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# DREF operations update

## Algeria: Floods

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<b>Emergency appeal n°</b> MDRDZ002	<b>GLIDE n°</b> <a href="#">FL-2015-000146-DZA</a>
<b>Operations update n°</b> 02	<b>Timeframe covered by this update:</b> 3months (January to March 2016)
<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) operation start date:</b> 03/11/15	<b>Timeframe:</b> 7 Months (3 months + 4 months of extension) until 30 May 2016
<b>DREF allocated:</b> CHF 380,972	
<b>N° of people being assisted:</b> 10,000 people (2000 families)	
<b>Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b> Algeria Red Crescent 250 staff and 100,000 volunteers and 48 branches; 6 branches are involved in this operation (Tindouf branch with the support of neighbouring branches of Boumerdes, Adrar, Blida, Tiziouzou and Algiers)	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Spanish Red Cross	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> , OXFAM, , Medico Mundo, Solidaridad, Triangle, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP)	

**This update is issued after four months of operation and it aims to detail achievements to-date and a request for an exceptional no-cost extension due to severe delays in emergency shelter material procurement.**

### Summary:

Heavy rains and flooding affected south-west Algeria's arid Tindouf region on Friday 23 October 2015. The heavy rains caused widespread damage to five camps sheltering 90,000 of the most vulnerable Sahrawi refugees. 35,000 people were affected. An assessment was carried out in mid - November 2015 by the Algerian Red Crescent with the support of the IFRC. Food, shelter, non-food items (NFIs) and hygiene kits were identified as key priorities for the affected peoples. Due to logistical problems with the procurement of needed NFIs, as well as the shelter material required to erect traditional Sahrawi tents (as standard IFRC emergency tents were considered unsuitable for the environment and culture of the camp inhabitants), **the operation is now delayed and an exceptional no cost extension was agreed to run remaining activities until the 30 May 2016.**



ARC: Distribution, during the simulation exercise; 06-02-2016

Non-food items (hygiene kits, buckets, kitchen sets, blankets,) were sourced and arrived in Oran port, Algeria, on 19 March 2016. Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) has reported that they are still offloading the items and will only be able to carry out distributions at Tindouf camps on 07-08 April 2016. Shelter items have also been purchased and are expected to arrive at Oran port by mid-May 2016.

Due to the delay with the shelter items, a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) will be redeployed to Tindouf at the beginning of May 2016 (instead of April) for one month, to support with the sensitization, preparation, receipt and set-up of shelter materials, as well as post-distribution monitoring for NFIs and beneficiary satisfaction survey.

All activities are expected to be completed within the new approved operational timeframe of May 2016 with a final report due on 30 June, 2016.

## Coordination and partnerships

Algerian Red Crescent is the lead for this operation. The National Society is providing logistical support to all actors supporting the camps, with facilitation of customs clearance from the Oran sea port and the Tindouf airport. These activities were also carried out before the floods and contracts have signed with UNHCR and WFP on food and NFIs transportation for Sahrawi refugees. With the recent floods the activities intensified and ARC scaled up its response.

The IFRC supports Algerian Red Crescent from its country cluster and regional offices in Tunis and Beirut respectively and is following the situation closely. IFRC is working hand in hand with the National Society in order to provide the necessary support to facilitate the implementation of the planned relief operations. The RDRT will be redeploy in early May 2016 to provide support on the ground

The ICRC has been in Algeria since the 1954 war of independence. At that time, it focused on visiting prisoners and helping refugees in Morocco and Tunisia. Today, the ICRC's main job consists of visiting detainees. It also cooperates with the ARC on a number of files, such as First Aid and Restoring Family Links. ICRC is also present in the area affected by the floods with its Tindouf sub delegation and the orthopedic center of Shahid Hafiz National Hospital Rabouni, which has been treating the mine-affected population of the area for the past decade. Following the floods, ICRC has provided assistance worth CHF 250.000 oriented to the replacement of lost household items.

The Spanish Red Cross (SRC) is the oldest external Movement component present in the field (more than 17 years of continuous presence at the service of Sahrawi refugees). After the floods The SRC also provided substantial support in term of hygiene promotion in collaboration with the Sahrawi volunteers in the camps.

