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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Algeria: Mila Earthquake

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DREF Operation n°	MDRDZ005	Glide n°:	EQ-2020-000188-DZA
Date of issue:	25/08/2020	Expected timeframe:	4 months
		Expected end date:	31/12/2020
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow			
DREF allocated: CHF 563,225			
Total number of people affected:	15,000	Number of people to be assisted:	10,000 (1,675 HHs)
	Provinces affected:	Mila	Provinces/Regions targeted: Mila
Host National Society: Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) has 48 local units (National Society subdivisions that work directly with the community – this includes local chapters, branches, regional and intermediate offices, and headquarters) and covers all of the country's 48 wilayas (districts), and 24,000 volunteers			
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)			
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Algeria including the Civil Protection Directorate and the People's National Army of Algeria			

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

A magnitude 4.9 earthquake hit eastern Algeria on Friday August 07, 07:15 am. The quake, which was followed by a 4.5 aftershock, hit Mila province some 350 km (215 miles) east of the capital Algiers.

The earthquake has left severe damages on the structures and infra-structures in different areas of Mila, pushing the residents to flee in panic into the streets.

Around 122 houses have been damaged including three houses and a four-storey villa that were completely destroyed, while 31 apartments were partially destroyed. Other houses were severely damaged including open cracks in walls, floors, and streets. Luckily, there were no casualties reported, only injuries.



Figure1. Damages in Mila as a result of the earthquake
Source: ARC

The government has declared on 16 of August 2020 the area of Khirbat in Mila a disaster area, populated by more than 2,500 families. Since the date of disaster until the announcement date, the Algerian Red Crescent was the only actor

on ground sheltering and providing assistance to the bereaved families because before the area is declared a disaster zone, the government cannot activate the risk fund.

Following to the evacuation of families living in fragile structures and damaged houses at risk of collapsing, a football stadium was allocated on the event day to house the affected families in emergency shelter. Initial number of 217 families were sheltered on the first day, and by the second day a total of 1,675 families were staying in 4 emergency camps. These families are the most vulnerable as they have no source of income to cover their needs, nor other sheltering solutions such as rental or being hosted as other affected families chose to.

It is not clear when those hosted families could return to their new homes, as with the announcement of Mila as a disaster area it is expected that the government will compensate with lands in other areas.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society Response Action



Figure 2. ARC Health Teams during their daily patrols to view people affected by any health issues. Source: ARC

From the very first moment, the Algerian Red Crescent activated an emergency plan to ensure an effective response, carrying out search and rescue, needs and damage assessments in coordination with the local authorities. ARC response teams were dispatched from first hours following to the hit to provide first aid, psychosocial support, evacuation and transport to emergency shelters, provision of hot meals and food baskets, emergency shelter and shelter items including:

Family tents	975
Camp beds	3,000
Blankets	7,500
Mattresses	8,375
Kitchen sets	1,675

ARC are managing the camps including 24 hour surveillance through ARC trained volunteers.

ARC has distributed 700 hygiene kits (20 days ration) to the displaced families in the camps. The kits were mobilized from ongoing program with the ICRC under the COVID-19 response. ARC will mobilize further provisions of Hygiene Kits to the affected population under the COVID-19 intervention.

Other ongoing response activities carried by ARC:

- Health teams composed of 5 doctors, 9 nurses, 6 psychiatrists, are roving the camps for any health implications including Mental Health Psychosocial Support, primary medical care, chronic diseases. Up to 21 August, 248 examination were made daily for follow up on chronic cases.
- Distribution of PPEs every two days to the affected people in camps and imposing Infection Prevention and Control measures on the hosted families in the camps including safe distancing, hygiene practices, and daily disinfections, also under COVID-19.



