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## DREF final report MALTA: Population movement

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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 Red Crescent response to emergencies. 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.

**Summary: CHF 83,603 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in preparedness activities based on a contingency plan to provide assistance to some 1,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

Since the last disambarkment of refugees the Malta Red Cross Society has been highly active in the settlement of the families arriving in the Maltese islands. Present in Malta there are approximately 15,000 refugees that accumulates 5% of the local population.

The Malta Red Cross has been providing assistance to the families that are located at the

Hal-Far hanger, including first aid and emergency medical support. The National Society is supported by the Federation and partner National Societies, such as Swiss Red Cross, Luxembourg Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross and German Red Cross by deploying their delegates to the field and in kind donations. Malta Red Cross has procured all related items that could be able to assist up to 1,000 individuals. The National Society has trained 20 individuals in Restoring Family links (RFL) and Psychosocial First Aid (PFA). Also a training to enhance disaster management capacities of the Malta Red Cross has been conducted through the facilitation of Europe Zone Disaster management Delegate. Through public campaigns the National Society engaged more volunteers in order to be able to provide and assist people.

This Final report outlines the outcome of the operations that the Malta Red Cross Society have delivered to people arriving to Malta during the implementation period that has been extended by one month due to issues concerning access to the migrant population which delayed the provision of assistance to these. According to the final financial report, there is a balance of CHF 6,452 which needs to be returned to the DREF funds.

The Canadian Government contributed CHF 21,505 to the implementation of this operation. The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on: : <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>



Malta Red Cross volunteers organising activities for refugee children. **Photo: Malta Red Cross**

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## The situation

As a consequence of the turbulent situation in Libya, two boats arrived to Malta on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, around 250-300 people in each of them. Refugees came from Libya mostly from Benghazi, Tripoli and Zaiua. According to military information 535 refugees arrived among them 150 women, 30 minors less than 4 years old. Most of them came in families. Most people are Somalians and Libyans, but that boats are confirmed to come from Tripoli. On 29<sup>th</sup> of March another boat with 250 refugees came, and according to information from the Ministry of Defense in the following days more boats are expected to arrive in Malta.

Malta is traditional place for transit migrations in its long history. As present migration camps have little space to offer to recently arrived migrants. According to governmental information the maximum capacity for the state is around 3,500 persons (~ 700 families). Government has investigating possibilities for potential sites for additional camps (capacity 2,000 people). Approximately 2,500 persons are permanently living in camps on Malta (Asylum seekers and others).

Following the civil unrest in the Middle-East earlier in February some European countries in the Mediterranean basin experienced an influx of migrants mainly from Tunisia, but also from Egypt. The situation in Libya as part of a broader wave of protests has further led to thousands of people crossing the borders to the neighbouring countries. According to International Organisation for Migration the cross border movements by sea targeted mainly Italy and Malta during the crisis<sup>1</sup>. As of today, the total number of migrants arrived to Italy since 15 January is 26,935.

Since January, Malta has received 1,530 individuals escaping the situation in North Africa. Many of them, mainly Somali and Eritrean nationals have been released from the closed accommodation centres and transferred to open centres.

The Federation's Europe Zone office closely followed the situation with the Italian Red Cross regarding the influx of migrants from North Africa. Deployment of IFRC disaster management delegate to support ongoing contingency planning in the National Society was organized.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Malta Red Cross Society engaged a Disaster Management Manger and a 3 year program has been drafted. The Danish Red Cross is supporting this position within the Malta Red Cross Society.

Meanwhile the Federation Europe Zone has also delivered a NDRT Training course were 20 MRC volunteers attended.

Malta Red Cross was supported by Partner National Societies and the International Federation to be prepared to provide basic needs for 1,000 people (water, crackers, blankets and shelter).

The National Society launched a very well organized volunteer campaign, and recruited 85 new volunteers. At the beginning of the year the number of highly active volunteers in Malta Red Cross was 50.

