

## DREF operation update Egypt: Complex emergency

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**Period covered by this update:** 22 Nov 2012 to 18 Jan, 2013.

**Summary:** CHF 213,320 has been initially allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Egyptian Red Crescent in providing assistance to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 800 beneficiaries (100 families) following the escalated conflict in Gaza strip, which started on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

The Egyptian Red Crescent society (ERC), since the beginning of the latest armed conflict in Gaza Strip Mid November 2012 began monitoring the situation and increasing the preparedness level to be able to respond to the possible humanitarian needs at the Egyptian side of the border. This led to the reception and transportation of in kind donations to Gaza through Cairo, to the prepositioning of a relief stock for 100 families at Al Arish/North Sinai National Society branch at Gaza border and to the logistics capacities strengthening of Al Arish branch.

The objective of this DREF update is to highlight the operational changes which lead to a DREF budget revision: (From CHF 213,320 to CHF 196,493). This revision comes after a reevaluation of the operational needs following the interruption of the armed conflict in Gaza Strip, as well as the reassessment of the actual cost of the relief goods. This operation is expected to be completed by 21 January 2013. A final report will be made available by 21 April 2013 (three months after the end of the operation).

The major donors and partners of DREF include Norwegian Red Cross and Government, DG ECHO, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Belgian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Red Cross and Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the British Red Cross, and the Australian, American and Luxembourg governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Monaco Red Cross and government,



ERC staff and volunteers facilitating the distribution of international donations. Photo: ERC

the Medtronic, Coca Cola and Z Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors. The Netherlands RC has replenished the DREF with 24 per cent of the allocation made to this operation.

The IFRC, on behalf of the national society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions.

Details of all donors can be found at [http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010\\_2012.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2012.pdf)

## The situation

The armed conflict which occurred from the 14th to the 21st of November 2012, resulted in the death of 172 men, women, boys and girls, and injured 1,520 others in the Gaza Strip. This armed conflict has drained the already scarce resources in medical supplies and equipment in Gaza and have created a need for outside assistance, most of which at this period could only reach the area through the Rafah border crossing point with Egypt. However, the hostilities lasted for only 8 days, and a ceasefire has been respected since the 21st, nullifying the potential for large-scale population movement towards Egypt. This DREF allocation aimed to cover the needs created by the November short armed conflict, to properly receive and send in kind donation to Gaza Strip and to prepare logistically the Red Crescent Al Arish / North Sinai branch.

## Coordination and partnerships

On the 18-19th of November, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society (ERC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) carried out a joint assessment of the situation in Al Arish and at the Rafah crossing, on the border with Gaza. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the humanitarian impact of the crisis on the Egyptian side of the border, assess capacity and design a joint plan of action to support the ERC in responding to needs.

The present DREF operation reflected the IFRC-supported components of the joint IFRC/ICRC plan of action focusing on enhancing the ERC capacity to respond to the needs of people crossing the border by prepositioning emergency stocks in its branch in Al Arish / North Sinai and by strengthening its capacity to manage the flow of in-kind donations coming into the country, in coordination with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society operating on the other side of the border.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The ERC has been mandated by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate the reception and channelling of international assistance entering Gaza from Egypt. Based on the previous experience of 2008, when 22 days of attacks in Gaza had led to a massive mobilization of in-kind donations through the Egyptian border, the ERC has prepared its branch of Al Arish / North Sinai for a large logistical operation. Given the possibility of a future population movement across the border, the ERC has also restocked and prepositioned emergency stocks for 100 vulnerable families at the border with Gaza (in addition to preposition stock in the Cairo HQ warehouse).

The main challenge faced by the ERC during was the massive flow of relief material and donations, some of which were not needed. Most of them had been sent without any previous communication to the authorities or the ERC, as well as with no clear indication of the recipient of the aid in the Gaza Strip. Proper logistical guideline, communication (including donation certificates, waybills etc.) and coordination has been set up from the beginning of this operation to avoid the repetition of this scenario.

