

DREF final report

Palestine, floods and heavy rains

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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 86,975 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 7 January 2013 to support the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in delivering assistance to a total of 4,349 beneficiaries and to replenish the used contingency stocks.

For the second year in a row, exceptionally heavy rains hit Palestine (oPt), causing intensive damage to people and houses across the country. Thanks to support by DREF, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) was able to bring immediate relief to 4,349 persons, distributing non-food items to those in need from its emergency stock through some 280 National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members. The efforts were coordinated with other actors like UNRWA and ACTED. The DREF allowed for replenishment of PRCS' emergency stocks.

The heavy rains that hit Palestine again in 2013 suggest some sort of alteration from the normal pattern. The effects of these extreme events combined with the Civil Defence's limited access to part of the territory (Area C, under control of Israel) emphasise the importance of PRCS' immediate response to disasters.

The Federation, on behalf of the Palestine Red Crescent Society, wishes to thank the generous contributions done towards the replenishment of the DREF: the Netherlands Red Cross / Netherland's Government has contributed 52,939 CHF, and the Belgian Red Cross / Belgian Government 20,000 CHF to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation.



PRCS volunteer distributing winterization items to the most vulnerables. Source: PRCS

The major donors and partners of DREF include the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors.

Details of all donors can be found at: http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2012.pdf.

The Situation

A very heavy winter storm hit Palestine between 7 and 10 January 2013, leaving thousands of people in need of external support. The event was exceptional in its nature, with very strong winds and rains, snow storms and temperature very low for Palestine. The rain that fell in 3 days was almost half the quantity for a whole rainy season, and the snow storms covered the land above 650 metres with up to 25 cm of snow. In many places the rivers overflow, the roads were cut and normal access to services disrupted.

The most affected areas were the most vulnerable ones: Bedouin communities and the communities living close to the barrier. A total of 3 people were directly killed by the rains (drowned), while 2 more indirectly. More than 642 families located in the districts of Gaza, Hebron, Jenin, Salfit, Ramallah, Tubas, Jordan Valley, Bani Naim, Yalta and the Jerusalem area beyond the barrier temporarily fled their houses due to floods and major damage to the infrastructure; in most cases they returned to their homes a few days after the rains stopped. The timely response by PRCS to the affected people contributed to mitigate the impact of the exceptionally heavy rains.



PRCS volunteer distributing stoves to the most vulnerable - Source: PRCS

The impact of these (by now apparently recurrent) meteorological events is in some cases increased by the limitations put onto Palestinians: poor capacity to properly plan the land use and urban development, restrictions to the planning of effective sewage and river basins management, limitations in access to a long list of villages (in many cases, only one access has been left open). The combination of these restrictions with the recurrence of these extreme events clearly indicates the appropriateness of PRCS's approach, based on an increasing investment on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction, mitigation micro-projects, better preparedness and better coordination.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

PRCS emergency operation centres were activated in Hebron, Gaza, Nablus and Ramallah from before the beginning of the storms, in order to coordinate the response activity of the PRCS as well as to coordinate with other national actors like the Civil Defence and the governorates.

More than 280 NDRT members were deployed during the emergency to assess the needs and distribute the non-food relief items to the affected people.

99 families were evacuated by PRCS' NDRT teams in Jaba in Jenin district, Tulkarem, Tubas and Almasafer in Yatta and Bani Naim due to the insufficient capacity or movement restrictions for the Civil Defence.



PRCS volunteer distributing stoves to the most vulnerable - Source: PRCS

PRCS effectively coordinated with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners from the beginning, and several meetings were held at PRCS HQ to this end. The UAE Red Crescent supported PRCS relief operations with an additional contribution of 200,000 USD to purchase relief items and first aid kits for future emergencies. The ICRC provided PRCS with 100 tarpaulins during the first phase of the emergency due to stock shortage at PRCS warehouses.

Achievements Against Outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: provide up to 1,000 families affected by the floods with selected non-food items
Outputs and activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally purchase 2,000 blankets, 500 mattresses, 200 kitchen kits, 200 hygiene kits, and 200 gas heaters. • Replenish the PRCS emergency stocks • Distribute the purchased NFIs

Emergency shelter
Outcome: provide up to 1,000 families affected by the floods with emergency shelter solutions
Outputs and activities planned: Purchase of 10 locally produced and purchased tents for replenishment (2 distributed tents) and for Bedouin communities Purchase 2,000 tarpaulins for distribution to families whose houses have been partially damaged, 200 cleaning kits for families whose houses were flooded and 200 repair kits of tools Revive the Shelter working group for the West bank

