

DREF operation final report

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 21 Jan, 2013.

Summary: CHF 213,320 has been initially allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 22 November 2012 and then revised to CHF 196,493 to support the Egyptian Red Crescent in delivering in kind donation to Gaza and prepositioning immediate assistance to some 800 beneficiaries (100 families) following the escalated conflict in Gaza strip, which started on the 14th of November 2012.



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

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.

As the armed conflict ended after 8 days and did not lead to the crossing of any people seeking shelter into Egypt, several planned activities (mainly related to the provision and supply of relief goods and their storage and transport) were not needed and have not been undertaken by the ERC: This has resulted in a budget variance with a remaining balance of CHF 16,880 which will be returned to DREF. These major variances are related to the following lines: Utensils & Tools, Other Supplies & Services, Storage, Warehousing, Storage, Warehousing, Distribution & Monitoring, Transport & Vehicle Costs.

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,

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

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 analyze 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 channeling 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.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

1. Local procurements and pre-positioning of tents, blankets, mattresses, and family kits for 100 families

2. Monitor the existing situation and conduct rapid emergency needs as required by potential population movement
3. Support the authorities as required in beneficiary registration and delivery of assistance as required
4. Distribute relief supplies to beneficiaries as required
5. Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions

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

As, the armed conflict ended after 8 days and did not lead to the crossing of any people seeking shelter into Egypt, 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

Logistics

Outcome: Operational objectives are supported in receiving, warehousing and transferring to PRCS the in-kind donations received, in line with operational priorities.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

1. 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;
2. The ICRC and the IFRC will work with the ERC to build its logistics capacity through a joint logistic workshop;
3. Liaise and coordinate actions with international donors and local and national authorities;
4. Identification and rental of additional warehousing space as required

Progress:

- 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 during the DREF period:

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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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.

Disaster Response Financial Report**MDREG011 - Egypt - Complex Emergency**

Timeframe: 21 Nov 12 to 21 Jan 13

Appeal Launch Date: 21 Nov 12

Final Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2012/11-2013	Programme	MDREG011
Budget Timeframe	2012/11-2013	Budget	APPROVED
		Project	*

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		213,319				213,319	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		213,320				213,320	
C4. Other Income		213,320				213,320	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		213,320				213,320	
D. Total Funding = B + C		213,320				213,320	

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
C. Income		213,320				213,320	
E. Expenditure		-190,614				-190,614	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		22,706				22,706	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Expenditure						TOTAL	Variance
	Budget	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			213,319			213,319		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	45,000		33,256			33,256	11,744	
Clothing & Textiles	10,000		43,167			43,167	-33,167	
Utensils & Tools	11,800		380			380	11,420	
Other Supplies & Services	10,000						10,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	76,800		76,803			76,803	-3	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	3,000		2,464			2,464	536	
Office & Household Equipment	3,000		4,581			4,581	-1,581	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	6,000		7,044			7,044	-1,044	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	15,000						15,000	
Distribution & Monitoring	10,000		12,197			12,197	-2,197	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	30,000		15,643			15,643	14,357	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	55,000		27,840			27,840	27,160	
Personnel								
International Staff	6,000		5,858			5,858	142	
National Society Staff	10,000		23,105			23,105	-13,105	
Volunteers	15,100		18,572			18,572	-3,472	
Total Personnel	31,100		47,535			47,535	-16,435	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	10,000		9,726			9,726	274	
Total Workshops & Training	10,000		9,726			9,726	274	
General Expenditure								
Travel	5,000		2,466			2,466	2,534	
Information & Public Relations	4,000						4,000	
Office Costs	3,900		5,048			5,048	-1,148	
Communications	3,000		2,246			2,246	754	
Financial Charges	500		232			232	268	
Other General Expenses	5,000						5,000	
Shared Office and Services Costs			40			40	-40	
Total General Expenditure	21,400		10,032			10,032	11,368	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	13,019		11,634			11,634	1,386	
Total Indirect Costs	13,019		11,634			11,634	1,386	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	213,319		190,614			190,614	22,706	
VARIANCE (C - D)			22,706			22,706		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	213,319	0	213,320	213,320	190,614	22,706	
Subtotal BL2	213,319	0	213,320	213,320	190,614	22,706	
GRAND TOTAL	213,319	0	213,320	213,320	190,614	22,706	