

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Lebanon: Syrian Displaced

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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.

Period covered by this update: 26 May to 26 August, 2011.

Summary: CHF 36,849 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 26 May, 2011 to support the Lebanese Red Cross Society in delivering assistance to some 1500 beneficiaries who crossed the border from Syria. Within the reporting period, the Emergency Medical Services of the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) has provided first aid and ambulances services to the Syrian displaced in need for emergency medical assistance.



Syrian displaced people assisted by Lebanese RC volunteers. Photo: Lebanese RC

As the Northern border between Syria and Lebanon has been closed at the end of May, the number of people receiving assistance from the LRC decreased in June. However, later the situation in Syria deteriorated resulting in a sudden increase in the number of people crossing the border into Lebanon; the period for this operation has been extended to 3 months, until 26 August, 2011.

With the contacts from the Belgian Red Cross and the Netherlands Red Cross, both present and operational in Lebanon, the Belgian Government and the Netherlands Government have contributed CHF 36,512 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation.

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. 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

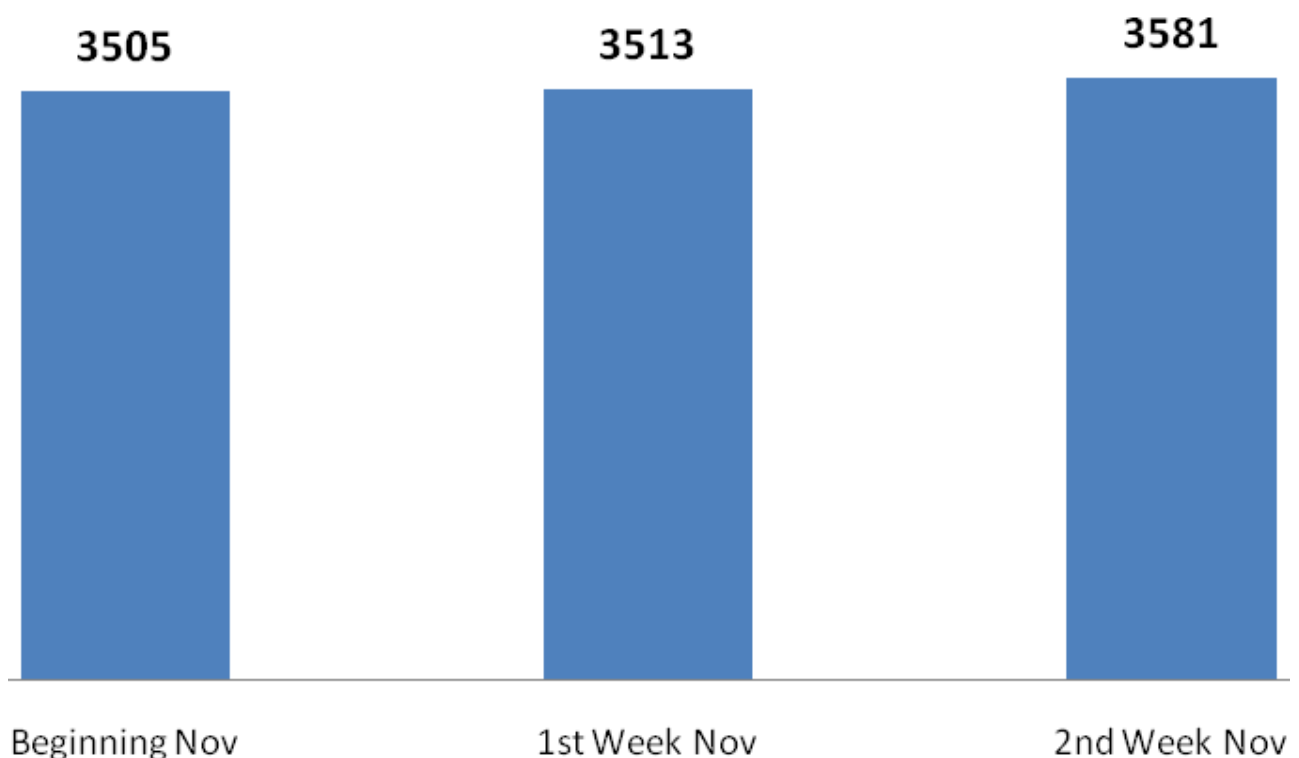
Civil unrest continues to sweep across Syria provoking population movements in the country, but also to neighboring countries such as Turkey and Lebanon.

In southwest of Syria, (Tell Kalakh area), families have fled violence crossing the Northern border of Lebanon during the months of May until August 2011. Many of them have found shelter with relatives or host families, thereby placing an additional burden on their already impoverished hosts.

The Lebanese authorities estimated that between 1,000 and 5,000 Syrians have crossed to Northern Lebanon during the month of May. Latest estimations put the number of displaced people still in Lebanon to 3,581 people in the North and Akkar, residing mostly with host families in difficult circumstances.