On external coordination, the NS is working in coordination with local government authorities of Tindouf who usually provide logistical support with light 4X4 vehicles for the transportation of volunteers to the camps. The NS is also a member of sector working groups put in place by the UN system after the floods notably the Wash & health sector, the food security sector and the Shelter sector.

## Operational implementation

### Overview

The overall operation has progressed but was severely delayed due mainly to issues with the procurement of non-standard shelter items (see below under *Shelter and settlements* section for more details). An exceptional no-cost timeframe extension was requested and approved until the end of May 2016, with a final operations report due by the end of June 2016.

## Areas common to all sectors

Planned interventions	Implementation to-date		Remaining							
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation										
<b>Output 1.1:</b> Initial needs assessment are updated following consultation with beneficiaries	60%		April 2016				May 2016			
<i>Activities planned</i>	Target	Actual								
Activity 1.1.1: Carry out needs and gaps assessments	100%	100%	COMPLETE							
Activity 1.1.2: Participate in coordination meetings with stakeholders at National and State levels	100%	60%								
Activity 1.1.3: Provide orientation session for volunteers on beneficiary targeting and selection, Distribution Reporting, Hygiene Promotion	100%	100%	COMPLETE							
Activity 1.1.4: Deploy RDRT	100%	50%								
Activity 1.1.5: Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey	100%	0%								
Activity 1.1.6: Conduct two IFRC monitoring missions	100%	50%								

Since the DREF Floods operation began, ARC is fully engaged in three types of coordination meetings that are take place: 1) General humanitarian meeting (weekly), 2) Shelter Sector meeting (weekly), and 3) WASH and health meeting (weekly).

A Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) surge delegate from Mauritanian Red Crescent was selected and deployed to Tindouf in February 2016 with the following key accountabilities and deliverables:

- Support ARC to train volunteers working in the floods operations on Movement knowledge, basic Disaster Management (DM) curriculum, rapid assessment, beneficiary targeting and selection, distribution reporting, hygiene promotion and community participation
- Support ARC on conception, elaboration and implementation of hygiene promotion activities
- Support ARC on shelter activities implemented in favour of the affected populations
- Support ARC on distribution of NFI
- Support ARC on facilitating Movement coordination meetings
- Support ARC to fully participate in humanitarian coordination forum
- Support ARC for proper reporting of the DREF activities
- Support ARC to issue a weekly activities Sitrep

During one month (19 January to 19 February 2016) the RDRT achieved activities that are developed under various sectors below. He is currently in his NS for refresher course and will be back to support receipt of shelter materials at Tindouf, expected in May 2016.

Thirty Three volunteers from Algerian Red Crescent branches of Tindouf, Adrar, Bijaya, Agourass and Sahrawi camps directly involved in the operation were trained in February 2016. This training was technically supported by the deployed RDRT and the DM officer from the Emergency and crisis unit MENA region office. The topic covered are in summary the knowledge of the RC/RC movement, the DM concept, risk reduction, response tools, prevention and preparedness activities related to disasters, minimum standards in emergencies.

A simulation took place the fifth day on food distribution and beneficiary targeting.

A final monitoring visit is planned in May 2016 and will be carried out by IFRC in conjunction with the arrival of shelter items in Tindouf and the carrying out of NFI post-distribution monitoring and beneficiary satisfaction surveys with the targeted population.

## Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods

Planned interventions	Implementation to-date		Remaining			
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Immediate food needs of the disaster affected population are met in five camps over a period of five months.						
<b>Output 1:</b> Appropriate food rations provided in-kind from local communities are distributed by ARC volunteers to 1,000 vulnerable families (5,000 people) in coordination with the ARC food committee (DREF will cover distribution costs)	100%		April 2016		May 2016	
<i>Activities planned</i>	Target	Actual	COMPLETE			
Activity 1.1.1: Conduct rapid emergency needs assessments to identify the most vulnerable affected refugees as per the criteria	100%	100%				
Activity 1.1.2: Collect and forward food stuff to the distribution sites	100%	100%				
Activity 1.1.3: Distribute food stuff to 5,000 people (1,000 families) in five camps	100%	100%				
Activity 1.1.4: Monitor and evaluate the food stuff distribution activities and provide reporting on distributions	100%	100%				

No food distribution was carried out during the reporting period because after the emergency this was done in October and November followed now by the normal distribution scheme (implemented by WFP and the Sahrawi camp volunteers on behalf of the Algeria Red Crescent); this intervention has been taking place for the last 40 years.

