

# Mid-Year report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Middle East and North Africa Zone (Gulf Region Report)

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This report covers the period  
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### In brief

#### Programme outcome:

The overall focus during the reporting period was concentrated on the efforts directed to address the humanitarian consequences of the civil unrest which has been sweeping the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) since the beginning of 2011. This has affected, to a considerable degree, the implementation of the regular 2011 plan and budget that was launched at the beginning of the year.

The IFRC is responding to the evolving humanitarian situation working with the National Societies to ensure that they can continue to deliver effective emergency and social services in a neutral and impartial manner. The IFRC is fully alert to pre-existing hardships and difficulties that are exacerbated by the current socio-economic conditions and is enhancing its focus in support of the most vulnerable amongst the affected population.

The current operation is considered to be one of the biggest in the history of the MENA Zone with an emergency appeal amounting to more than CHF 15 Million and targeting up to 300,000 beneficiaries mainly in Libya, Tunisia Egypt, Syria and Yemen.

#### Programme(s) summary:

The National Societies of the Gulf Region, including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates have been contributing to humanitarian and development efforts through both bilateral and multilateral channels. the highlights include the following:

#### **Kuwait RC**

- The Society despatched its first relief flight on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to Tunisia with 10 tons of different medical supplies delivered to Tunisian RC in addition to USD 120,000 for procurement of food items for the refugees/the displaced affected by the conflict in Libya

- The second relief flight was sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 to Egypt (Marsi Matrouh airport) with seven tons of different medical supplies handed over to Libyan RC via Al-Salam.
- The third relief flight was sent on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 via Marsi Matrouh/Al-Saloum with relief materials and handed over to Libyan RC.

The Kuwait RC has also increased its contribution through the Federation emergency appeals:

Mauritania	USD 1,580,135
ME&NA civil unrest (IFRC EA)	USD 1,000,000
Democratic Republic of Korea	USD 904,448
Cote d'Ivoire	USD 848,968
Madagascar	USD 50,000
Niger	USD 45,098

- In May, 2011, the Kuwait RC contributed one million USD each for ICRC and UNHCR in response to the humanitarian consequences of the MENA civil unrest.
- The Society supported generously the refugees and drought affected people in Western Africa Sahel emergency appeals and in the process of sending relief materials to Somalia.
- The Kuwait RC hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> ARCO General Assembly Meeting.

### **The United Arab Emirates RC**

- The UAE RC contributed to the Federation work in Lebanon
- The Society hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> MENA Conference during March 24 – 26, 2011 at Yas Island – Abu Dhabi which was attended by over 100 participants representing National Societies of MENA area, ICRC, PNSs and other partners and stakeholders.

On the emergency front, the UAE RC contributed with CHF 20,000 through the Federation emergency appeal supporting the operation related to the civil unrest. The Society also responded bilaterally, including UAE Government support, through cooperation with Tunisian RC:

- Establishment of a refugee camp, at the Libyan and Tunisian borders at Ras Jedair in cooperation with the Tunisian RC, Tunisian authorities, other organisations operating in the area. The camp is composed of 60 tents, including the clinic and the mobile kitchen.
- Organised "an air bridge" with four planes to transport supplies for the refugee camp, approx. 200 tons of medicines, tents, blankets, ambulance and transport vehicles.
- Meeting the urgent needs of the refugees/displaced persons crossing the borders which cost 1,000,000 UAE Dirham.
- Sent via Turkey to Benghazi a ship loaded with 750 tons of different relief items.

### **The Saudi RC**

- Support to Darfur states by providing 30 Ambulance, 21 health centres and 21 water points. In addition to their work on the hospital in Kyrgyzstan.

- The volunteers of Saudi RC played a major role in responding to the floods that affected Jeddah last year and they expanded their volunteers base when targeted to train 400 male and female students and teachers, in 40 schools, through their initiative of having one First Aid volunteer at each school in Medina Al Manawara province and they managed to reach more than 1, 200 trained first aiders to work in their respective schools.
- The Jazan branch volunteers are involved in various humanitarian activities that include evacuation of passengers of an aeroplane as contingency plan conducted jointly with the local authorities, in addition to first aid training, dissemination and awareness about the RC/RC and Saudi RC role as well as awareness for the local community on different issues.
- In May, 2011, the Society participated at the ISDR meeting in Geneva.



