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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Sudan: Election Preparedness

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Operation start date: 8 April, 2015	Operation end date: 8 July, 2015
Overall operation budget: CHF 180,607	Expected timeframe: 3 months
Number of people at risk: 12 million	Number of people to be assisted: 50,000
Host National Society presence): Over 330 volunteers will be mobilized by the National Society in responding to potential election violence in 10 branches. This operation will provide assistance in Khartoum, White Nile State, Blue Nile State, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and 5 Darfur states.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: German Red Cross, Saudi Arabia Red Crescent, UAE Red Crescent, Swedish Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The Election General commission and Sudan Government.	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

The second nationwide elections for Sudan will take place in April 2015. Given the history of the country and existing political tensions in many areas there is high risk of violence around the elections as the government continues to ignore opposition calls to postpone the vote and form a transitional government. Initial scenario setting carried out by SRCS branch directors and staff suggested that the elections could trigger a major escalation of existing conflict in some states. This might result in extensive displacement and humanitarian needs in several states, especially in the conflict areas of Darfur, South Kordofan, Blue Nile and transitional areas.

The dispute and tension began between the government (the ruling party NCP) and the opposition parties. As mentioned, the Sudanese president rejected the opposition parties' call participating in the national dialogue process to delay the election. Tension between the government allied parties and the opposition parties is already building with plans to boycott the election, especially in Khartoum, White Nile State, Blue Nile State, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and Darfur.

The national election commission announced the general election will begin on 2 April 2015 and will run until the 27 April with different polls being conducted. The process timeline is as follows:

- Campaigns: 24 February to 10 April.
- Two days of "election silence":11- 12 April.
- Voting polling days: 3 to 15 April.
- Announcement of final result.27 April

Based on previous experiences, most of the unrest is expected at the end of April and early May for approximately week after the final results are announced.

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Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) experienced the last national election in 2010 and observed pre, during and post-election violence in neighboring countries. The National Society will apply lessons learned from the disaster responses carried out by sister Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in these countries. SRCS has prepared a Contingency Plan with three scenarios to guide its preparedness and response actions in case of disaster during the elections.

For this operation, the SRCS will be installing 5 First Aid posts in 10 high risk states, each with 30 volunteers currently receiving refresher trainings in First Aid, safer access and psychosocial support. This DREF will cover the cost of volunteer mobilization and the replenishment of the protective equipment and first aid kits (procurement already started in all branches).

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The IFRC country Representation in Sudan will continue to provide coordination and facilitation between the members with an interest in supporting the humanitarian efforts of the SRCS through various levels of coordination including bilateral and multilateral meetings with the movement partners.

The IFRC Country Representative and SRCS will continue to attend regular United Nations (UN) led coordination meetings as appropriate and applicable.

In operational aspects, the IFRC has been supporting the SRCS Directorate of Programmes and Disaster Management Department with coordination, information consolidation, reporting, resource mobilization and other technical support. IFRC will continue to provide technical inputs in planning and implementation, and undertake monitoring and evaluation of the operation. IFRC, through a DREF operation, will support SRCS in their immediate emergency response to the needs of the election violence people.

Red Cross movement partners working in Sudan include: Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Iranian Red Crescent, Netherland Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Saudi Arabia Red Crescent, Spanish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross and Qatar Red Crescent. The partner national societies have been regularly updated of the SRCS Election preparedness contingency plans and the activities through the Emergency Operation Meetings at the SRCS headquarters Central Emergency room.

The ICRC continuously provides support to SRCS in areas such as overall capacity building, First Aid, Communication and restoration of family links. They are also well informed on the contingency plan developed by the SRCS through the coordination meetings and on this planned support and are involved in relation to the dead body management.

SRCS, IFRC and PNSs participate in regular emergency operation meetings where all issues, including potential bilateral and multilateral actions, are discussed. Information sharing and coordination is also taking place at the country level.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

SRCS will coordinate and work closely with the General Election Commission who is coordinating the elections, in accordance with the Red Cross principles and values to provide humanitarian services for the people in case of violence related to elections.

