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Emergency Plan of Action Operation Update Iraq: Earthquake

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| DREF / n° MDRIQ009 | Glide n°: EQ-2017-000165-IRQ |
| EPoA update n°1 issued 12 June 2018 | Timeframe covered by this update: 1 December 2017 - 31 May 2018 |
| Operation start date: December, 2017 | Operation timeframe: 3 months + 3 months extension to 31 May |
| Overall operation budget: CHF 117,363 | |
| N° of people being assisted: 3,025 + 2,475 people indirectly affected = 5,500 | |
| Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Operation completed. Partners of Iraqi Red Crescent (IRCS) included Kuwait Red Crescent, Turkish Red Crescent, Qatar Red Crescent, IFRC and ICRC. | |
| Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Federal and local Government. | |

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This operational update communicates a 3 month, no-cost extension to allow completion of procurements. The procurements have been completed and the final report is to be submitted before 31 August 2018.

The National Society's emergency operation was completed by end of December 2017, and progress against the operational plan reflects this. The DREF allocation is for replenishment of stocks used and related costs in the national society's earthquake response. Delays in replenishing these stocks were due to lengthy procurement procedures, including rigorous quality checks and accountability processes. This operation update is extraordinarily being published after the end of the operational timeframe. While the operation was extended to allow finalization of procurement according to DREF procedures and guidelines, an internal process flow error prevented publishing the operations update in time. Measures have been taken to avoid similar incidents for DREF operations.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

On 12 November, a 7.3 magnitude earthquake hit the northern border region between Iran and Iraq. The National Society reported the following number of people affected:

- 10 people dead
- 469 injured
- 3,025 people directly affected
- 2,475 people indirectly affected

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

The IRCS reported reaching 3,025 direct beneficiaries and 2,475 indirect beneficiaries. Indirect beneficiaries are people indirectly affected in the neighbouring communities, either by hosting or otherwise supporting direct beneficiaries. Indirect beneficiaries were supported with food and hygiene kits.

IRCS volunteers provided urgent search and rescue, first aid, psychosocial support and relief items. The IRCS Emergency Response Team was the first humanitarian organization providing immediate response after the earthquake through their relief and health teams.

The IRCS also supported the evacuation of the patients from the damaged Sulaymaniyah hospital and students from the dormitories in Halabja.

60 first aid kits were distributed by IRCS to Sulaymaniyah Hospital Emergency Department. Distribution of relief items included 565 tents, including 7 tents to Darbandikhan General hospital and 42 tents to the Halabja University. 2,825, as well as hot meals, blankets, food baskets, hygiene sets, First Aid kits, mattresses, tarpaulins, and other Non food items. Volunteer incentives were paid to ICRS volunteers involved.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Through its country presence in Iraq, IFRC helped coordinate the current DREF operation to assist IRCS in replenishing stocks and other resources employed in their rapid initial response.

For further details on situation analysis and Movement response, refer to published DREF plan online at: <http://adore.ifrc.org/Download.aspx?FileId=178746>

The DREF operation has been replenished by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO). On behalf of the IRCS, IFRC would like to thank donors for their contributions. All donors to the DREF are found here: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MDR00001.pdf>

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Strategy

The strategy of the operation was to replenish IRCS stocks used in the response to the 12 November 2017 earthquake.

The replenishment includes:

- 5.100 hot meals
- 1.100 food parcels
- 1.100 hygiene sets
- 160 First Aid kits
- 100 tarpaulins,
- 100 lanterns,
- 100 water kettles,
- 100 35 kg's rice bags,
- 100 thermoses,
- 100 kitchen sets,
- 200 jerry cans,
- 200 hand towels
- 100 Volunteer per-diem
- Logistics costs

Procurements to replenish stocks were completed, including:

- *Formation of a review committee. Three offers are provided for each item.*
- *Analysis of offers for further evaluation against local prices. After this procedure, a Local Procurement Order is issued to the chosen supplier.*
- *Samples of items are sent to health laboratories for testing and validity, before being transferred into the Iraqi Red Crescent warehouses. The suppliers are paid once the deliveries are done.*
- *This exercise was carried out between February and April 2018. These arrangements may take time to ensure the quality of the goods being purchased.*

