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DREF Final Report

Palestine, winter storm

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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 final report: December 16, 2013 to February 16, 2014.

Summary:

CHF 150,814 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on December 16, 2013 to support the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in planning to deliver assistance to 6,000 families¹, and to replenish the used contingency stocks; nevertheless 7,562 families (49,971 people) were reached.

This operation was completed by 16 February 2014. The DREF operation update was issued on May 8, 2014 to allow time for data gathering and financial reporting.



PRCS response teams provide relief items to the most vulnerable families in the West Bank (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. The Netherlands RC/Govt and DG ECHO have replenished the DREF for 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

¹ The DREF Operation erroneously mentions reaching 6,000 beneficiaries, where in fact it should be 6,000 families (36,000 beneficiaries)

The announced extreme heavy rain fall and snow storms hit the West Bank and Gaza on 10 December 2013 and later stroke throughout Palestine. The heavy rain and snow has generated floods in several parts of Palestine and 20 families have been evacuated from their houses with the support of PRCS. One baby in Gaza was reported dead, as the family's home was inundated.

PRCS proactively activated its four operation rooms in the West Bank and Gaza Monday 10 December in preparation for the arrival of the expected heavy rain fall and PRCS emergency teams have since been operating continuously to respond to the emerging needs.

The situation

A very heavy winter storm including heavy snow hit the Palestine between December 9 and 19, 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 and snow that fell in 7 days was almost half the quantity for a whole rainy season, and the snow storms covered the land above 400 metres with up to 60-80 cm of snow. In many places the rivers overflowed, the roads were cut and normal access to services disrupted. In Gaza Strip, most of the places were completely flooded.

The most affected areas were the most vulnerable ones: Bedouin communities and the communities living close to the separation wall. More than 7,562 families (49,971 people) located in the districts of Gaza, Hebron, Jenin, Salfit, Ramallah, Tubas, Jordan Valley, Nablus, Bani Naim, Yalta and the Jerusalem area beyond the separation wall 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 and snow.

The impact of these 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.

From December 10, 2013 to December 24, 2013, PRCS has provided first aid and assistance and relief items, including tents, tarpaulins, blankets, mattresses, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, heaters and sleeping pads, to 7,562 families in the West Bank and Gaza. In addition, PRCS has evacuated 1,771 families from their houses.

Furthermore, PRCS Emergency Medical Services has assisted 2,006 people in the West Bank and Gaza to get to the hospital, including mothers who needed to give birth. They have also provided assistance in several cases of traffic accidents and other incidents caused by the bad weather conditions.



PRCS disaster response teams in the West Bank responded winter storm (PRCS)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PRCS emergency operation centres were activated in Hebron, Gaza, Nablus and Ramallah 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 600 NDRT members were deployed during the emergency to assess the needs and distribute the non food relief items to the affected people; per diems and insurance was given to volunteers.

Distribution and location of beneficiaries

A total of 49,971 people belonging to 7,562 families received relief goods based on identified needs from PRCS as per the following tables:

West Bank

Area	Beneficiaries	Families	Kerosene Stove	Pillows	Lantern Lighting	Tent	Blankets	Mattresses	Kitchen Kit	Hygiene Kit	Kerosene Heater	Tarpaulins
Central	1,479	198	5	1	31		1,464	58	20	26	51	355
North	452	129		67			472	252	25	51	2	14
South	293	38		33		10	122	96	36	36	8	
Total	2,224	365	5	101	31	10	2,058	406	81	113	61	369

Gaza Strip

Area	Beneficiaries	Families	Lighting	Tent	Jerryca n	Sleeping bag	Blanke t	Mattresse s	Hygiene Kit	heater	Tarpau lins
Rafah	4,242	707 partially affected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,084
	522	87 Totally affected	0	0	0	238	394	96	46	24	0
Khan Younis	6,216	1,036 partially affected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,362
	630	105 Totally affected	0	0	0	90	577	221	101	38	0
Central Region	10,380	1730 partially affected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,181
	900	150 Totally affected	0	2	0	140	660	310	143	77	14
Gaza	7,212	1,202 partially affected	0	0	738	738	738	0	0	0	2,302
	4,128	688 Totally affected	225	164	422	1,168	2,887	568	337	438	956
Northern Gaza	6,252	1,042 partially affected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,550
	2,700	450 Totally affected	0	0	0	396	2011	1019	419	52	26
Total	43,182	7,197	225	166	1,160	2,770	7267	2,214	1,046	631	9,475

