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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Iraq: Population Movement

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General data

DREF Operation population movement	MDRIQ006; Glide n° OT-2014-000074-IRQ
Date of issue: 13 June 2014	Date of disaster 10 June 2014
Operation manager: Farid AIYWAR	Point of contact: Mohammed Abdisatar , Acting Secretary General
Operation start date: 12 June 2014	Expected timeframe: 2 Months
Overall operation budget: CHF 364,486	
Number of people affected: 500,000	Number of people to be assisted: 20,000 people
Host National Society presence: 8,375 staff and volunteers are involved in this operation.	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): ICRC	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: ICRC, UN agencies. The UN is working closely with the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM) in Baghdad and the Government of Kurdistan to ensure a coordinated assessment and response.	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

The humanitarian situation in Iraq took a dramatic turn on June 10 2014 with the deterioration of the security situation in the regions of Ninewa, Salaheddin, and Diyala provinces. Fighting carried out by armed groups reached several major cities in the country such as Mosul, Samara, Baquba, and Ramadi. Mosul, the second largest city of Iraq, has fallen under the control of armed groups along with most of the province of Ninewa. Accurate figures of casualties are unavailable, but reports claim the figures stand in the hundreds. 500,000 people are estimated to have been displaced and moved to locations like Erbil, Dohuk and Basheeqa. The actual displacement figure remains difficult to ascertain at this point in time.



500,000 people thought to be displaced as a result of the ongoing conflict.
Photo: IRCS

Food, water, emergency shelter and NFIs assistance are the main needs of the displaced families who are residing in schools, with relatives, in host communities, in mosques, tents, unfinished buildings and other governmental buildings.

The crisis continued to deteriorate on June 12 as armed opposition groups progressed south-eastwards and captured Tikrit City in Salah Al Din Province, 150km north of Baghdad.

More than 250,000 IDPs have moved to Badriya, in Dohuk Governorate and Khazir, in Erbil Governorate in the Kurdistan Region, North Iraq and over 20,000 people, have moved to Hamadamiya, in the outskirts of Mosul, Ninevah Governorate based on reports from Iraqi Red Crescent. Government in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have announced plans to establish 5 camps to accommodate the Internally displaced.

Distribution of IDP as of 12 June 2014

• Governorates	• District	• Affected people
• Dohuk	• Badriya	• 100,000 people (20,000families)
• Erbil	• Khazir	• 150,000 People (30,000 families)
• Ninevah	• Mosul-Hamadamiya	• 20,000 People (4,000 families)

Sources: IRCS

Since 2003, over four million Iraqis have been forced to flee their homes, in what amounts to one of the largest migration of people before the Syria crises, far exceeding the Palestinian outflow after 1948. And while exact numbers are uncertain, the scale of the problem is not in dispute

In addition to the above, Iraq is hosting over 200,000 Syrian refugees, as well as the return of Tens of thousands of Iraqis who sought refuge in Syria between 2003 and 2011, bringing the number of Iraqi internally displaced persons (IDPs) to roughly 2.8 million besides the new displacement caused by the current crisis.

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The Iraqi Red Crescent Society, activated its operations rooms in Erbil, Dohuk, Sulaimaniah and Kirkuk governorates to ensure effective and timely delivery of humanitarian services to the IDPs. The branches were already on high alert and have been responding to the Syrian Refugees crisis camped in North Iraq

IRCS Headquarters, Baghdad issued a press release to express concern about the humanitarian situation of the affected population stranded in Mosul due to the lack of electricity, health services and other essential requirements.

The Society also reaffirmed its commitment to providing humanitarian services in full compliance to the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement principles of impartiality and neutrality and Code of conduct.

The IRCS have also released a total of 120,000USD to the Branches currently responding to the IDPs crisis to cover for the initial procurement of food, water and non-food items.

The IRCS submitted a formal appeal to IFRC for international assistance to respond to the needs of the displaced population on 12 June 2014

IRCS Dohuk Branch in coordination with the local authorities distributed 60,000 hot meals and water to 30,000 IDPs out of the 100,000 IDPs who are camped in Badriya, by June 12,

IRCS Erbil Branch staff and volunteers conducted a rapid assessment to determine the numbers of IDPs and needs. On 10 June 2014, IRCS, in coordination with the Office of Erbil Governor, identified a site in Khazir and set up 100 tents to provide shelter to the IDPs.

