



Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Iraq: Civil Unrest

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DREF n° MDRIQ010	Glide n° OT-2019-000126-IRQ
Date of issue: 09 October 2019	Expected timeframe: 3 months Expected end date: 09 January 2020
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow	
DREF allocated: CHF 151,922	
Total number of people affected: more than 6,000	Number of people to be assisted: 25,000¹
Provinces affected: Baghdad, Basrah, Amara, Al Nasiriya, Al Diwaniya, Samawa, Babel and Najaf, Dhi Qar	
Iraqi Red Crescent (204 volunteers, 9 branches+ headquarters)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Partner National Societies (PNS): The French Red Cross, The German Red Cross, The Norwegian red Cross, The Swedish Red Cross and the Danish Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Health	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

For the past week, Iraq has been witnessing mass civilian protests that have led to clashes between protestors and security forces, involving in some cases a high degree of violence, leaving dozens dead and thousands injured. Iraq has been rocked by days of protests, as thousands of mostly young people have been demonstrating in different parts of the country due to unemployment and poor public services and demanding national reform.

Large scale demonstrations began on 1 October 2019 following the curfew imposed by authorities and the cut of internet access in many cities, putting Iraq daily in a situation of uncertainty. Large protests have taken place in the capital Baghdad and spread to other cities such as Basrah, Amara, Al Nasiriya, Al Diwaniya, Samawa, Babel and Najaf.

Following to the lifting of the imposed curfew on 5 October 2019, the demonstrations continue to date, while more people being reported injured and/or killed. The situation is likely to remain insecure in the coming days.

Please find the map of the operation in the end of the document.

¹ This number includes both people who were directly affected and also those who might be affected due to the ongoing situation

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

Since the start of the civil unrest and protests on Tuesday, 1 October 2019, the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) has been responding to its consequences by mobilising 204 volunteers who provided first aid (FA) to the injured, psycho-social support, and medical evacuations, through IRCS's ambulance services. A total of nine branches have been involved in the response to date. The response by the most involved branches is detailed in the table below:

BRANCH	DATES	Deployed FA Volunteers	Beneficiaries of FIRST AID SERVICES	Beneficiaries of AMBULANCE SERVICES
Baghdad	1-4 October'19	60	860	402
Al Najaf	4-5 October'19	20	130	-
Babel	4-6 October'19	20	30	-
Misan	1-4 October'19	20	120	-
De Karr	2-6 October'19	20	215	-

Overview of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in the country

IRCS Headquarters maintains daily communication with the IFRC Iraq Country Office in Baghdad and weekly coordination meetings with Movement partners in country are taking place to discuss and plan activities that will improve the collective capacity and impact. Coordination and consultation with Movement partners in the country have been done before the launch of this DREF to avoid duplication of support. The Movement partners present in Iraq include ICRC, German, Norwegian, Danish, and Swedish Red Cross National Societies.

As part of the ongoing cooperation with IRCS, and within the framework of the recent demonstrations in Iraq, ICRC continues supporting IRCS activities in response to the most urgent needs. Up to 10 dressing kits, to treat wounds for about 150 people each, were delivered to the IRCS HQ warehouse in Baghdad and more material is available depending on the plans and requests of the National Society. ICRC made available to IRCS a revolving fund of approximately USD 130,000 to cover any potential costs related to the demonstrations, such as medical and first aid material, logistics, support to deployed staff and volunteers and/or any other need in addition to what is provided by other Movement components, including this DREF allocation. ICRC also organizes sessions on Safer Access Framework (SAF) to share good practices and enhance the safety and security of IRCS staff and volunteers. ICRC participates in the different coordination mechanisms to support IRCS fostering synergies and avoid duplications.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

The widespread protests and high level of violence led to activation of IRCS disaster response team, First Aid teams, and Ambulances in order to provide first aid and pre-hospital care. Expansion of the operational capacities of the National Society is now necessary to maintain continuity of its services as one of the humanitarian service providers, auxiliary to the public authorities, and more specific in this case - to the Ministry of Health. The identified priorities are to support and strengthen the IRCS First Aid capacity in order to ensure delivery of services to wounded people during the protests.

Targeting

Main target of the plan of action is to guarantee continuity of first aid and pre-hospital care to 25,000 people potentially affected or going to be affected by the events in the main cities of the country.

Scenario planning

The situation in Iraq remains highly unpredictable and can get violent again in the coming days. The worst-case scenario would be events of extreme violence. Such situation would lead to days, weeks or months of intense insecurity and dire humanitarian needs. This plan of action could be reviewed and extended in time and resources in order to best respond to the quickly evolving situation.

Operation Risk Assessment

Situation with extreme violence requires implementation of tighter security measures for IRCS and could affect accessibility to the affected people. In response to the recent violence, the IRCS will continue to apply operational safety and security measures during its operations to ensure that it maintains access to the affected population, as far as possible, without undue risk to its personnel.

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

The main objective of this DREF operation is to guarantee continuity of the first aid and prehospital services provided by the IRCS to the affected people.

Proposed Strategy:

This operation aims to support the continuity of the IRCS operations in delivering First Aid and prehospital services to approximately 25,000 affected people through the provision of First Aid kits to its volunteers (1,500 individual kits and 300 team kits), and replenishment of the already used First Aid kits. At least 200 volunteers will be provided with insurance and adequate protection and visibility equipment to enhance their safety. The National Society will be provided with institutional visibility for better identification of the Red Crescent and improved access to the areas of operation. This operation will also cover the volunteers' incentives, based on shifts in different branches.