Photos reflecting different activities of Saudi RC volunteers of Jazan branch

### **The Qatar RC**

- The Qatar RC is running DM training in partnership with UN agencies and H.L.E.P course with ICRC and Academic institutions such as university of Galary-Qatar.
- The Society participated in MENA DM database consultative meeting organized in Amman, Jordan on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

### **Summary of the QRC bilateral contributions in response the civil unrest in MENA**

Country	Emergency	Contribution	Amount in USD \$	Status of intervention
Egypt	Unrest	Direct unremarked contribution to the Egyptian RC	20,000	Completed
<b>Total Expenditure Egypt</b>			<b>20,000</b>	
Tunisia	Unrest , Refugees & Unrest in Libya	Direct unremarked contribution to the Tunisian RC	30,000	Completed
<b>Total Expenditure Tunisia</b>			<b>30,000</b>	
Libya	Unrest	Evacuation of Third Nationals from Misratah	50,000	Completed
		Capacity building in cooperation with	12,000	June 2011

		OCHA and the Libyan RC		
		Office and Health Assessment in East Libya	250,000	June 2011
		Relief at the Refugee camps with the Tunis RC	100,000	Completed
		Medical Items to Libya through the Tunisian RC and the RC of Malta	350,000	Ongoing
<b>Total Expenditure Libya</b>			<b>762,000</b>	
<b>Syria</b>	<b>Unrest</b>	Food & non-food relief for Syrian displaced in Lebanon	50,000	Completed
<b>Total Expenditure Syria</b>			<b>50,000</b>	

### **Federation Secretariat Technical Support**

The Secretariat has recently established a Gulf Regional Representation Office to work more effectively together with the Gulf NSs. Specific support during the reporting period includes:

- Technical support provided to Bahrain R.C facilitating their MoU with the Royal Charitable Association,
- Information on emergency appeals shared with NSs and facilitated their contributions for supporting those in need specially in the case of emergencies
- General support and guidance provided facilitating communication and participation in the regional and global events.
- Contributed to the analysis of the trends and situation report of MENA due to the civil unrest by providing context specific report on Gulf region as well as sharing related reports from field visits (such as the visit to Yemen that took place in May, 2011)
- Some NSs in the Gulf region responded positively to the Federation MENA Zone request to identify technical areas for support from the Secretariat/MENA Zone
- The United Arab Emirates RC is taking part in the Federation data bank initiative.
- MENA joint capacity building initiative circulated by the Zone office to all the NSs in MENA including Gulf NSs (and with request for support to the initiative)
- Bahrain RC is committed to support the e-learning courses for RC/RC leadership in partnership with the Federation and the Bahrain Regional Learning Centre as a branch of Asia Open University.
- The Federation provided technical support to UAE RC by advertising for a DM officer position and a good number of applicants submitted their CVs for consideration.
- While the draft MoU with Saudi RC yet to be finalised based on the mutual discussion between the Federation and Saudi RC, the new template for Movement coordination agreement has been shared with the NSs in the Gulf region, which will replace the previous MoU format.
- Most of the Gulf NSs participated in the Movement strategic dialogue meeting jointly organized by the Federation and ICRC at a side event during the 7<sup>th</sup> MENA Conference in Abu Dhabi, March 2011.

- Two NSs from the Gulf Region were involved in the process of Federation Databank initiative. Initially, Qatar RC was involved but did not continue. The UAE RC is participating.
- A “menu of services” that the Secretariat/MENA Zone can provide to the NSs under MENA Business Model has been shared with the NSs for them to identify the relevant areas for support
- A DM expert had been deployed to assist the Yemen RC in training in PSP and in the development the necessary plans to ensure effective preparedness and response in the current situation of civil unrest.

### How we work

*All 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 IFRC’s vision is to:

Inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC’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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