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# Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

## Algeria: Cold wave

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<b>DREF Operation</b>	<b>Operation n° MDRDZ003</b>
<b>Date of issue:</b> 27/01/2017	<b>Date of disaster:</b> 16/01/2017
<b>Operation manager:</b> Amelia Marzal	<b>Point of contact:</b> Mr Mohamed Bachir Abdali, Secretary General, Algerian Red Crescent
<b>Operation start date:</b> 26/01/2017	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 3 months
<b>Overall operation budget:</b> CHF 193,553	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 125,000	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 10,000
<b>Host National Society presence:</b> Algerian Red Crescent, 440 volunteers	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b>	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b>	

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

Algeria has been suffering from a cold wave that began on 16 January 2017. As of 20 January it became clear that additional support would be needed and the Algerian Red Crescent (ARCS) requested DREF support on 20 January. The falling snow and cold weather in Algeria has affected the Eastern, Central and the high plateau regions. The snow has cut off numerous communities and villages, particularly in the mountainous areas, causing losses to livelihoods due to isolation, power cuts and material damages to the residents of these areas. Dwellings have been damaged by the heavy snowfall, especially the tents used by nomadic population. Initial assessments carried out by the ARCS indicate that up to 25,000 families have been affected by the adverse weather conditions to various degrees. To cope with the situation substantial Government and military resources have been deployed.

### Summary of the current response

#### Overview of Host National Society

The Algerian Red Crescent is an Algerian humanitarian volunteer organization founded in 1956. It was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1963 and since then a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

During the current disaster, all branches of ARCS have been mobilized and are involved in the response operation around the clock.

To date, ARCS has provided nearly 5,000 families with relief items, including blankets, food parcels, clothing, mattresses. In addition to the 5,000 families, ARCS has provided 320 nomadic families with blankets, food parcels, clothing, mattresses and tents.

The food parcel per family consists of the following items: 1kg of rice, 5 liters of oil, 500 g of tinned tomatoes, 1kg of lentils, 500g of couscous, 1kg of sugar, 1kg of white beans and pasta.

ARCS has also distributed 12 generators to isolated villages cut off from electricity supply due to the main electricity grid having been damaged by the adverse weather. In addition, ARCS teams have also been mobilized to assist the homeless and the migrant population with hot meals, clothing, blankets and first aid kits.

The current needs are greater than the capacity of the ARCS and the National Society has asked for additional support to 2,000 families, which reflects their current capacity to engage in terms of organizational and human resources. The needs that will be covered in this DREF is not met by any other agency.

### **Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country**

The IFRC Country Cluster North Africa Office in Tunis and the DCPRR and PMER units at IFRC MENA Regional Office in Lebanon are continuing to monitor the situation and will continue to work hand in hand with the National Society in order to provide the necessary support to facilitate the implementation of the planned relief operations.

IFRC works in coordination with the ICRC, which has been in Algeria since the 1954 war of independence. At that time, its main focus was on visiting prisoners and helping refugees in Morocco and Tunisia. Today, the ICRC's main activity consists of visiting detainees. ICRC also cooperates with the Algerian Red Crescent on a number of files, such as First Aid, dissemination of IHL/HP, and or Restoring Family Links (RFL).

### **Overview of non-RCRC actors in country**

The public authorities, including the Algerian Civil Protection, have deployed all available equipment to facilitate the clearing of the roads. Due to the scale of the disaster the People's National Army of Algeria have also deployed their personnel and logistical resources to facilitate the clearing of the roads and to support the delivery of relief supplies.

## **Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning**

The snow has cut off numerous communities and villages, particularly in the mountainous areas, causing economic losses and livelihoods due to the isolation of several areas, power cuts and material damages to the residents of these areas. The second phase of the cold weather front has also affected the Western region. Several municipalities and villages have been cut off following heavy snowfall. E.g. in the municipality of Mascara torrential rains have also caused heavy damage.

The initial assessments carried out by ARCS branches in collaboration with national authorities have identified 22 municipalities affected by the cold weather and snow. The municipalities are Batna, Biskra, Tizi-Ouzou, Sétif, Souk-Ahras, Laghouat, Jijel, Constantine, Médéa, Djelfa, Tissemsilt, Khenchla, Mila, Oum el Bouaghi, Tébessa, Bouira, Bordj Bou Arreridj, El Taref, El Bayad, Bejaia, Saida and Gueulma. These assessments have identified that some 25,000 families have been affected by the adverse weather conditions. Of the affected families 15,035 families (60.14%) were already in a vulnerable situation prior to the current adverse weather conditions and as such are in a state of advanced vulnerability.

### **Beneficiary selection**

This DREF allocation will support assistance targeted at 2,000 of the most vulnerable families in the mountainous region of Algeria affected by the cold weather; this DREF will not cover replenishment of relief items already distributed by the national society. The initial beneficiary identification has been carried out by the Algerian Red Crescent staff and volunteers in dialogue with local elders. Within the 22 municipalities 2000 families have been identified by the ARCS as being in immediate need of support, mainly due to the isolated geographical location of the communities in the mountainous areas.

### **Risk Assessment**

An operational risk is the limited access to the affected areas due to many of the roads having been blocked by heavy snow. To address this, volunteers at the community level will help through the use of local means of transportation as the need arises and to help ensure the assistance reaches the vulnerable communities.