## Progress towards outcomes

### Pre-positioning of relief stocks (basic non-food items)

**Outcome: Relief items for 100 families are available in anticipation of a possible influx of people from Gaza seeking safety, shelter, and assistance.**

<p><b>Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local procurements and pre-positioning of tents, blankets, mattresses, and family kits for 100 families</li> <li>• Monitor the existing situation and conduct rapid emergency needs as required by potential population movement</li> <li>• Support the authorities as required in beneficiary registration and delivery of assistance as required</li> <li>• Distribute relief supplies to beneficiaries as required</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions</li> </ul>
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**Progress:**

- Local procurements and pre-positioning of tents, blankets, mattresses has been done for 100 families in Al Arish Red Crescent Branch warehouse
- Family (kitchen and hygiene) kits have been delivered from the ERC HQ warehouse to Al Arish Branch warehouse for 100 families.
- ERC HQ deployed a team to monitor the situation in North Sinai

The armed conflict ended after 8 days and did not lead to the crossing of any people into Egypt. That's why the following planned activities have not been undertaken by the ERC:

- The conduct of a rapid emergency needs as required by potential population movement
- Support the authorities as required in beneficiary registration and delivery of assistance as required
- Distribute relief supplies to beneficiaries as required
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions

**Challenges: None to be mentioned**

<p><b>Logistics</b></p>
<p><b>Outcome:</b> Operational objectives are supported in receiving, warehousing and transferring to PRCS the in-kind donations received, in line with operational priorities.</p>
<p><b>Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforce the ERC's local logistics capacity towards the coordinated mobilization of relief goods including reception of all incoming goods, warehouse management and efficient dispatch of goods to the handover point with PRCS at the border;</li> <li>• The ICRC and the IFRC will work with the ERC to build its logistics capacity through a joint logistic workshop;</li> <li>• Liaise and coordinate actions with international donors and local and national authorities;</li> <li>• Identification and rental of additional warehousing space as required</li> </ul>

**Progress:**

- At the date of this report, the ERC received and channeled from Cairo to Gaza in kind donations from 32 national donors and 35 international donors. See below the list of the donations
- An emergency operation room has been set up in Al Arish / North Sinai branch
- The ERC's logistics capacity towards the coordinated mobilization of relief goods including reception of incoming goods has been reinforced
- Warehouse management and efficient dispatch of goods to the handover point with PRCS at the border has been done
- Liaise and coordinate actions with international donors and local and national authorities has been done
- Because of the absence of relief needs in responding to an influx of people entering Egypt via Rafah, as well as for security reason, the additional rental of warehouse has not been done
- For the same reason, relief distributions have not been done at the border

- List of donations received and transported to Gaza strip to date:

no.	Items	Local donations	International Donations	TOTAL
1	Food	705	505	1210 Tons
2	Medicine and Medical Equipment	420	238	658 Tons
3	Non Food Item (Blanket - Tent - Clothes ...)	48	108	156 Tons
4	Ambulance	0	1	1 Car
5	Vehicle for transportation of Handicapped	48	41	89 Cars
6	Wheelchair	85	155	240 Cars
7	Crutch	90	100	190 Cars
8	Field Hospital	0	1	1 Hospital
9	Water filtration Unit for renal dialysis	1	0	1 Unit
10	Water filtration Unit	0	6	6 Units
11	Construction Materials	0	16935	16935 Tons

#### Challenges:

- The reception and channel of in kind donations have been much more intense than initially planned and have requested more human resources (ERC staff and volunteers) than estimated.

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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 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.



The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

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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<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	39,000
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	31,400
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	400
Other Supplies & Services	6,000
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>76,800</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	2,000
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	5,000
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>7,000</b>
Storage, Warehousing	0
Distribution & Monitoring	3,550
Transport & Vehicle Costs	24,000
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>27,550</b>
International Staff	6,000
National Staff	
National Society Staff	20,650
Volunteers	20,000
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>46,650</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	10,000
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Travel	5,000
Information & Public Relations	2,000
Office Costs	6,000
Communications	3,000
Financial Charges	500
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Office and Services Costs	
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>16,500</b>
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
<b>Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS</b>	<b>0</b>
Programme and Services Support Recovery	11,993
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>11,993</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>196,493</b>