To further address the improved situation Malta Red Cross allocated the following ambulance and relief capacities to the implementation of the operation:

- 6 ambulances 5 can be immediately deployed)
- 1 tent 20 x 6 m
- 4 tents 5 x 5 m
- 5 tents 4 x 4 m
- Field "clinics" with capacity to serve max. 4 patients 50 blankets and 20 camp beds
- 1 van
- 2 cars

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<sup>1</sup> IOM Daily Statistical Report

- 2 vehicles 4x4 (pick up and land rover)

## Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
<b>Objective: To assist affected individuals in transit or in reception centres with distributions of hygiene items, food and drinks</b>
<b>Activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide meals, hot drinks, and hygiene items to transit passengers at the request of national authorities</li> <li>• Prepare a contingency stock of hygiene items for distribution to up to 1,000 individuals in reception centre</li> <li>• Prepare plans for rapid scale up of activities in case the situation deteriorates</li> </ul>

Swiss Red Cross, Luxemburg Red Cross, German and Austrian Red Cross bilaterally supported the National Society with in kind donations (camping beds, hygienic parcels, kitchen sets, jerry cans, family tents, blankets, dispensary tents). Those goods are stored in a warehouse made available to Malta Red Cross by Civil Protection Department part of the co-operation between signed at the start of the operation.

DM Logistics delegates from IFRC, funded by the Swiss Red Cross, had supported the National Society in the procurement process.

The items procured by the National Society were:

Type of items	Quantity	Unit
<b>Bed Sheets</b>	1,000	pieces
<b>Pillows</b>	1,000	pieces
<b>Diapers</b>	160	pack <sup>2</sup>
<b>Baby Cots</b>	75	pieces
<b>Water Sanitation</b>	1	piece <sup>3</sup>
<b>Clinical Equipment:</b>		pieces
• <b>Face masks</b>	50	
• <b>Plastic gloves</b>	250	
• <b>Apron</b>	5	
• <b>Sharp box</b>	200	
• <b>Biohazard waste bags</b>	20	
• <b>Wheel chairs</b>	5	

All equipment had been stored in the Civil Protection warehouse to be used throughout the project implementation period. Additional to these items, the National Society also procured stationary equipment in order to support the communication and logistics activities of the operation.

The following items has been distributed to the beneficiaries:

Type of items	Quantity	Unit
<b>Tents</b>	50	pieces
<b>Camping beds</b>	450	pieces
<b>Family Hygiene packs</b>	1	pack
<b>Blankets</b>	100	pieces
<b>Kitchen Sets</b>	1	set
<b>Bed Sheets</b>	900	pieces
<b>Pillows</b>	450	pieces
<b>Diapers</b>	160	pack <sup>4</sup>
<b>Baby Cots</b>	48	pieces

<sup>2</sup> Each pack contained 26 pieces of diaper

<sup>3</sup> Including also a high pressure pump

<sup>4</sup> Each pack contained 26 pieces of diaper

Water and sanitation and the clinical equipments were supporting the medical service activities. A Contingency stock has been prepared through the operation. At present the National Society stores the following items in order to be able to respond to similar emergency situations:

#### Total Quantities in Stock at Present

<b>Camping beds</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Hygiene parcels</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Kitchen sets</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Jerry cans 15 l foldable</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Family tent 19m2</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Blankets 50% wool</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>2,900</b>
<b>Dispensary tents</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Towels</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Bed Sheets</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Pillows</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Baby Cots</b>	<b>pce</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Emergency health

**Objective: Provide first aid and emergency medical services as required**

**Activities planned:**

- First aids teams and emergency medical services fully operational at transit points
- First aid and emergency medical services are provisioned and prepared to deliver services in reception centres

**Progress:** The National Society set up an Ambulance center in order to deliver and provide services for people in need. The National Society has 4 years of experience in working in refugee camps, and is experienced in the operational and coordination aspects of Restoring Family links (RFL) and Psychosocial Support. The National Society has trained 20 individuals in Restoring Family links (RFL) and Psychosocial First Aid (PFA). Plans to provide training in psychosocial support are also being worked out.

Moreover, the Malta Red Cross Society established a Primary Health Clinic at Hal-Far Refugee centre and deployed 8 volunteer medical doctors to run it. The visibility of the National Society activities has been ensured as all staff and volunteers working in the field had received Red Cross vests,

#### Emergency shelter

**Objective: To prepare for the provision of temporary shelter for 1,000 individuals in reception centres run by the national authorities in accordance with national contingency plan.**

**Activities planned:**

- Prepare and create emergency stock for the establishment of tented accommodation for 1,000 individuals

**Progress:** The National Society established an emergency stock of camping beds, dispensary, and family tents for 1,000 beneficiaries.