Those who remain are unwilling to return until stability and security is restored in their Syrian villages. Many individuals and families have been deeply affected by the events that caused them to flee, and are reluctant to go home until the situation stabilizes.

Registered Displaced Syrians Trend in November 2011



Reference: UNHCR, November 2011

Assessments coordinated by the UNHCR with partner's organizations identified the following priorities for the displaced persons: provision of food, health care (referral of displaced to primary health care services and hospitals), protection, shelter, safe haven, and psychosocial support. Food kits, mattresses, blankets and hygiene kits have been distributed to the displaced by several international organizations.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Team are working on the evacuation of casualties and patients since mid May until this date and a field health care point has been set up in Wadi Khaled on the peak of the migration.

Coordination and partnerships

At the national level, the response is coordinated and supervised by the High Relief Committee with the assistance of the UNHCR. Working groups involving government agencies, UN agencies and NGOs have been established for health, relief and shelter, and protection. In coordination with the organizations participating to these working groups, several rounds of distribution of food and NFI have also been organized.

A committee chaired by LRC and including the Federation and the ICRC has also been set up to monitor the situation including through joint field visit to the North. Since the beginning, the volunteers from the Emergency Medical Services of the Lebanese Red Cross have been very active in the provision of first aid and ambulances services to the displaced.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Emergency health	
Objective: The health risks of the emergency on the affected population is reduced through the provision of emergency medical services to 1500 beneficiaries in Northern region of Lebanon for one month.	
Expected Results	Activities planned
Health risks of the affected population are further reduced through receiving rapid medical care for physical health problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide basic health services including first aid. • Refer patients to hospitals and other facilities when necessary. • Evacuating the injured population to the hospitals via LRC ambulances.

Progress:

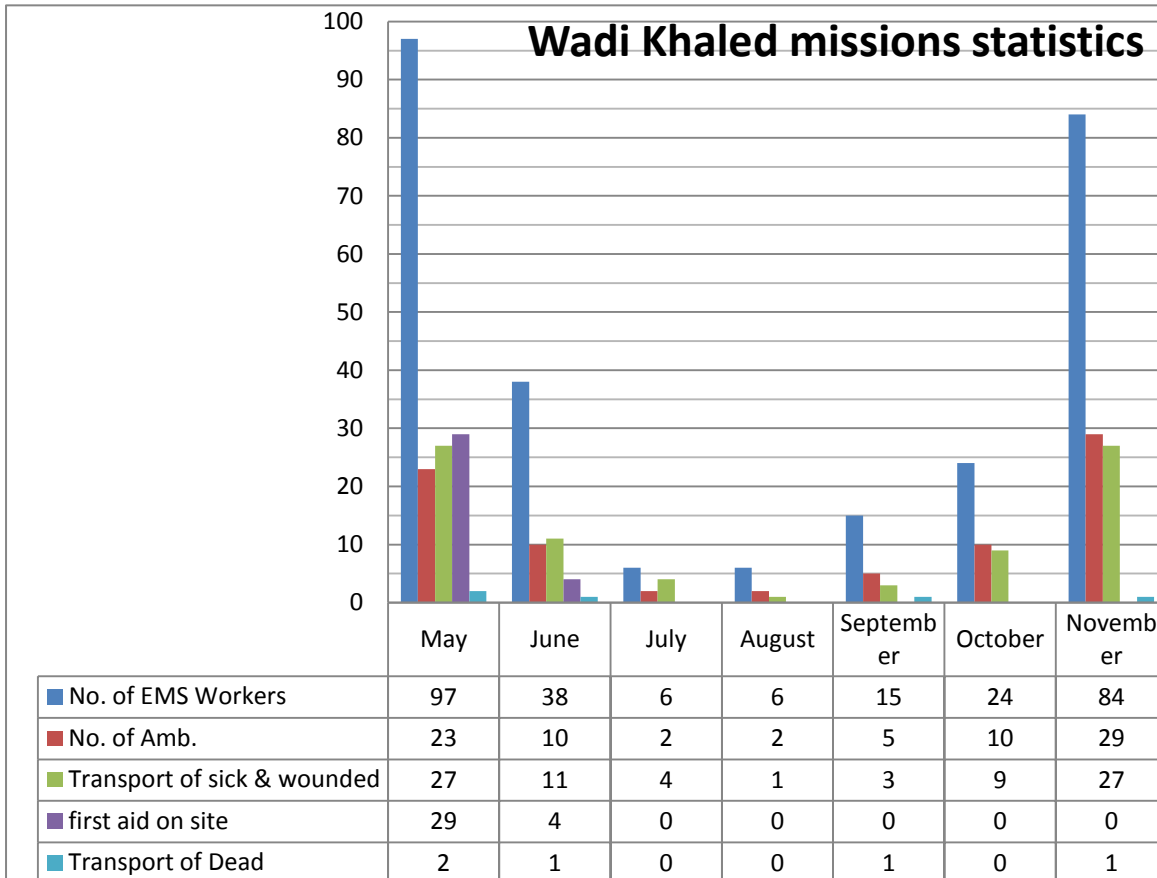
As per the initial planned activities, the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) of the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) provided ambulance transport and first aid on site for the sick and the wounded. Most ambulance transports have been made towards hospitals present in the Northern Region of Lebanon (Salam hospital, Halba governmental hospital, Rahhal hospital, Hiche clinic).