The IFRC country representation is working closely with the humanitarian country team HCT where information is shared regarding the security situation in Sudan during the electioneering period.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

To be well prepared as a National Society for possible election related violence, the SRCS carried out risk assessment mapping of the high risk states based on the last election experience in 2010. Out of 18 states, 10 states were prioritized as those who will require immediate humanitarian assistance in First Aid provision and health care if affected by election-related violence. The States are: Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, West Kordofan, East, West, South, North and Central Darfur.

Table 1: Summary of the population at risk per state

State	Number of people
Khartoum	15,000
White Nile	7,000
Blue Nile	5,000
South Kordofan	5,000
West Kordofan	3,000
North Darfur	3,000
South Darfur	3,000
West Darfur	3,000
East Darfur	3,000
Central Darfur	3,000
Total	50,000

Risk Assessment.

Possible events and most likely scenarios are demonstrations that may end up in riots or clashes in which people might be injured or traumatized. Also urban violence is expected, which might cause displacement of people. For this situation SRCS will focus on scenario 1 of the contingency plan which is the one most likely to happen. If the situation gets worst they will move to scenario 2 and 3 that contemplates the possibility of population movement.

Scenario Planning:

Scenario 1: Injured people- It is expected that most casualties will take place in Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, and Darfur. It is estimated that 50,000 persons will be affected. SRCS will provide First Aid assistance, evacuation, rescue, PSS as it has volunteers all over the States at risk.

Scenario 2: Loss of lives: It is expected that most casualties will take place in Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, and Darfur and that approximately 60,000 persons may be affected by the violence.

Scenario 3: Displacement: Displacement of people leading to population movement into South Sudan, Chad and Ethiopia is expected and about 75,000 persons affected.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

In order for SRCS to be well prepared and equipped for possible election related violence response and provision of immediate humanitarian assistance in First Aid and health care, through the provision of Psychosocial support and referral of cases of affected by election-related violence, the NS will focus on the more at risk States (Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and Darfur) and the immediate needs of affected population.

Proposed strategy

SRCS will focus on First Aid and mobilize its volunteers and its Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) to provide services to be affected people during the election period. The teams also will evacuate injured people to hospitals. Psychological support will also be provided to people in distress as a result of the situation or whose family members affected.

This will be in line with the contingency plan prepared which outlines the possible scenarios with the response activities to be undertaken.

The intervention of the SRCS will be before, during and after the elections with the intention to assist injured and distressed persons, thereby alleviating human suffering and avoid unnecessary loss of lives linked to election-related violence.

This DREF operation will include the following activities to assist 50,000 people.

- Mobilize 300 volunteers (30 per State in targeted branches).
- Establish emergency communication network system in targeted SRCS branches.
- Procure and make available at the identified locations 1,500 First Aid kits (first aid individual kits). Each State has 5 first aid points x10 States x 30 volunteers).

- Procured and repositioned 50 First Aid kits for vehicles.
- Conduct refresher trainings on psychosocial, first aid and safer access for 300 volunteers.
- Conduct refresher trainings for 30 volunteers/staff under the national disaster response teams.
- Produce and distribute 5,000 IEC materials (500 per branch).
- Disseminate RCRC /IHL standards and principles.
- Participate in information and coordination meetings for continuous assessment of situation at the branch level.
- Procure protective equipment (gloves, nose masks, visibility items, safety goggles and stretchers) for 330 NDRT volunteers.
- Procure dead bodies bags in coordination with ICRC.
- Coordinate and collaborate at all levels with government and other related institutions and stakeholders at HQ level.
- Monitor and evaluate the evolving situation regularly and share information with the key focal persons.
- Appoint a focal person in the emergency room to prepare daily situation reports, which will be posted on the SRCS web site and communicated to all stakeholders within and outside the Movement.

Operational support services

Human resources

Up to 30 NDRT will be trained and deployed to the branches (3 per state) to support the branch volunteers (30 in each state). In addition, each branch will allocate 2 staff to work with the NDRT and the 300 volunteers. Per diem for the volunteers and 10 drivers involved directly will be paid for 30 days, the critical implementation period (April) for the operation. At the moment, the other 2 months will be used only for monitoring the situation.

Logistics and supply chain

The National Society already started the local procurement of 1,500 individual first aid kits and 50 first aid kits for vehicles. In order to expedite the process each of the 10 branches are procuring 150 individual kits in the local markets. The National Society logistics office is working in coordination with the IFRC Sudan office.