## Water, sanitation, & hygiene promotion

Planned interventions	Implementation to-date		Remaining						
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Immediate risk of waterborne disease is reduced through the provision of hygiene promotion in flood-affected areas of Algeria over a period of five months									
<b>Output 1.1</b> Continuous assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene situation is carried out in targeted communities	61%		April 2016			May 2016			
<i>Activities planned</i>	Target	Actual							
Activity 1.1.1: Conduct detailed assessment of the water, sanitation and hygiene situation in targeted communities	100%	65%							
Activity 1.1.2: Continuously monitor the water, sanitation and hygiene situation in targeted communities	100%	60%							
Activity 1.1.3: Coordinate with other water and sanitation actors on target group needs and appropriate response.	100%	60%							
Activity 1.1.4: Provide hygiene information to the affected population as appropriate	100%	60%							
<b>Output 1.2</b> Target population of 500 families (2,500 people) in flood-affected areas is provided with improved access to sanitation	50%		April 2016			May 2016			
Activity 1.2.1: Procure/distribute sanitation related NFIs (1 bucket per family) and hygiene kits (1 kit per family)	100%	50%							
Activity 1.2.2: Promote good hygiene practices in these target communities	100%	50%							

A total number of 45 Volunteers are now able to monitor water sanitation and hygiene in various communities. This activity started on February 2016, and has so far reached 40 families (200 People) in two camps, Laayoune and Awserd. The topic most discussed was drinking water treatment at home.

The volunteers are trained to do usual home visit in the communities and report to the team leader hygiene and sanitation malpractices. This is helping the team to discuss those malpractices in coordination meeting and develop topic to discuss with the communities in the five camps.

The DM coordinator, the head of Tindouf Branch with the support of the RDRT are now regularly present to WASH sector meeting headed by the local water and sanitation administration of the Sahrawi camps with other members being Spanish Red Cross, Solidaridad International and Oxfam.

The needed NFIs have been procured and shipped. They arrived at the Oran sea port on 19 March 2016. The offloading is currently taking place and this will be followed by a transfer to ARC Tindouf branch where a distribution is planned between the 7 and 8 April, 2016.

## Shelter and settlements

Planned interventions	Implementation to-date		Remaining							
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Immediate shelter and settlement needs of the target population in flood-affected areas of Algeria are met over a period of five months										
<b>Output 1.1</b> Procurement/distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs) to meet the needs of the target population of 500 families (2,500 people) in flood- affected areas	50%		April 2016				May 2016			
<i>Activities planned</i>	Target	Actual								
Activity 1.1.1 Procure and distribute NFIs, kitchen sets (1 pc per family) and blankets (3 per family)	100%	50%								
<b>Output 1.2</b> Procurement/distribution of shelter materials to 500 vulnerable families	25%		April 2016				May 2016			
Activity 1.2.1 Procure/donate Material motivate and encourage community members to help the beneficiaries on crafting and erecting traditional Sahrawi tents in accordance with IFRC procurement standards	100%	50%								
Activity 1.2.2 Dissemination of messages on site selection, site planning, to avoid risk zone and be protected from future hazards	100%	0%								

NFIs have been procured and shipped. They arrived at the Oran sea port on 19 March 2016. The offloading is currently taking place and this will be followed by a transfer to ARC Tindouf branch where a distribution is planned between the 7 and 8 April, 2016

Tent materials have been procured and shipped, with an expected arrival date of the second week of May. The RDRT member will redeploy in mid- May 2016 to support Algerian Red Crescent in the distribution of the tents. The campaign and sensitisation on safe shelter are planned for the whole month of May 2016.

It should be noted that the delay in receiving the tent materials is due to the long selection process of these materials, which are not available in the local market and that was also unavailable in IFRC warehouses. As a result, sourcing and transportation of these materials by sea from a supplier in Pakistan has resulted in severe delays in the estimated time of arrival at Tindouf and necessitated a no-cost extension as a result.

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