

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## **MOROCCO: FLASH FLOODS**

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*This bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below reflecting the information available at this time. Based on further updates and details from assessment reports, or should the situation deteriorate, the Federation will consider international support through an Appeal. On-line funding: [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org).*

### ***The Situation***

The heavy rains reported in Morocco since 17 November have killed at least 35 people in 24 hours. Ten others are missing. The heaviest casualties are in the region of Settat, where flash floods have caused the river Bengueribi to burst destroying the small village of Douar Chtioui Loussi (near Berrechid, 130 km South of Rabat) and caused severe destruction and casualties in Settat (30 km further South).

The surrounding of 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 have joined family members, while a minority is sheltered in schools.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The secretary general of the Moroccan Red Crescent Society and the head of the relief department have carried out an assessment mission in the most affected region of Settat. The Moroccan Red Crescent is preparing a relief programme, involving the branches of Mohamadia, Kenitra and Fez. This would comprise the distribution of food and basic hygiene items to homeless families. The Moroccan Red Crescent is liaising with the public authorities, and mainly the civil defence, for this operation.

The assessment will determine whether international support is needed. The International Federation is intending to issue a new bulletin, with a possible appeal for funds, within 48 hours.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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