8		
West Darfur	150		15	5		
North Kordofan	150		8	5		1
South Kodofan	150		8	10	5	
South Sudan						
Central Equatoria	300	200	10	10	4	1
Eastern Equatoria	300	200	10	10	2	
Western Equatoria	150	200	10	10	2	
Lakes	150	200	10	10	2	
Upper Nile	200	200	10	10	2	1
Unity	200	200	10	10	2	
Warrab	100	200	10	10	2	
Northern Bahr Elghazal	100	200	10	10	2	
Western Bahr Elghazal	100	200	10	10	2	1
Jonglei	250	200	10	10	2	
Total	5,000	2,000	246	207	42	7

Challenges

- The volunteer First Aid vests available in the market did not conform to the requested specifications.
- Inadequate time to purchase aprons.

However, the SRCS mobilized volunteers to print bags locally and package them with locally available First Aid materials. This reduced the cost of international transport, airfreight and import fees. The volunteers also made aprons and hand printed with SRCS logo.

Emergency health (New)
Objective: Provide First Aid services to the affected persons.
Activities planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 volunteers are on stand-by for a period of 10 days. • Stationing 20,000 volunteers in the various polling stations to provide First Aid services.

Progress: This activity will be implemented by end of April 2010.

Communication
Objective: Promptly deliver appropriate information about the unfolding humanitarian situation in various locations throughout Sudan to SRCS Units, branches and national headquarters, as well as to other stakeholders.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being prepared to provide communications support to national headquarters DM and information officers, zonal coordinators, branch officers, EFAT coordinators; • Carry out dissemination sessions on Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Progress

The target branches established proper communication systems:

- A total of 7 thurayas and 42 VHF radio handsets were procured.
- Spare parts were procured.
- Maintenance of HF and VFH radios in 14 branches in addition to 4 units.
- New radio base installations were set up in El Obied and Gedarif branches.
- A total of 31 radio operators from the branches and high risk units have been trained on management and use of radios including call signs.
- A total of 10,000 SRCS logo's (stickers) were produced and distributed to the 14 target branches for use on communication equipments and items which require visibility (vehicles, tents and emergency posts).
- IT technician from the Eastern Africa Regional office was deployed in Sudan to support in training, maintenance and information dissemination.
- In support of SRCS preparedness efforts, Sudan national TV and radio offered SRCS 5 minutes of prime air time for preparedness campaign.

Challenges

- Custom clearance of IT material from Nairobi took a considerable amount of time, however with continuous follow up, the National Society was able to receive the IT materials.

Communication (New)
Objective: Promptly deliver appropriate information about the unfolding humanitarian situation in various locations throughout Sudan to SRCS Units, branches and national headquarters, as well as to other stakeholders.
Activity planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 Emergency Rooms are functional during the election period.

Progress: This activity will be implemented by end of April 2010.

How we work

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The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief		0
Shelter - Transitional		0
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
Clothing & Textiles		0
Food		0
Seeds & Plants		0
Water & Sanitation		0
Medical & First Aid		252,996
Teaching Materials		0
Ustensils & Tools		0
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements		0
Total Supplies	0	252,996
Land & Buildings		0
Vehicles		0
Computer & Telecom		26,600
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		0
Medical Equipment		0
Other Machinery & Equipment		0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	26,600
Storage		0
Distribution & Monitoring		0
Transport & Vehicle Costs		8,600
Total Transport & Storage	0	8,600
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff		0
National Staff		0
National Society Staff		128,500
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	0	128,500
Workshops & Training		32,600
Total Workshops & Training	0	32,600
Travel		0
Information & Public Relation		0
Office Costs		0
Communications		6,204
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges		0
Other General Expenses		12,000
Total General Expenditure	0	18,204
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	0	32,500
Total Programme Support	0	32,500
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	0	500,000