Figure 3. Emergency camp in football field setup and managed by ARC. Source: ARC

- Distribution of cold drinking water to the affected families through-out the day through cooperation with local water suppliers.
- Distribution of more than 4,000 hot meals to the affected population in coordination with local suppliers.
- Provision of baby formula milk to the hospitals in Mila, along with other medical equipment (not included under this DREF).
- Provision of food baskets targeting affected population outside camps remaining at the earthquake affected area.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Actions in country

The IFRC Country Cluster North Africa Office in Tunis, the Disaster and Crisis, Preparedness, Response & Recovery (DCPRR) and Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) units at IFRC MENA Regional Office, in Lebanon, are supporting ARC and will continue to monitor the situation. The Country Cluster Office will provide support to the National Society, including project and financial management, facilitating implementation of the planned relief operation. IFRC works in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which has been present in Algeria since the 1954 war of independence. At that time, its focus was on visiting prisoners and helping refugees in Morocco and Tunisia. Today, the ICRC's main activity is visiting detainees. The ICRC cooperates with the ARC on several files like First Aid, dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL/HP) and Restoring Family Links (RFL).

Overview of other actors' actions in country

As per its National Emergency Plan, the Government of Algeria leads and coordinates relief activities in the country through a Crisis Committee established by the Ministry of Interior. Local authorities established their crisis committees in the affected governorates. At this stage, no external actors are responding to the earthquake; either UN or INGOs. The response is carried out by the Algerian authorities, the ARC and some small local NGOs that operate within the affected areas. The ARC forms part of the response committee and all activities are coordinated, so to avoid duplication. The Algerian Civil Protection Directorate and the People's National Army of Algeria have deployed all available personnel and equipment to facilitate evacuations and road clearance.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

ARC has been undertaking assessments in affected areas and sharing findings with local authorities. The earthquake has destroyed houses and household items as well as food stocks. Both water and power supplies have been affected, leaving communities vulnerable and isolated.

1,675 families are being hosted in emergency shelters. These families have lost their houses or unable to return to their homes that are on the verge of collapsing. Affected people evacuated have left behind all their belongings. As most of the imminent needs are being met, it is unknown the expected time for these families to return to their houses, thus there is a need to ensure continuity of provision of basic needs.

Targeting

This DREF allocation will partially replenish the distributed items from ARC stocks thereby ensuring that ARC is prepared to respond to future emergencies and cover the operational running costs for the distributions and camp management for a period of 4 months. ARC has reached 1,675 households, of which 670 households are in extreme poverty even before the earthquake. ARC will continue to provide the support to the hosted families through emergency sheltering with provision of items including food parcels to meet their basic needs, at least for 4 months under this DREF.

Operation Risk Assessment

The area remains under the threat of aftershocks, which could exacerbate the number of people affected and overwhelm the local capacities. ARC will work closely with local authorities and in coordination with the Civil Protection Directorate and the People's National Army of Algeria to help to ensure physical access to affected communities, even if severe conditions continue.

In response to the recent events in the shadow of COVID-19, the ARC 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.

The DREF operation, the needs assessment and its operational strategy considers the risks related to the current COVID-19 pandemic and is aligned with the IFRC global emergency appeal that supports National Societies to deliver assistance and support to communities affected or at risk of being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The planned DREF activities will also follow the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization regulations on hygiene and social distancing especially during distribution of HHIs.

As of 22 August 2020, a total 40,667 cases of Covid-19 have been registered in country, with 1,418 deaths and 28,587 recoveries, according to [Africa CDC](#). To date, the following measures have been taken to curb the spread of the disease: mandatory mask wearing, closing of borders; set up of proximity screening sites, set up of treatment centers; risk communication and community engagement, providing updated information on the COVID-19 situation.

National Society responses to COVID-19 are supported through the IFRC [global appeal](#), which is facilitating and supporting them to maintain critical service provision, while adapting to COVID-19. This DREF operation is aligned with and will contribute to the current global strategy and regional Emergency Plan of Action for COVID-19 developed by the IFRC MENA Regional Office, in coordination with global and regional partners. This means that the NS will ensure, even as it responds to the floods, COVID-19 prevention measures are adhered to in line with regional plan of action and its national COVID-19 country plan. IFRC continues to assess how emergency operations in response to disasters and crisis should adapt to this crisis and provide necessary guidance to its membership on the same. The NS will keep monitoring the situation closely and revise the plan accordingly if needed, taking into consideration the evolving COVID-19 situation and the operational risks that might develop, including operational challenges related to access to the affected population, availability of relief items, procurement issues, and movement of NS volunteers and staff as well as international staff. For more information please consult the [Covid-19 operation page](#) on the IFRC Go platform.

