

Operation Update Report

Cyprus: Population Movement

DREF n° MDRCY002	GLIDE n° OT-2021-000063-CYP
Operation update n° 1 Date of Issue: 29 October 2021	Timeframe covered by this update: 10 June - 30 Sept 2021
Operation start date: 10 June 2021	Operation timeframe: 6 months; end date: 31 December 2021 Extension of 2 months included (from 31 October 2021)
DREF amount allocated: CHF 246,582	
N° of people being assisted: 5,150	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: IFRC, ICRC (RFL)	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Cyprus Ministry of Interior, Cyprus Immigration Police, Cyprus Asylum Service, CODECA, UNCHR, Cyprus Refugee Council (CRC), FRONTEX, EASO, Cyprus Government Welfare Service	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

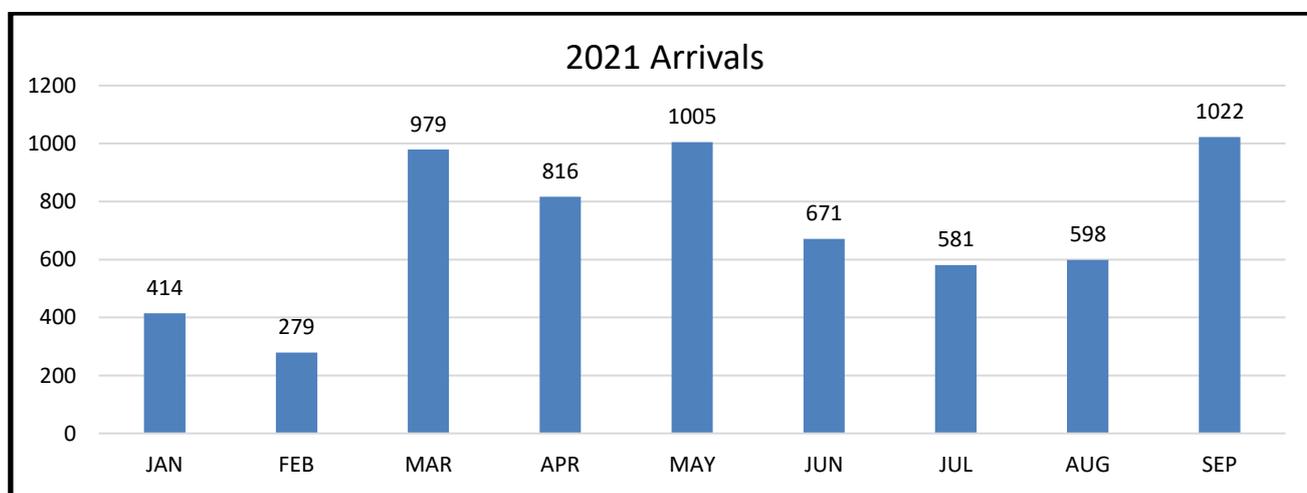
This Update includes the no-cost extension of the DREF Operation n° MDRCY002 for two additional months until **31 December 2021**. The timeframe extension will allow the following:

The extension will allow to entirely complete the procurement of the clothing for the migrants, since initially the stores could not offer the volume of the clothes needed. The extended timeline will allow to deliver the purchased clothing and footwear, and to make some additional purchases to cover the needs for migrants staying longer inside Pournara camp CRC. It will also allow to run all activities and to train the employed staff (social worker and stock officer).

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

From July 2021, the numbers of arriving migrants increased. This increase was expected for September and the upcoming October, based on the previous years' statistics. In September and October 2019 and 2020, the migrants were reaching the Government controlled area of Cyprus by boats, due to the good weather and seas. This year's autumnal months are no exception, as showcased by the data below (provided by CODECA¹).



¹ The private company managing the Migrants Centres, supervised by the Cyprus Asylum Service.

In response to the high numbers of migrants reaching Cyprus, the Ministry of Interior set up a new Centre in Limnes area (close to Menogeia Detention Centre in Larnaca). Although the use of the Centre is not yet clarified by authorities, it is said that it is going to be used as a Centre for migrants who are rejected (either for first or second instance), and for those who do not have anywhere to stay after leaving the Reception Centre (Pournara). CODECA's director informed CRCS that the said Centre is going to operate soon (probably end of October 2021) with a capacity of 1,000 persons.

The Asylum Service has contacted CRCS on the matter, asking for help in order to cover the expenses of the prescribed medications of the persons who are going to be transferred in the new Centre. The scheme is going to be the same as the one in Kofinou and Pournara; any medicines not offered or not available by the hospital's pharmacy, are to be covered by the CRCS in collaboration with private pharmacies. CRC will look into modalities other than the DREF budget to cover the emerging needs.

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

The CRCS was able to address the needs of half of the predicted arrived migrants as the procurement of items took longer than expected.