Human resources

The Iraq Red Crescent Society counts on its 2,500 volunteers country-wide in order to implement the local level activities. Since the beginning of the protests, IRCS has mobilized 204 volunteers and will mobilize more according to the changing need. IFRC will coordinate any required surge deployment for the support of the IRCS response in the framework of the DREF operation.

Logistics and Supply chain

All procurement related to this DREF will follow the IFRC's common standards and procurement procedures. Local procurement will be done by the Logistics Department of the IRCS. Any required additional technical support to the procurement will be provided by the IFRC MENA Operational LPSCM Unit in Beirut.

Communication

To the extent needed, IRCS will be supported by the IFRC Iraq Country Office and the IFRC MENA Regional Office in coordinating various activities aimed to inform the public, the national and international media on the situation, needs on the ground and on the humanitarian response. This DREF operation will ensure the IRCS has the required visibility during its response.

Security

The IRCS will be supported by the IFRC Iraq Country Office and the IFRC MENA Regional Office in monitoring the security context and through the provision of technical safety and security input, as needed, during the humanitarian response.

Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

The IRCS will oversee all monitoring, evaluation and reporting aspects of the DREF. IFRC through its Head of Iraq Country Office will also provide technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation. A final report will be published three months after the end of the operation. Review and lessons learnt workshop will be organized by IFRC and IRCS to reflect on the DREF implementation and to take stock of that for future responses and to inform response preparedness planning efforts.

Administration and Finance

A Project Agreement will be signed between the IFRC Iraq Country Office and the IRCS, 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 IRCS has a permanent administrative and financial department, which will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with conditions of the agreement.

C. Detailed Operational Plan



Health

People targeted: 25,000

Requirements (CHF): 52,500

P&B Output Code	Health Output 1.2: Target population is provided with rapid medical management of injuries and diseases	Indicator: # of people reached by NS with services to reduce relevant health risk factors															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
AP022	Procurement of 300 First Aid Kits (Team Kit)																
AP022	Content Replenishment of 300 Teams First Aid Kits																
AP022	Procurement and distribution of 1,500 First Aid Kits (Individual Kit) to volunteers																

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF): 90,150

P&B Output Code	S1.1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform	Indicator: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected (yes/no)															
	Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected	Indicator: # of insured volunteers															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
AP040	Volunteers Insurance through IFRC scheme (200)																
AP040	Provision of visibility materials (vests + caps) for IRCS response teams																
P&B Output	Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured	Indicator: Effective response preparedness and surge capacity mechanism is maintained (Yes/No)															

Code	Output S2.1.1: Effective response preparedness and NS surge capacity mechanism is maintained	Indicator: # of surge deployments maintained																
		Activities planned Month						7	8	9	10	11	12					
AP046	IFRC surge support is on standby for any surge deployment																	
P&B Output Code	Outcome S3.1: The IFRC secretariat, together with National Societies uses their unique position to influence decisions at local, national and international levels that affect the most vulnerable. Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.	Please include an indicator from the Key Data Sheet with a target																
		Activities planned Month						7	8	9	10	11	12					
AP055	DREF Review																	
AP055	DREF Lessons Learned workshop																	

Budget

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*all amounts in Swiss
Francs (CHF)*

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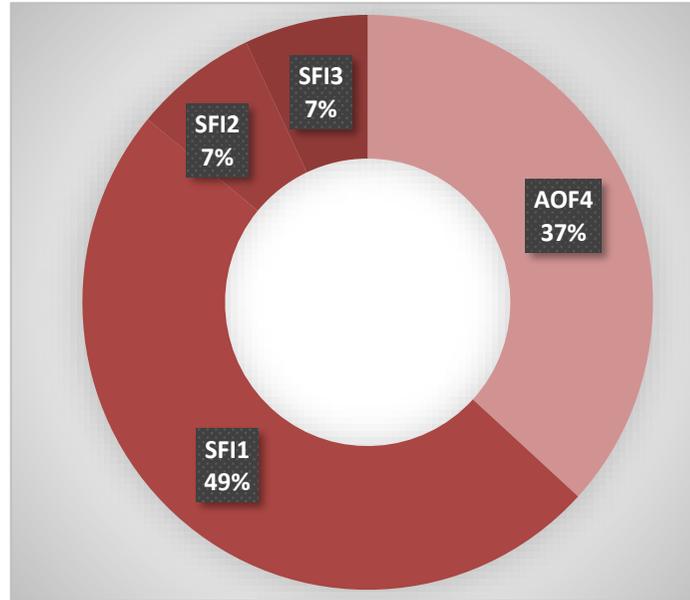
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Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Medical & First Aid	52,500
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	52,500
International Staff	10,000
Volunteers	70,150
Personnel	80,150
Workshops & Training	10,000
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DIRECT COSTS	142,650
INDIRECT COSTS	9,272
TOTAL BUDGET	151,922

Budget by Area of Intervention

AOF1	Disaster Risk Reduction	
AOF2	Shelter	
AOF3	Livelihoods and Basic Needs	
AOF4	Health	55,913
AOF5	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
AOF6	Protection, Gender and Inclusion	
AOF7	Migration	
SFI1	Strengthen National Societies	74,710
SFI2	Effective International Disaster Management	10,650
SFI3	Influence others as leading strategic partners	10,650
SFI4	Ensure a strong IFRC	
TOTAL		151,922



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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 (NGO's) 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.**

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October 4, 2019



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