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

The DREF operation funded replenishments for the IRCS response detailed below



Shelter

People targeted: 3,025 people

| | | Target | Actual |
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| Shelter Outcome 1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions | # of people targeted/reached with safe and adequate shelter and settlement | 3,025 People provided with Shelter Support | 100% |
| Shelter Output 1.1: Short, medium and long-term shelter and settlement assistance is provided to affected households | # households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance | 605 Households Provided with NFI Support | 100% |
| Progress towards outcomes | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 565 tents, including 7 tents to Darbendekhan General hospital and 42 tents to the Halabia University. Tents donated by the Turkish Red Crescent were not replenished by the DREF. Procurement of the shelter items to replenish stock used in the relief operation (1,260 blankets, 200 jerry cans, 200 hand towels, 100 kitchen sets, 100 tarpaulins, 100 lanterns, 100 water kettles, 150 kerosene heaters, 100 mattresses, 100 thermoses) | | | |



Livelihoods and basic needs

People targeted: 5,500 people

| | | Target | Actual |
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| Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods | #/% of targeted households that have enough food, to meet their survival threshold | 605 people provided with provided with food Parcels for 2 months | 100% |
| Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities | # of people reached with food assistance or cash for basic needs | 5,500 people provided with provided with food Parcels and hot meals | 100% |
| Progress towards outcomes | | | |

- A total of 1,100 food parcels and 3,500 kg of rice were distributed to the most vulnerable families affected by the earthquake. The food was sourced from the prepositioned stock from the IRCS warehouses near the affected areas. As the risk of further aftershocks and earthquakes persists, the warehouses needed to replenish used stocks to be ready to support the population in the event of other disasters.
- IRCS mobile kitchen provided 250-300 hot meals per day for 20 Days to the most affected families



Health

People targeted: 5.500 people

| | | Target | Actual |
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| Health Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced | # of people reached through NS emergency health management programmes | 256 people injured Evaluated and transported to Hospital | 100% |
| Health Output 1.2: Target population is provided with rapid medical management of injuries and diseases | # of people reached by First Aid services | 256 people injured provided with First Aid before being transported to Hospital | 100% |
| Health Output 1.5: Psychosocial support provided to the target population | # of people reached by psychosocial support | 5,500 People directly and Indirectly affected by the Earthquake provided with psychosocial support | 100% |

Progress towards outcomes

- The IRCS Emergency Response Team was the first Humanitarian organisation to respond to the Earthquake Disaster. The high level of preparedness of IRCS was in part due to investments through IFRC made in preparation for a possible collapse of Mosul Dam.
- 60 first aid kits were distributed by IRCS to Sulaymaniyah Hospital- emergency department
- IRCS teams providing first aid, PSP and transportation of 256 injured to Sulaymaniyah Hospital
- The IRCS provided the hospital with dressing and disinfection materials needed.
- The IRCS distributed 100 first aid kits to IRCS staff and volunteers. The first aid material was sourced from the prepositioned stocks in the warehouses in *Sulaymaniyah* As the risk of further aftershocks and earthquakes persists, the warehouse was replenished in to be ready to support the population in the event of other disasters.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People targeted: 5,500

| | | Target | Actual |
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| WASH Outcome1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities | # of people targeted/reached | 5,500 People were provided with Hygiene Promotion messages | 100% |
| WASH Output 1.5: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards and training on how to use those goods is provided to the target population | # of households provided with a set of essential hygiene items | 1,100 Household provided with 1 Hygiene kit each | 100% |
| Progress towards outcomes | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the earthquake, the IRCs provided Hygiene education and 1,100 hygiene kits to 5,500 displaced people. The kits were sourced from the prepositioned stocks based in Sulaymaniyah Branch. - As the risk of further aftershocks and earthquakes persists, the warehouses were replenished to be ready to support the population in the event of other disasters. | | | |

Strategies for Implementation

| | | Target | Actual |
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| Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured | | 100% | 100% |
| Output S2.1.4: Supply chain and fleet services meet recognized quality and accountability standards | | 100% | 100% |
| Progress towards outcomes | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure that supply chain and fleet services meet required quality and accountability standards and promote an effective and coordinated disaster response, CHF 12,000 was allocated and used for distribution and monitoring of both the operation and the replenishment exercise | | | |

D. BUDGET

Receipts are now being processed and a validated final financial report will be attached to the final report.

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How we work

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 Humanitarian 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:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.