The Federation team has been supporting IRCS, in coordination, development of the DREF and eventually Emergency appeal and mobilization of resources and will further deploy FACT/RDRT and eventually an Operations Coordinator.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is taking action to help people in Mosul and elsewhere. ICRC teams have already distributed one-month food parcels and other relief items to over 10,000 people displaced in Zummar and in Al-Qosh, north of Mosul.

ICRC personnel in Kirkuk, Dohuk, Erbil and Baghdad are monitoring the situation closely. More food and other relief items will be delivered by ICRC in the coming days.



IRCS teams supported at least 20,000 affected people with vital services including shelter. Photo: IRCS 10 June, 2014

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have been supporting the IRCS in its programmes and strategic planning process. A Swedish Red Cross delegate also representing German Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross will soon be deployed to Baghdad.

Coordination

The IRCS convene a bi-weekly Disaster Management Coordination committee meeting to ensure effective coordination and information sharing. The Disaster Management Coordination Committee analyse, plan and coordinate response as well as strengthen coordination and partnership with Internal and external stakeholders. The committee support the Society to identify ideal locations where relief supplies can be pre-positioned for rapid response in the event of influx of refugees, plan the timely provision of relief supplies to affected populations, advise on continuous improvement mechanisms for responding to disasters, preparedness/mitigation measures to alleviate the suffering of the IDPs and host Communities, early Warning information collection and analysis, organising joint monitoring and evaluation.:

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

Both the government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region Government have officially requested for International assistance. The Ministry of Displacement and Migration has distributed 300,000 IQD to families in Dohuk.

The UN has initiated a Central Emergency Response Fund CERF request process aiming to target up to one million people (half a million from Anbar and half a million newly displaced from Mosul and other areas). The CERF will likely cover a three month period.

Possibilities of opening additional camps are being assessed by the Ministry of Displacement and Migration, which will also establish an operational room in Erbil. Temporary transit facilities are being set up by the Erbil governorate that installed tents and generators as well as secured ambulances. UN agencies are in process to provide latrines, water trucking, bottled water, hygiene supplies, and other core relief items. Mattresses are being distributed by Turkish relief groups. The Governor of Dohuk requested the establishment of a camp for 2,000 families. The checkpoints' area allowing access between Mosul and Erbil is overcrowded with thousands of people awaiting relatives to pass. Five ambulances and two mobile clinics are made available by other local actors on both sides of the checkpoint where one patient of old age was reported to have passed away. The situation is rendered more complex with the fact that IDPs need resident permit before being referred as patients in Erbil. Additionally, the overcrowded traffic is making it very difficult for ambulances to reach out to patients. In Mosul, most health facilities are inaccessible or damaged.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

A needs assessment was conducted by IRCS local branches and the main outcomes showed the need to support the displaced families and families affected directly by the ongoing violence in some areas.

The plan of action has been drafted based on preliminary information from IRCS staff returning from the field. A detailed assessment is planned when the situation allows.

Selection of beneficiaries:

The beneficiaries targeted are 4,000 families camped in the newly erected tents and other temporary shelters. The identification of the most vulnerable is done together by the local IRCS Branch staff and volunteers

• Governorates	• District	• Affected people	• Target population
• Dohuk	• Badriya	• 100,000 people (20,000 families)	• 10,000
• Erbil	• Khazir	• 150,000 People (30,000 families)	• 5000
• Ninevah	• Mosul-Hamadamiya	• 20,000 People (4,000 families)	• 5,000

Risk assessment:

At this stage, the situation remains very volatile. There are a steadily growing number of displaced families. situation deterioration and access are the major two concerns. The possibility of spill over and more displacement to other areas is very high.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

To provide effective and efficient relief assistance to 4,000 families (20,000 men, women, boys and girls) displaced from Nineveh as a result of the on-going crisis . The focus will be on providing food parcels, water and NFIs (hygiene kits and blankets)

The average size of a family is estimated to be 5 persons

Proposed strategy

This operations aims to support the IRCS in responding efficiently and effectively to the growing needs of the displaced Iraqi communities in Dohuk, Erbil and Ninevah.

20,000 vulnerable displaced men, women, children and elderly will be provided with food, water and non-food items.. A total number of 500 volunteers and staff have been mobilized for this operation.

