

# ***EGYPT: FLOODS***

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The Federation Secretariat has been informed by the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (ERCS) of recent torrential rains which affected the regions of Upper Egypt, the Red Sea coast, south Sinai, and the New Valley. The rains struck the Red Sea and New Valley Governorates last week, rendering more than 500 families in each governorate homeless. Nine villages and 1,400 feddans (566 hectares) were submerged in the province under 60 centimetres (23.6 inches) of water.

The ERCS immediately responded by supplying each of their branches in the affected governorates with 1,000 blankets and 100 tents each.

Several days later the rains restarted, affecting the governorates of Minia, Asyut, Qena, Sohag, Aswan, South Sinai and again in the Red Sea Governorate. Losses to date comprise:

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| Deaths            | 10                     |
| Injured           | 200                    |
| Homeless families | 3,000 (15,000 persons) |

Highways all over the area were flooded and detours are being constructed. Telephone communications between the Red Sea and Qena Governorates were disrupted for two days. The airports of Sharm-el-Sheikh in South Sinai and Hurgada in the Red Sea have been damaged and are still closed. Four schools and two hospitals were slightly damaged

The ERCS is in need of the following items, all of which are available on the local market:

| <b>Items</b> | <b>Quantity required</b> | <b>Approximate cost CHF</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Blankets     | 20,000                   | 150,000                     |
| Family Tents | 1,000                    | 300,000                     |
| Clothing     | 20,000                   | 200,000                     |
| Canned Food  | 15 MT                    | 50,000                      |
| <b>Total</b> |                          | <b>700,000</b>              |

Donors interested in responding to this request for assistance may contact the ERCS directly or the MENA Department at the International Federation Secretariat.

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