All tents that have been distributed are continuously assessed and there were no reports of damages or any sort of complaints.

It is worth mentioning also that through the involvement of refugees to the activities, four of them become active members of the Malta Red Cross Society.

## Logistics

**Objective: To strengthen the response capacity of the Malta Red Cross**

**Activities planned:**

- Establish a warehouse system in premises newly allocated to Malta Red Cross
- Establish and manage contingency stock
- Prepare for the reception of donations in kind from partner national societies
- Support contingency planning and scale up of operations as needed
- Support overall DM capacity building of National Society, including in areas of coordination, communication and information

**Progress:** After having identified the immediate and long term warehouse needs for the National Society, recommendations of needs assessment were taken into account and the National Society started sourcing of the contingency relief items through requesting bilateral donations. A warehouse system has put in place in order to allow the National Society to follow the stock movements and registrations. The National Society deployed DM Logs officer on a contract for 5 month, with possible extension, who was trained by IFRC Delegate in warehouse management, Logistic procedures, and basic procurement.

## Communication

A communication concept has been developed by RDRT Communication Officer to support the National Society in providing information to the media about their activities. After finalizing the communication concept a plan of action has been also developed. Based on the plans the National Societies published banners on the website of Sunday Times in Malta to support the awareness raising of the general public. This concept paper also contributed to the campaign of the National Society to engage more volunteers who can assist during the operation. The profile of volunteers were defined that is necessary for this operation and also what training the National Society can provide to the volunteers has been agreed. The new website of the National Society has been created.

## Contact information

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## DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on 28 February 2011 for **CHF 83,603 initial 2 months** to assist 1,000 beneficiaries.
- One DREF operation updates issued.



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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 (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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.

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/2-2011/9
Budget Timeframe	2011/2-2011/4
Appeal	MDRMT001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Funding

	Pledge	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>						83,603	83,603
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>						0	0
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Other Income</b>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>						83,603	83,603
<b>C4. Other Income</b>						83,603	83,603
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>						83,603	83,603
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>						83,603	83,603
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>						100%	100%

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>					0	0
<b>C. Income</b>					83,603	83,603
<b>E. Expenditure</b>					-77,151	-77,151
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>					6,452	6,452

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Appeal Launch Date: 28 feb 11

Appeal Timeframe: 28 feb 11 to 30 apr 11

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### III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>						<b>83,603</b>	<b>83,603</b>	
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Transitional	40,000							40,000
Clothing & Textiles	11,000					10,505	10,505	495
Food	4,000							4,000
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene						7,754	7,754	-7,754
Medical & First Aid	5,000					2,770	2,770	2,231
Other Supplies & Services						879	879	-879
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>	<b>60,000</b>					<b>21,908</b>	<b>21,908</b>	<b>38,092</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom						4,299	4,299	-4,299
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>						<b>4,299</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>-4,299</b>
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	2,000					397	397	1,603
Distribution & Monitoring						6,044	6,044	-6,044
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,000					1,246	1,246	754
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>4,000</b>					<b>7,687</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>-3,687</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	5,000							5,000
National Staff						106	106	-106
National Society Staff	5,000					3,648	3,648	1,352
Volunteers						4,541	4,541	-4,541
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>10,000</b>					<b>8,295</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>1,705</b>
<b>Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>								
Professional Fees						624	624	-624
<b>Total Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>						<b>624</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>-624</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	2,000					10,992	10,992	-8,992
Information & Public Relations	1,000					9,263	9,263	-8,263
Office Costs	1,000					3,481	3,481	-2,481
Communications	500					4,363	4,363	-3,863
Financial Charges						564	564	-564
Other General Expenses						967	967	-967
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>4,500</b>					<b>29,629</b>	<b>29,629</b>	<b>-25,129</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recov	5,103					4,709	4,709	394
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>5,103</b>					<b>4,709</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>83,603</b>					<b>77,151</b>	<b>77,151</b>	<b>6,451</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>						<b>6,451</b>	<b>6,451</b>	