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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Egypt: Civil Unrest

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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.

CHF 199,421 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Egyptian Red Crescent in delivering immediate assistance to some 3000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: : As several protests and violence erupted in Egypt on Wednesday 14 August, 2013 following the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi; the escalations led to the killing of more than 638 people and injuring hundreds of civilians. The Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) is scaling-up the emergency health activities in several cities around the country (mainly in Cairo, Alexandria, Port-Said). The present DREF operation aims to support ERC activities in providing resources for the teams working in difficult situations to enable them to support the most vulnerable population affected specifically by this civil unrest.

This operation is expected to be implemented over a period up to 4 months, and will therefore be completed by 17 December, 2013; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (i.e. 17 March, 2014).

[<click here for the DREF budget; here for contact details>](#)



Emergency Action team volunteer of ERC providing First Aid rescue to an injured during the protests in Cairo Photo: ERC

The situation

The on-going instability and uncertainty climate in Egypt after the dismissal of the president Mohammed Morsi on 30 June 2013, has led to further political protests and strikes with several sit-in camps installed by both pro and opposition groups. Criminal activities have been on the rise in different locations taking advantage of the security situation.

According to the Egyptian ministry of health, more than 638 people have so far lost their lives and more than 3,700 people were injured after the escalations of protests on 14 August 2013, with clashes, not only in Cairo but in other cities as well such as Alexandria and Beheira, the canal provinces of Suez and Ismailiya,

and the central provinces of Assiut and Menya. The state of emergency and national curfews were announced by the interim government for one month period in 14 provinces.

Coordination and partnerships

IFRC maintains a close coordination with ICRC at different levels, information sharing and discussions are on-going closely with ERC since the onset of the violence last month to ensure delivering a coordinated support to ERC.

An information bulletin was published on 1 August 2013, providing an overview of the situation and ERC's actions (<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/Appeals/13/Information%20Bulletin%201%20EG.pdf>). ERC is working closely with local authorities mainly the ministry of health (First Aid Directorate), on the ground; ERC teams are coordinating with all parties (including police and army) to ensure safer access to affected groups applying the fundamental principles and the rules of the of the RC/RC. ERC teams are coordinating also with "field health points" established by voluntary doctors from the public.

IFRC MENA Zone DM coordinator visited Egyptian RC on 23-24 of June with focus on coordination. The IFRC MENA Zone Senior Communications Officer is in constant contact with ERC for further support needed. A trip will be scheduled to provide support in this area and mainly conduct a training by the Audio-visual consultant in MENA for ERC volunteers dealing with photos on the field upon a request by ERC management. A web story has been published to help profile ERC response when the situation started to escalate:

<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/middle-east-and-north-africa/egypt/emergency-action-teams-assisting-the-injured-during-new-wave-of-protests-in-egypt-62944/>

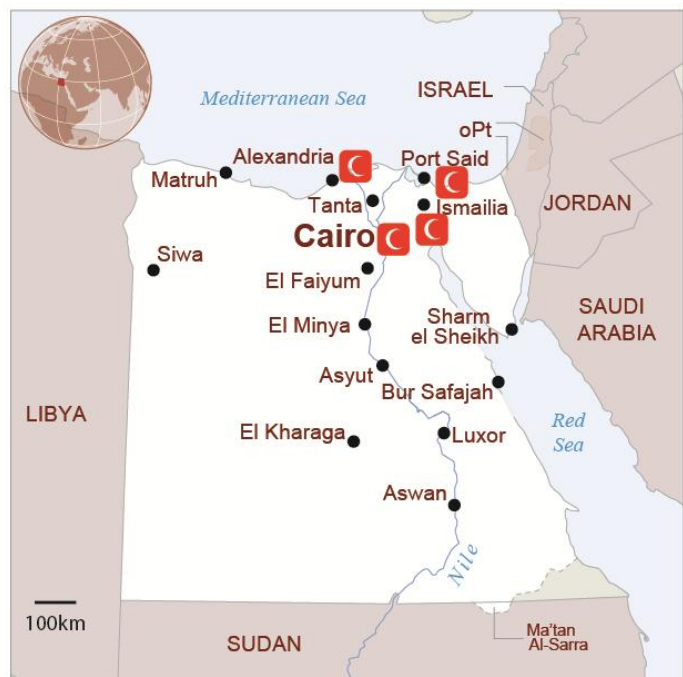
Turkish RC contacted IFRC offering to support the humanitarian needs that ERC is working to meet. Any PNS support will be integrated into in-country coordination mechanisms.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

ERC responded to the humanitarian needs around mass demonstrations and has immediately deployed its emergency action teams to help those injured and wounded on the streets of Cairo and other provinces. ERC deployed more than 35 emergency action teams (each team consists of 1 doctor and 4 first aiders, equipped with the essential equipment such as stretcher and FA kits) during the months of June and July in Cairo and other provinces. ERC teams gained more experience after several deployments since early 2013. Recently on 21 June 2013, ERC started to deploy more teams providing First Aid to minor injuries. Since the beginning of July the service deliveries increased with more serious cases (tear gas, shooting, wounds and others).