Information technologies (IT)

SRCS will use available Information technology to maintain communication with the branches during the operation.

Communications

IFRC region and zone offices will support IFRC Country office and SRCS with communication and advocacy activities for the emergency operation.

Publications will be shared both locally and internationally on different platforms including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Information will be continuously shared with the IFRC Zone office for further dissemination with partners and donors, including articles and photos to be posted on Newswire and the IFRC Eastern and Indian Ocean Islands Round up.

Security

SRCS will work closely and coordinate with General Election Commission, local authorities, and other partners to ensure access for volunteers, supervisors, monitors, and staff. The SRCS will mobilize 300 volunteers and ensure adequate insurance as per the IFRC Global Accident Insurance policy.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER)

Regular monitoring of activities, as well as overall situation, will be carried out by SRCS and IFRC. SRCS will run their Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) to monitor the situation with a person dedicated to provide reports to all partners. Moreover, dedicated PMER capacity within the operation will maintain timely and standard reporting against the set objectives of the response operation. Finally, a lesson learned workshop is planned at the end of the operation with the participation of both, National Society and IFRC members.

Administration and Finance

SRCS administration and finance unit will be closely involved to support the operation. Also, IFRC country office will support with administration and financial management. IFRC region and Zone will provide support to ensure quality and set standards are being adhered to.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Early warning & emergency response preparedness

Needs analysis:

An initial assessment of the risks mapping indicates that a total of 50,000 people are at high risk of election related violence in the 10 states of Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and 5 Darfur states). The provision of first aid services and psychosocial support is therefore an important and urgent intervention.

Population to be assisted:

Preparedness of 300 volunteers to provide first Aid services, psychosocial and other medical attention as required in 10 most at risk states.

Outcome 1: To improve NS capacity to respond to election related violence													
Output 1.1: Sudan Red Crescent volunteers are trained, equipped and ready to provide emergency first aid and PSS support to population in States at risk of election related violence													
Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
• Mobilize 300 volunteers (30 per state branches).													
• 2,000 First Aid kits (First Aid individual kits) will be procured and made readily available at the identified locations.													
• Procured and preposition 50 First Aid kits for vehicles.													
• Refresher training for the 300 volunteers 30 per state on psychosocial, first aid and safer access.													
• Refresher training for 30 NDRT volunteers.													
• Production and dissemination of IEC material on RCRC /IHL standards and principles in the high risk states													
• Participate in information and coordination meetings for continuous assessment of situation.													
• Procure volunteers protective equipment (500 gloves, 500 nose masks, 330 visibility items, 330 safety goggles and 540 stretchers).													
• Dead bodies bags will be secured from ICRC													

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 1: The DREF operation implementation is well planned, coordinated and monitored with field branches.													
Output 1.1: The continued monitoring and assessment of the election process informs the implementation of the operation													
Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
• Coordinate and collaborate at all levels with government and other related institutions and stakeholders at HQ level.													
• Monitor and evaluate the evolving situation regularly and share information with the key focal persons.													
• Appoint a focal person in the emergency room to prepare daily situation reports, which will be posted on the SRCS web site and communicated to all stakeholders within and outside the Movement.													
• Establish emergency communication network system in targeted SRCS branches.													

Budget

See annexed budget for details.

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How we work

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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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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

10/04/2015

SUDAN: Election Preparedness

Budget Group	Budget CHF
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	5,550
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0
Medical & First Aid	95,648
Teaching Materials	0
Utensils & Tools	0
Other Supplies & Services	0
Cash Disbursements	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	101,198
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0
Medical Equipment	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	0
Distribution & Monitoring	0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	8,200
Logistics Services	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	8,200
International Staff	0
National Staff	10,000
National Society Staff	0
Volunteers	16,136
Total PERSONNEL	26,136
Consultants	0
Professional Fees	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	24,800
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	24,800
Travel	0
Information & Public Relations	3,750
Office Costs	2,000
Communications	3,500
Financial Charges	0
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Office and Services Costs	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	9,250
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	11,023
Total INDIRECT COSTS	11,023
TOTAL BUDGET	180,607