The items in stock are adequate to address the needs of the 4,550 migrants as initially requested. Based on the prolonged needs, CRCS will consult with the RoE Office in Budapest for a long-term plan of action.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The IFRC colleagues helped the CRCS with the current operation. Specifically, thanks to the Project Manager of the Operation (RoE Budapest Office), CRCS was able to unblock the procurement of clothing and shoes, while a request for the current extension of the project was set ahead of time. A visit in Cyprus in August 2021, was decisive for the above challenges, as it enabled the discussion in person on the difficulties faced that far.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The main other actors closely collaborating with CRCS in the current response are:

1. *Ministry of Interior*: It oversees the infrastructure of both centres and the Ministry is responsible for implementing all migration/asylum-related policies in Cyprus. The collaboration between the Ministry of Interior and the CRCS was strengthened with the AMIF project, which commenced at Kofinou Reception and Accommodation Centre in 2016.
2. *Immigration Police*: is a special police unit that is responsible for the verification of the identity of migrants; it performs security checks and registers migrants' data. It is also responsible for transportation of migrants under reception procedures and for the returning procedures of rejected applicants.
3. *Civil Defence (Coordination Centre)*: communicates the messages about the new migrant arrivals to relevant actors (CRCS included).
4. *Asylum Service*: Governmental service under the Ministry of Interior. It is responsible for examining, processing and accepting or rejecting asylum applications. It is also responsible for the overall supervision of both centres, as well as communicating the migrants' data to appropriate partners, upon request.
5. *Center for Social Cohesion, Development & Care (CODECA)*: This NGO is the partner of the Asylum Services, responsible for managing both Centres (Pournara and Kofinou).
6. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR) Cyprus*: oversees the implementation of UN declarations and relevant regulations on the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. It also provides support to the government and monitoring the state-of-affairs with regards to refugees and asylum seekers.
7. *Cyprus Refugee Council*: Partner of UNHCR in both centres. It provides support to vulnerable groups in Kokkinotrimithia. It also provides legal support and guidance relating to integration schemes to migrants residing in Kofinou.
8. *FRONTEX*: provides support to immigration police relating to the registration procedures of the migrants' data in the EURODAC (Pournara).
9. *European Asylum Support Office (EASO)*: provides support to the Asylum Service and assistance in processing the backlog on pending asylum applications. In Kofinou it also acts as the focal point in the coordination of support from NGOs and volunteer teams.
10. *Social Welfare Services*: undertakes the administrative procedures for the unaccompanied minors (UaMs) arriving in the Centre (Pournara) until their transportation to the UaMs Hosting Centre in Larnaca.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

The CRCS continues to cover the needs of the migrants as per the budget, however there is need for more time to distribute the necessary humanitarian aid (thus the request for extension).

Up until now, the CRCS:

- Distributed clothes and footwear to 987 migrants.
- Employed a warehouse & stocktaking officer (on 1 October 2021).
- Covered the costs for medicines and optical aids for 259 migrants.
- Distributed 421 toys to children and babies.
- Provided 20 maternity kits and 20 new-born kits for beneficiaries in the Accommodation Centre.
- Provided 2,596 Kits to migrants inside the Reception Centre and 150 kits to migrants inside the Accommodation Centre.
- Employed 2 Social Workers.

Operation Risk Assessment

Due to the high cost of the medicines for the three Centers, the CRCS informed the Government that unless it finds another source of funding, it might be difficult to continue the provision of the hygiene kits as previously.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Implemented strategy

The objective of the operation as well as the proposed strategy remained as per original plans.

The CRCS's response has a three-dimensional approach:

1. To cover the emergency/basic needs (hygiene, clothes & footwear, RFL services and PSS services) of up to 4,550 newly arrived migrants in the Reception Centre or the Accommodation Centre, for a period of up to 4 months.
2. To cover the emergency/basic needs in medicines and optical aids of up to 600 migrants in the Accommodation Centre, for a period of up to 4 months.
3. To increase the National Society's capacity in order to address said services, by hiring two social workers to work on site and 1 warehouse and stocktaking officer.

Currently, the CRCS continues to not have access inside the Pournara Reception Centre. Thus, needs are assessed by the Reception Officers of CODECA and communicated to the CRCS team. The CRCS team then prepares the kits and transports them to the gates of the Centre, where the CODECA Reception Officers receive them and distribute them to the migrants.

The CRCS has requested another space to set its storeroom inside the Reception Centre. According to the Asylum Service (official letter received in September 2021), the request is accepted. The new facility is nearby the old room, but it is bigger and has two doors and more windows. The two doors will solve any security issues (the previous room had only one way in and out), and the distribution will be easier to make through the windows.

Up until today there is no further information on when the new facility is going to be available. The CRCS will continue operations according to schedule, in the hope that the new facility is going to be available before the project ends, so as to be able to set up a mechanism for beneficiary satisfaction survey.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: 987

Male: 198

Female: 789

Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of supported migrants report that the clothing and footwear items received met their needs	70%	N/A ²

Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people provided with clothing and footwear items	4,550	987

Progress towards outcomes

- Distributed clothes and footwear items to 987 migrants. The number is less than the distributed Hygiene Kits (see below), because the procurement of the clothes/ footwear items was delayed for non-availability of the items in the volume requested in the country (the order was received on 19 August 2021).
- With the extension the overall target of 4,550 will be reached.
- Warehouse & stocktaking officer employed and began on 1 October 2021.