Below table indicates potential impact of the pandemic on this DREF operation and how ARC will respond to the situation in the event of COVID 19 mitigation measures are made more stringent.

COVID-19 measures	Standard epidemic control measures	Temporary lockdown of society (schools, shops, public functions)	Sustained lockdown and restriction of movement during implementation period
Likelihood	High	High	Low
Impact on operation	No impact on the operation. ARC will ensure to adhere to the epidemic control measures in place.	ARC is operating in close coordination with local Government and there is no indication that ARC will not be able to operate even in the event of temporary lockdown.	Lockdown measures have been made a bit more flexible since early June, so it is unlikely that sustained lockdown will be required, unless there is a drastic increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in the country.
Mitigating measures	As the epidemic control measures were already in place before the civil unrest, the operation is designed to adhere to the measures. Trainings will be conducted in small groups, with due respect to social distancing measures. Distribution exercises will ensure to adhere to social distancing norms.	Same as under standard epidemic control measures. In addition, some delays might be experienced with procurements. If this happens, a timeframe extension may be requested.	Same as under standard epidemic control measures and temporary lockdowns of society.

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

The overall objective is to ensure that the immediate and life savings needs of up to 1,675 affected families (10,000 people) are met through providing first aid, food and non-food relief items. The operation, over the next four months, will replenish stock distributed as part of this earthquake response and complement their ongoing support in the response operation.

Proposed strategy

Shelter

ARC through this DREF wishes to partially replenish the distributed household items stocks including Tents: 300, Camp-beds: 300, Blankets: 7,500, Mattresses: 2,000, and Kitchen sets: 1,000

Food Assistance and basic needs

ARC through this DREF will procure and distribute (15 days ration) food parcels for two months bringing a total of 6,700 parcels.

Protection Gender and Inclusion

ARC has a strong commitment to addressing gender inequalities in this response, which is grounded in experienced through its flagship gender and diversity programming. ARC staff and volunteers will monitor for protection issues in the communities those being hosted in the camps that they serve and will ensure a referral pathway is established for cases identified through 24-hour surveillance.

No	Description	Unit
1	White beans	Kg
2	Lentils	Kg
3	Converted rice	Kg
4	Pasta (elbows)	Kg
5	Sugar	Kg
6	Coffee (250 gr)	Box
7	Vegetable oil (5 litres)	Gallon
8	Semolina flour	Kg
9	Flour	Kg
10	Canned Tomatoes	Can
11	Powdered milk (500 gr)	Can

Figure 4. Content of Food Parcels (15 days ration), distributed by ARC

Community engagement and accountability

Community accountability and feedback/response mechanisms will be integrated into the operation to ensure that people to be assisted have access to timely and accurate information on the nature and scope of services provided by ARC.

Human resources

ARC has mobilised 500 trained and experienced volunteers to carry out response operations. Trained and equipped volunteer teams have been mobilised to operate under the guidance of HQ and branch coordinators. Those volunteers will be insured under the IFRC SOS scheme and protected with visibility materials and required PPEs. IFRC Rapid Response tool for deploying surge is always available to support the ARC in implementing this DREF operation if needed.

Logistics and Supply Chain

Logistics activities aim to effectively manage the supply chain, including mobilization, procurement, customs clearance, fleet, storage and transport to distribution sites, in accordance with the operation needs and aligned to IFRC's logistics standards, processes and procedures.

The operation supply chain will be planned according to the upcoming requirements and through the NS field experts in coordination with IFRC country cluster office and the Logistics and Supply Chain Unit at the Regional Office (RO).

The items needed for the operation will be mostly procured locally and internationally. IFRC procurement minimum standards will be adhered to during the operation. Regional logistics support will be provided throughout the operation phase to support this process.

Transport and fleet needs: Local transportation (trucks for items transfers) will be used in case the normal means of transport (the NS vehicle fleet) was unable to cover the transport needs for this DREF operation. The transportation of all items from the NS Headquarters to the affected area has been budgeted for under this DREF.

Communications

To the extent possible Algerian Red Crescent, with the support of the IFRC North Africa Country Cluster and MENA Regional Office, will be coordinating activities aimed to sensitize the public, the national and international media and donors on the situation, needs on the ground and on the humanitarian response.