Distribution and location of beneficiaries

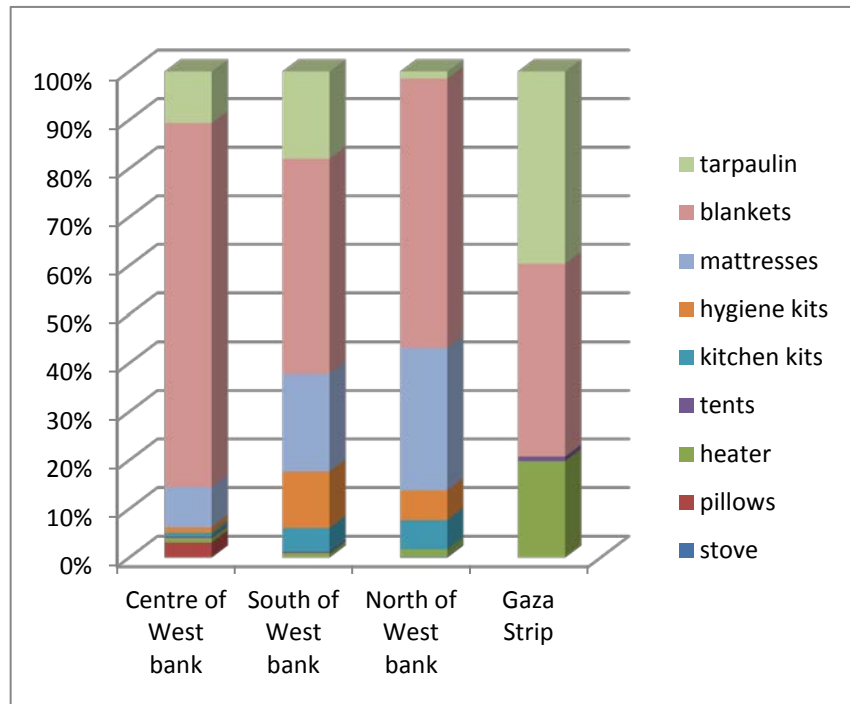
A total of 4,349 persons belonging to 642 families received relief goods based on identified needs from PRCS as per the following table and graph:

No.	Item	Centre of West bank	South of West bank	North of West bank	Gaza Strip	TOTALS
1	Stove			3		3
2	Lighter (for stove)			3		3
3	Pillows	40				40
4	Heater	12	3	30	251	296
5	Tents	4	1		12	17
6	Kitchen kits	10	16	116		142
7	Hygiene kits	15	38	118		171
8	Mattresses	107	66	566		739
9	Blankets	972	145	1069	502	2,688
10	Tarpaulin	138	59	28	502	727

All distributions were done on the basis of a previous rapid needs assessment done by PRCS volunteers. According to the PRCS needs assessment some items were added like the repairing and cleaning kits. Some of the kits were distributed after the storm to the affected families who used them to clean the houses.

The shelter working group was quickly reconvened during the emergency and proved to be a useful platform to ensure continuity between the first response, provided by PRCS, and longer term needs. Since then, the three main actors present in Palestine in shelter in case of natural disasters, ACTED, UN Habitat, and PRCS/IFRC, have started working on the definition of common standards applicable to all interested partners.

The work shall result in a comprehensive 'handbook' for shelter solutions adapted to the special context of Palestine. The working group closely coordinates its activities with OCHA.



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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.

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Saving lives, changing minds.



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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Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRPS007 - Palestine - Floods

Timeframe: 10 Jan 13 to 10 Mar 13

Appeal Launch Date: 10 Jan 13

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2013/1-7	Programme	MDRPS007
Budget Timeframe	2013/1-3	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	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		86,975				86,975	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		86,975				86,975	
C4. Other Income		86,975				86,975	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		86,975				86,975	
D. Total Funding = B +C		86,975				86,975	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

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		86,975				86,975	
E. Expenditure		-81,159				-81,159	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		5,816				5,816	

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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)			86,975			86,975		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	16,508						16,508	
Shelter - Transitional	8,737						8,737	
Clothing & Textiles	24,877						24,877	
Utensils & Tools	5,824						5,824	
Other Supplies & Services	22,083						22,083	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	78,029						78,029	
Personnel								
Volunteers	2,426						2,426	
Total Personnel	2,426						2,426	
General Expenditure								
Information & Public Relations	1,212						1,212	
Total General Expenditure	1,212						1,212	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			76,206			76,206	-76,206	
Total Contributions & Transfers			76,206			76,206	-76,206	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recovr	5,308		4,953			4,953	355	
Total Indirect Costs	5,308		4,953			4,953	355	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	86,975		81,159			81,159	5,816	
VARIANCE (C - D)			5,816			5,816		

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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	86,975	0	86,975	86,975	81,159	5,816	
Subtotal BL2	86,975	0	86,975	86,975	81,159	5,816	
GRAND TOTAL	86,975	0	86,975	86,975	81,159	5,816	

DREF OPERATION - NATIONAL SOCIETY REPORT

MDRPS007 Palestine - Floods & Heavy Rains

Budget Group	BUDGET CHF	EXPENSES USD	EXPENSES CHF
Shelter - Relief			
Shelter - Transitional	16'508	16'549	15'468
Construction - Housing	8'737	9'266	8'661
Construction - Facilities			0
Construction - Materials			0
Clothing & Textiles			0
Food	24'877	26'038	24'337
Seeds & Plants			0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene			0
Medical & First Aid			0
Teaching Materials			0
Utensils & Tools			0
Other Supplies & Services	5'824	6'270	5'861
Cash Disbursements	22'083	13'831	12'927
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	78'029	71'955	67'254
Land & Buildings			
Vehicles			0
Computer & Telecom Equipment			0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment			0
Medical Equipment			0
Other Machinery & Equipment			0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0	0	0
Storage, Warehousing			
Distribution & Monitoring			0
Transport & Vehicle Costs			0
Logistics Services			0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	0	0	0
International Staff			
National Staff			0
National Society Staff			0
Volunteers			0
Total PERSONNEL	2'426	7'836	7'324
Consultants			
Professional Fees			0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	0
Workshops & Training			
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	0	0	0
Travel			
Information & Public Relations			0
Office Costs	1'212	1'742	1'628
Communications			0
Financial Charges			0
Other General Expenses			0
Shared Office and Services Costs			0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	1'212	1'742	1'628
Partner National Societies			
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)			0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery			
Total INDIRECT COSTS	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	81'667	81'533	76'206

USD 87,376.00(CHF 81,667.00 fx rate 1.069) transfer received from IFRC. Unspent balance of USD 5,843.00 returned to IFRC

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DREF OPERATION BUDGET