Health

People reached: 680

Male: 389

Female: 291

Outcome 2: The immediate risks to the health of the affected populations are reduced through improved access to medical treatment

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of supported migrants that report adequate access to medical care	70%	N/A

Output 2.1: Improved access to health care and emergency health care for the targeted population and communities.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people whose costs are covered for medical prescriptions and optical aids ³	600	259
# of children and babies that received a toy	450	421

Progress towards outcomes

- Covered the costs for medicines and optical aids for 259 migrants.
- The cost is bigger than expected. As such we are going to cover the medical needs of less migrants.
- Distributed 421 toys to children and babies.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 2,789

Male: 2,296

Female: 493

² The data for all outcome level indicators will be updated once the data is available.

³ The indicator has been added additionally after the publication of the EPoA to better reflect the people reached by the DREF

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of supported migrants report that the hygiene kits distributed met their needs	70%	N/A
Output 1.5: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards and training on how to use those goods is provided to the target population		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people provided with hygiene kits	4,550	2,789
Progress towards outcomes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided 2,596 hygiene kits to migrants inside the Reception Centre and 190 kits to migrants inside the Accommodation Centre. - Provided 20 maternity kits and 20 new-born kits for beneficiaries in the Accommodation Centre (included in number above). 		

Migration		
 <p>People reached: 2,789 Male: 2,296 Female: 493</p>		
Outcome 1: Communities support the needs of migrants and their families and those assisting migrants at all stages of migration (origin, transit and destination)		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of supported migrants report that the assistance received were clear and useful	70%	N/A
Output 1.1: Assistance and protection services to migrants and their families are provided and promoted through engagement with local and national authorities as well as in partnership with other relevant organizations.		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people provided with information on CRCS services ⁴	5,150	2,789
Output 1.3: "Family links are restored for people separated from, or without news of, their loved ones as a result of the disaster"		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people reached with RFL services	4,550	0
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>No RFL services have been requested by the migrants so far. 2 Social workers employed to support migration activities.</p>		

Strengthen National Society		
Outcome 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		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers involved in the operation that have increased capacity to perform their tasks	28	0
Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers that are insured	28	0

⁴ The indicator has been rephrased to better reflect the information dissemination activity of CRCS of distributing flyers. (1 flyer per hygiene kit distributed per family)

# of volunteers trained	28	0
Output S2.1.4: Supply chain and fleet services meet recognized quality and accountability standards		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
CRCS has increased fleet capacity to perform tasks	YES	YES
Output S4.1.4: Staff security is prioritised in all IFRC activities		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of staff and volunteers that were provided with protection equipment	30	2
Progress towards outcomes		
<p>Since the CRCS had no access to the Reception Centre, there was no need to involve volunteers in the process. If the CRCS had access, the help of the volunteers would be indispensable for the distribution of the aid in the Centre. The two employed social workers/ frontline officers were adequate for the process of making and delivering the hygiene kits. The employed stock-taking officer was also adequate for checking the quantities, quality and stock of the received items.</p>		

D. Financial Report

The interim financial report is [annexed](#) to this document.

Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

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How we work

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Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2021/06-2021/09	Operation	MDRCY002
Budget Timeframe	2021/06-2021/09	Budget	APPROVED

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Prepared on 22/Okt./2021

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRCY002 - Cyprus - Population Movement

Operating Timeframe: 09 jún. 2021 to 31 okt. 2021

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	246 582
DREF Allocations	246 582
Expenditure	-241 814
Closing Balance	4 768

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	109 449	241 810	-132 361
AOF4 - Health	12 389		12 389
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	91 026		91 026
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration	13 594		13 594
Area of focus Total	226 458	241 810	-15 352
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	176		176
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	18 191	3	18 188
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	1 757		1 757
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total	20 124	3	20 121
Grand Total	246 582	241 814	4 768

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	193 490		193 490
Clothing & Textiles	96 388		96 388
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	85 470		85 470
Medical & First Aid	9 900		9 900
Teaching Materials	1 733		1 733
Land, vehicles & equipment	660		660
Others Machinery & Equipment	660		660
Logistics, Transport & Storage	2 200		2 200
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2 200		2 200
Personnel	24 952		24 952
National Society Staff	24 787		24 787
Volunteers	165		165
Workshops & Training	1 650		1 650
Workshops & Training	1 650		1 650
General Expenditure	8 580	472	8 108
Travel	4 950	464	4 486
Office Costs	880		880
Communications	2 750		2 750
Financial Charges		9	-9
Operational Provisions		226 583	-226 583
Operational Provisions		226 583	-226 583
Indirect Costs	15 050	14 759	291
Programme & Services Support Recover	15 050	14 759	291
Grand Total	246 582	241 814	4 768