The type of response differed in each governorates according to the needs. Some ERC branches provided other services and initiatives as a response to the situation in their governorates during the demonstrations that include:

- Visiting the injured people in the hospitals to provide them with psychosocial support and new clothes (e.g. in Damietta).
- Purchasing oxygen cylinders to provide the injured with oxygen when needed in the first aid post (e.g. in Port Said).
- Putting 23 posters in the main squares of the governorate that call all involved to act peacefully during the demonstrations (e.g. in Sharkia).
- Conducting blood donation campaigns (e.g. in Dakahlia).



- Raising the awareness about the role of the Egyptian Red Crescent, its activities, its humanitarian principles, and opportunities of volunteers (e.g. in Aswan, and Alexandria), emphasizing on the neutrality and impartiality of services delivery and to facilitate the mission of ERC

ERC deployed so far more than 849 trained and equipped volunteers in 35 sites (seven of which were inside Cairo) where demonstrations taking place, and spread over 11 governorates. this strategy has helped in:

- Providing first aid and basic medical assistance to 751 cases.
- Evacuating those in need of higher-level care 102 cases.
- Providing assistance to the injured in a neutral non-biased way.
- Providing urgent medical supplies to the health points (also called field hospitals) in sites of the demonstrations.
- Providing psychosocial support to the victims and their relatives.
- Restoring Family Links when needed.

The needs

As several protests have taken place in different governorates of Egypt, ERC is doing its best to respond to the needs of thousands of affected people who are in need for emergency health services such as on-site first aid, evacuation to hospitals and other kinds of needs such as psychological support.

So far, ERC has 35 Emergency Action team of which 10 have been trained and equipped by the Federation and 20 by ICRC and the rest through bilateral funding.

At this stage there is no clear indication on needs related livelihood and food security.

The proposed operation

The operation proposes to support the most essential activities of the ERC on the field in providing basic but essential lifesaving services through the EAT (Emergency Action Teams) who are involved in difficult and dangerous actions assisting the victims of violence in Egypt, more than 200-250 volunteers will benefit from the trainings (see below).

Emergency health

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| <p>Outcome: The health risks of the emergency on the affected population is reduced through the provision of first aid, medical evacuation and minor treatment to at least 3000 people up to 4 months</p> |
| <p>Output1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affected people receive first aid services and basic medical treatment (stabilisation) in a neutral and impartial environment. - Serious cases receive medical evacuation to hospitals in close coordination with MoH. - “voluntary health points” are established by voluntary doctors from the public with Medical consumables. |
| <p>Output2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERC is equipped with a higher number of qualified trained male and female volunteers through the provision of 5 first aid trainings ERC’s - EATs have increased knowledge on Emergency actions and response after attending 2 training workshops. - ERC’s national disaster response team is provided with skills and tools to improve the quality and the quantity of assistance provided during emergencies (One training workshop). - ERC volunteers are equipped with 100 EAT uniforms . - Field teams (200 volunteers for 1 year) are equipped with a national health insurance for work in high risk areas (who are also under IFRC global insurance). - EATs and First Aid teams are equipped with protective and safety equipment (mask and helmets) to insure safety of ERC staff and volunteers. |

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How we work

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.

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.



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.
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DREF OPERATION

17/08/2013

EGYPT: CIVIL UNREST

| Budget Group | DREF Grant Budget CHF |
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| Shelter - Relief | |
| Shelter - Transitional | |
| Construction - Housing | |
| Construction - Facilities | |
| Construction - Materials | |
| Clothing & Textiles | 52,500 |
| Food | |
| Seeds & Plants | |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | |
| Medical & First Aid | 20,000 |
| Teaching Materials | |
| Ustensils & Tools | |
| Other Supplies & Services | |
| Emergency Response Units | |
| Cash Disbursements | |
| Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES | 72,500 |
| Land & Buildings | |
| Vehicles Purchase | |
| Computer & Telecom Equipment | |
| Office/Household Furniture & Equipment | |
| Medical Equipment | |
| Other Machinery & Equipment | |
| Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT | 0 |
| Storage, Warehousing | |
| Distribution & Monitoring | |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | |
| Logistics Services | |
| Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE | 0 |
| International Staff | |
| National Staff | |
| National Society Staff | 14,625 |
| Volunteers | 44,125 |
| Total PERSONNEL | 58,750 |
| Consultants | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES | 0 |
| Workshops & Training | 40,000 |
| Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING | 40,000 |
| Travel | 6,000 |
| Information & Public Relations | |
| Office Costs | 5,000 |
| Communications | 5,000 |
| Financial Charges | |
| Other General Expenses | |
| Shared Support Services | |
| Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES | 16,000 |
| Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery | 12,171 |
| Total INDIRECT COSTS | 12,171 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 199,421 |