Safety and Security

The IFRC MENA region's security unit will continue working closely with the North Africa Country Cluster and the Algerian Red Crescent to monitor and support on security related matters.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The Algerian Red Crescent will oversee the monitoring aspects of the present operation in the affected area through its network of volunteers. IFRC, through its North Africa Country Cluster and the MENA Regional Office will also provide technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the DREF operation and will support an end of action review and lessons learned workshop.

AP005	Distribution of the household items to the affected population																		
AP005	Monitoring of the use of distributed shelter and household items																		



Livelihoods and basic needs

People targeted: 10,000 (1,675 HHs)

Male: 5,400

Female: 5,600

Requirements (CHF) 254,535

Needs analysis: The loss and damage of properties has a severe financial impact on the affected families, many of whom are expected to have difficulties recovering on their own without support. Dire living conditions, recurring natural disasters, and poverty is affecting everyday life of people (especially those displaced) not only because of damage in property but also in terms of workplace, individual and family businesses and education. Individuals and families will need support to cover their basic needs until they can meet their basic needs with dignity. Based on assessment information to date, up to 1,675 households hosted in camps will be provided with food parcels in order to assist them in organising their lives out of their homes.

Population to be assisted: 1,675 affected families being hosted in 4 emergency camps will be targeted with food parcels for two months.

Programme standards/benchmarks: the activities will seek to meet the Sphere standards.

P&B Output Code	Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods	# of households receiving food assistance. Target: 1,675 HHs															
	Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities	# of targeted households that have enough food to meet their survival threshold. Target: 1,675 HHs															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP008	Basic food parcels are distributed, and stock replenished																

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF) 59,800

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	# of motivated volunteers who are protected and insured. Target: 100															
	Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected	# of motivated volunteers who are protected and insured. Target: 100															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Funding Requirements

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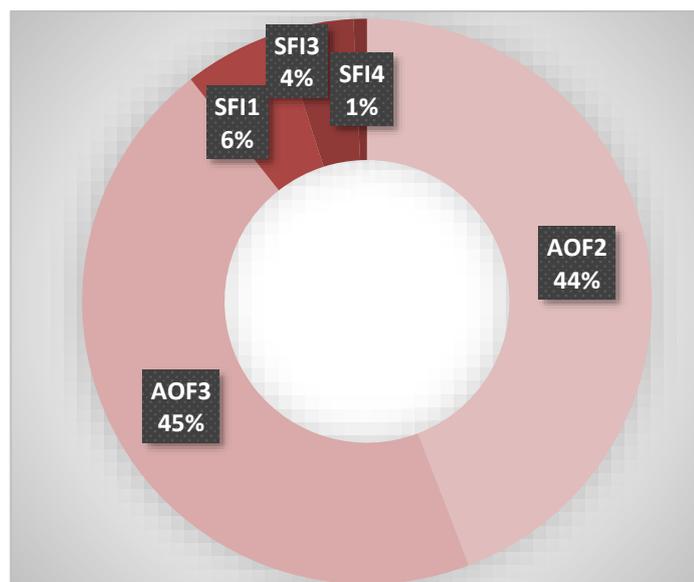
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Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Shelter - Relief	102,000
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	112,750
Food	234,500
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0
Medical & First Aid	0
Teaching Materials	0
Cash Disbursement	0
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	460,700
Distribution & Monitoring	9,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	0
Logistics, Transport & Storage	9,000
National Society Staff	10,000
Volunteers	33,150
Personnel	43,150
Workshops & Training	4,000
Workshops & Training	4,000
General Expenditure	12,000
DIRECT COSTS	528,850
INDIRECT COSTS	34,375
TOTAL BUDGET	563,225

Budget by Area of Intervention

AOF1	Disaster Risk Reduction	
AOF2	Shelter	248,891
AOF3	Livelihoods and Basic Needs	254,535
AOF4	Health	
AOF5	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
AOF6	Protection, Gender and Inclusion	
AOF7	Migration	
SFI1	Strengthen National Societies	32,110
	Effective International Disaster	
SFI2	Management	
	Influence others as leading strategic	
SFI3	partners	23,430
SFI4	Ensure a strong IFRC	4,260
TOTAL		563,225





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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.