## **B. Operational strategy and plan**

### **Overall objective**

The overall objective of this DREF is to provide immediate assistance to 2,000 of the worst affected families in the most isolated geographical locations in the mountains in the form of blankets, mattresses and food parcels.

## Proposed strategy

The Algerian Red Crescent, utilizing its presence of staff and volunteers across the affected areas, has been actively engaged in disaster response since the beginning of the cold spell. The operation is relief focused, providing the affected population, and especially the displaced and vulnerable people, with essential non-food items and food parcels

This DREF operation will focus on the following:

1. Using ongoing detailed assessments and analysis to inform the design and implementation of the operation, with revisions made to the DREF operation as required.
2. Meeting the immediate food needs of 2,000 of the most vulnerable households (10,000 people) over a period of three months, ensuring that the package being distributed is according to agreed government standards and similar to already distributed packages.
3. Procuring and distributing Non-Food Items (NFIs), including medium thermal blankets and mattresses to 2,000 of the most vulnerable households (10,000 people) over a period of three months.

The DREF is supporting costs of distribution and for volunteers to ensure the food and non-food items reach the most vulnerable.

## Operational support services

### Human resources

The Algerian Red Crescent's Disaster Management (DM) team will supervise the response in the implementation areas and will work in close coordination with other organizations. The DREF allocation will ensure provision is made to support selected staff and volunteers:

### Logistics and supply chain

All logistics services are following IFRC logistics procedures and systems. IFRC Logistics Services, notably the Logistics Unit at MENA Regional Office will continue to support the Algerian Red Crescent in this DREF operation.

**Procurement plans:** Local procurement is the preferred option for food items and mattresses. Local procurement of food parcels and mattresses will be carried out via the ARCS Logistics Unit, with technical support from the IFRC Regional Office to ensure compliance with the IFRC agreed procurement procedures.

However, as the lead time of 2 weeks is deemed too short to procure medium thermal blankets locally for an amount above CHF 50,000 following IFRC procurement procedures, the blankets will be mobilized from prepositioned stocks available at the IFRC Regional Logistics Unit in Dubai or the IFRC Regional Warehouse in Las Palmas.

**Transport and fleet needs:** Local transportation through 4WD vehicles and trucks will be used in case the normal means of transport (the NS vehicle fleet) is unable to cover the transport needs for this DREF operation.

### Information Technologies (IT)

The DREF allocation will support communications related costs (internet, airtime, courier services etc.)

### Communications

To the extent possible Algerian Red Crescent, with the support of the IFRC North Africa Country Cluster and MENA Regional Office, will be coordinating various awareness and public activities aimed to sensitize the public, the national and international media and donors on the situation, needs on the ground and on the humanitarian response.

### Security

The IFRC MENA region's security focal point will continue working closely with the Algerian Red Crescent to monitor and support on security related matters, any possible international support will be done in coordination with ICRC office in Algeria.

### Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The Algerian Red Crescent will oversee all monitoring, evaluation and reporting aspects of the present operation in the cold wave affected area through its network of volunteers. IFRC, through its North Africa Country Cluster and the MENA Regional Office will also provide technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the DREF operation.

During the DREF operation, monitoring missions will be carried out by members of staff from the National Headquarters as a means of ensuring the progress of the activities planned in the EPoA, as well as to make revisions if required. The IFRC will also carry out two monitoring missions, which are covered in this DREF budget. A final report will be published three months after the end of the operation.

### Administration and finance

A Letter of Agreement (LoA) will be signed between the IFRC North Africa Country Cluster Office and the Algerian Red Crescent, to outline the parties' responsibilities regarding the implementation of the activities planned within the DREF operation, and to ensure that the appropriate guidelines are respected in terms of the use of DREF allocations. The Algerian Red Crescent has a permanent administrative and financial department, which will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with conditions of the LoA.

## C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

### Shelter and settlements (and household items)

Outcome 1: 2,000 families will be provided with basic non-food items																	
Output 1.1: Procurement and distribution of essential non-food items to 2,000 affected families																	
Activities planned / Month	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Assessment and beneficiary identification		X	X														
Procurement of non-food items (blankets and mattresses)				X	X												
Distribution of non-food items						X	X	X	X								
Post-distribution monitoring										X	X	X					

### Food security, nutrition and livelihoods

Outcome 1: 2,000 families will be provided with food parcels																	
Output 1.1: Procurement and distribution of 2,000 food parcels																	
Activities planned / Month	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Assessment and beneficiary identification		X	X														
Procurement of food parcels				X	X												
Distribution of food parcels						X	X	X	X								
Post-distribution monitoring										X	X	X					

### Budget

See attached

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All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and 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.

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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.

# DREF OPERATION

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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	0
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	131,000
Food	30,000
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0
Medical & First Aid	0
Teaching Materials	0
Utensils & Tools	0
Other Supplies & Services	0
Cash Disbursements	0
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>161,000</b>
Land & Buildings	0
Vehicles	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0
Medical Equipment	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	0
Distribution & Monitoring	10,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	0
Logistics Services	0
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>10,000</b>
International Staff	0
National Staff	0
National Society Staff	0
Volunteers	1,150
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>1,150</b>
Consultants	0
Professional Fees	0
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	0
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>0</b>
Travel	6,500
Information & Public Relations	1,500
Office Costs	1,500
Communications	0
Financial Charges	90
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Office and Services Costs	0
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,590</b>
Partner National Societies	0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0
<b>Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS</b>	<b>0</b>
Programme and Services Support Recovery	11,813
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>11,813</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>193,553</b>