The IRCS's timely and efficient response to the humanitarian needs is a reflection of the Society's endeavour to becoming a well functional and operational humanitarian organization in Iraq

This is DREF operation is considered as a start up of larger operation. The IRCS together with IFRC aims to scale up the operation based on further information and assessment once gathered from the field. IFRC was requested to launch an emergency appeal on behalf of IRCS and this will be done through the use of IFRC response mechanisms including the deployment of surge capacity support (FACT and RDRT) to provide necessary field support to IRCS teams on the ground and to conduct necessary assessment, enhance coordination and to develop the wider and comprehensive emergency plan of action.

Operational support services

In order for the intervention to meet its objectives, additional assistance will be needed from the different support services of the NS such as DM, IM, Logistics; Administration, Finance; PMER; Communications and; Security Resource mobilization.

Technical support will be provided by the IFRC as needed.

Human resources

The IRCS has over 2,000 staff and over 10,000 volunteers. The IFRC and ICRC have heavily invested in scaling up the skills of the staff and volunteers through training and coaching. IFRC will provide support to the volunteers through incentives for volunteers and staff involved.

Logistics and supply chain

IRCS has 1 central warehouse and 7 strategic warehouses including 1 each in Erbil and Dohuk branches. The local market allows alternatives in terms of suppliers and most items will be procured locally.

IFRC will also liaise and coordinate actions with the ICRC, logistics cluster and other key actors to ensure that the logistics operation uses all information to be as efficient and effective as possible.

Communications

The IFRC senior Communications officer is supporting the IRCS' head of communications at the IRCS to develop and post web stories to inform and document the society's response both within the Movement and externally.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

Monitoring and evaluations will be done regularly by the National Society staff and IFRC team, with adherence to IFRC's standard guidelines and focus on a results-based monitoring system. The monitoring team will ensure objectives are achieved based on the designed response plan. A Monitoring report will be produced and published during the intervention to update on the progress against objectives as well as any change in operation that might occur.

The IFRC continues to engage and have open communications with the Iraq Red Crescent and beneficiaries to ensure a continuous improvement of the efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, sustainability, accountability, and impact of the assistance delivered.

A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 15 November 2014).

Administration and Finance

The IRCS Finance Department ensures appropriateness of the accounting records and the adequacy of internal control systems to ensure and safeguard the interests of the Partners and beneficiaries in order for the funds to be spent efficiently and effectively while attaining programme objectives.

The IRCS has taken steps to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Finance staff through the computerisation of the Finance process as well as building the skills of the technical staff accordingly.

Budget

Please see the Attached Budget in Annex 1

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DREF OPERATION

13/06/2014

Budget Group		DREF Grant Budget CHF
		Budget
500	Shelter - Relief	-
501	Shelter - Transitional	-
502	Construction - Housing	-
503	Construction - Facilities	-
505	Construction - Materials	-
510	Clothing & Textiles	100,000.00
520	Food	60,000.00
523	Seeds & Plants	-
530	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	152,000.00
540	Medical & First Aid	-
550	Teaching Materials	-
560	Ustensils & Tools	-
570	Other Supplies & Services	-
571	Emergency Response Units	-
578	Cash Disbursements	-
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES		312,000.00
580	Land & Buildings	-
581	Vehicles Purchase	-
582	Computer & Telecom Equipment	3,600.00
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	-
587	Medical Equipment	-
589	Other Machinery & Equipment	-
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT		3,600.00
590	Storage, Warehousing	-
592	Distribution & Monitoring	-
593	Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,157.36
594	Logistics Services	-
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE		3,157.36
600	International Staff	-
640	Regional Staff	8,300.00
661	National Staff	-
662	National Society Staff	2,000.00
667	Volunteers	5,333.36
Total PERSONNEL		15,633.36
670	Consultants	-
750	Professional Fees	-
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES		-
680	Workshops & Training	-
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING		-
700	Travel	5,000.00
710	Information & Public Relations	-
730	Office Costs	1,000.00
740	Communications	1,500.00
760	Financial Charges	350.00
790	Other General Expenses	-
790	Shared Support Services	-
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES		7,850.00
599	Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	22,245.65
Total INDIRECT COSTS		22,245.65
TOTAL BUDGET		364,486.37