In addition, first aid in private houses has been provided to people injured on an average to 8 persons per day.

Date	Nb. Of EMS workers	Nb. Of Ambulances	Transport of sick & wounded	First aid on site	Transport of dead
14-15/5/2011	22	5	15	12	1
5/16/2011	25	6	4	12	1
5/17/2011	21	5	2	1	
5/18/2011	17	4	0	0	
5/19/2011	12	3	6	4	
May Total	97	23	27	29	2
6/7/2011	5	2	2		
6/8/2011	3	1			1
6/24/2011	27	6	7	4	
6/30/2011	3	1	2		

June Total	38	10	11	4	1
7/12/2011	3	1	1		
7/15/2011	3	1	3		
July Total	6	2	4	0	0
14/8/2011	3	1	1	0	
29/8/2011	3	1	0	0	
August Total	6	2	1	0	0
5/9/2011	3	1	0	0	
12/9/2011	3	1	1	0	
17/9/2011	3	1		0	1
24/9/2011	6	2	2	0	
September Total	15	5	3	0	1
1/10/2011	3	1	1		
12/10/2011			2		
14/10/2011	3	1	1	0	
20/10/2011	6	2	1		
26/10/2011	3	2	1		
28/10/2011	6	2	2		
29/10/2011	3	2	1		
October Total	24	10	9	0	0
1/11/2011	3	2	1		
3/11/2011	6	2	1		
6/11/2011	6	2	1		
7/11/2011	6	2	1		
11/11/2011	6	2	2		1
12/11/2011	6	2	1		
13/11/2011	6	2	3		
14/11/2011	6	2	2		
15/11/2011	6	2	2		
15/11/2011	6	2	1		
18/11/2011	6	2	2		
19/11/2011	6	2	4		
20/11/2011	6	2	4		
21/11/2011	3	1	1		
22/11/2011	6	2	1		
November Total	84	29	27	0	1
Total to	270	81	82	33	5

Table 1: Missions and Statistics from the Lebanese Red Cross.



Challenges:

The DREF has been issued in order to cover the running costs of the Emergency Medical Services of the LRC for the provision of first aid and ambulance transport to the displaced from Syria for a period of 1 month.

The operation and budget was initially based on a scenario with 22 EMS volunteers deployed 24 hours/day, 6 ambulances and one temporary first aid post at the border. It was also assumed that the period for this operation could be reduced or extended based on the evolution of the situation in Syria and its consequences in terms of numbers of displaced persons crossing the border.

Taking into account that the Northern border between Syria and Lebanon was closed by the end of May, the number of people coming from Syria to Lebanon to flee the violence has also been substantially reduced.

However, the situation in Syria remained worrying and lead to an influx of displaced persons crossing the border into Lebanon. Therefore, the level of alert and preparedness within the LRC remained high and the DREF period has been extended to three months, up 26 August, 2011. During this three-month operation, funds were allocated both for humanitarian assistance (first aid and ambulance transport) and the procurement of necessary equipments that allowed more swift and efficient response from the EMS centers located along the Syrian border.

The Emergency Medical Services has closed the financial DREF file on the 12th of November 2011.

How we work

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 \(NGO's\) 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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/1-2011/10
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/12
Appeal	mdrib003
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	36,849					36,849
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
Other Income						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	36,849					36,849
C4. Other Income	36,849					36,849
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	36,849					36,849
D. Total Funding = B + C	36,849					36,849
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	36,849					36,849
E. Expenditure	-36,889					-36,889
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	-40					-40

III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)	36,849					36,849		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Medical & First Aid	5,000						5,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	5,000						5,000	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	12,000						12,000	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	12,000						12,000	
Personnel								
National Society Staff	17,600						17,600	
Total Personnel	17,600						17,600	
General Expenditure								
Financial Charges		6				6	-6	
Total General Expenditure		6				6	-6	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		34,632				34,632	-34,632	
Total Contributions & Transfers		34,632				34,632	-34,632	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	2,249	2,251				2,251	-2	
Total Indirect Costs	2,249	2,251				2,251	-2	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	36,849	36,889				36,889	-40	
VARIANCE (C - D)		-40				-40		