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of 7,562 (49,971 people) of the most vulnerable families (men, women, boys and girls) affected by the winter storm through provision of selected non-food items
Outputs 7,562 families (49,971 people) affected by the winter storm receive basic household items (blankets, mattresses, heaters, kitchen kits, hygiene kits, sets of water proof clothing and shoes)
Activities Achieved : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-food items of: 9,325 blankets, 2,620 mattresses, 692 heaters, 81 kitchen kits, 1,159 hygiene kits, have been received. • The PRCS emergency stocks have been replenished. • The non-food items have been distributed. (as the table above.)
Emergency shelter
Outcome: Contribute to improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable families affected by the winter storm through provision of emergency shelter solutions
Output: 7,562 families receive tents and shelter construction materials (tarpaulins & tools) and the necessary support in erecting emergency shelter
Activities Achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 tents have been purchased. • Tents have been distributed in West Bank and Gaza Strip. • 400 plastic sheets (tarpaulins) have been purchased for distribution to families whose houses have been partially damaged • 9,844 plastic sheets (tarpaulins) have been distributed.
Awareness raising
Outcome: Contribute to the prevention and reduction of flood risks through public awareness campaigns in the affected areas.
Output: The entire population of the affected areas and surrounding is sensitized through key prevention messages and printed media
Activities Achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000 brochures of awareness raising materials have been printed. • 4,000 brochures have been distributed.

The DREF request targets both the replenishment of PRCS stocks for what had been distributed, and the immediate purchase and distribution of additional items for the continuation of the emergency. Thus as the operation benefited from previous stocks, the DREF support help ensure preparedness and immediate response in future response.

Coordination and partnerships

PRCS is a member of the High Council of Civil Defence that was initiated by the Palestinian authorities and has long been supporting the Civil Defence in contingency planning.

Since the onset of the emergency there has been ongoing coordination between PRCS, the Palestinian Civil defence, local and national authorities, including governorates and municipalities, UN agencies as well as within the RCRC Movement.

Furthermore PRCS, the Palestinian Civil Defence and the Governorates in cooperation with all OCHA have developed an online system to improve coordination during the winter storm. It is an online interactive mapping system that indicates emergency needs by colour codes. There are five core field assessors who are also the focal points tasked with inputting needs information into the online system, these are: OCHA, UNRWA, the Civil Defence, Governorates and PRCS.

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- DREF operation update issued on May 8, 2014.



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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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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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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2013/12-2014/9	Programme	MDRPS008
Budget Timeframe	2013/12-2014/2	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

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		150,814				150,814	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		150,307				150,307	
C4. Other Income		150,307				150,307	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		150,307				150,307	
D. Total Funding = B + C		150,307				150,307	

* 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							
C. Income		150,307				150,307	
E. Expenditure		-150,307				-150,307	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		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)			150,814			150,814		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	21,640						21,640	
Clothing & Textiles	73,650						73,650	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	3,200						3,200	
Teaching Materials	1,250						1,250	
Utensils & Tools	38,090						38,090	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	137,830						137,830	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	1,260						1,260	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	1,260						1,260	
Personnel								
Volunteers	2,520						2,520	
Total Personnel	2,520						2,520	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			141,133			141,133	-141,133	
Total Contributions & Transfers			141,133			141,133	-141,133	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	9,205		9,174			9,174	31	
Total Indirect Costs	9,205		9,174			9,174	31	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	150,814		150,307			150,307	508	
VARIANCE (C - D)			508			508		

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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	150,814		150,307	150,307	150,307	0	
Subtotal BL2	150,814		150,307	150,307	150,307	0	
GRAND TOTAL	150,814		150,307	150,307	150,307	0	

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Budget Group	BUDGET CHF	EXPENSES USD	EXPENSES CHF
Shelter - Relief	15,810	24,430	21,669
Shelter - Transitional			0
Construction - Housing			0
Construction - Facilities			0
Construction - Materials			0
Clothing & Textiles	79,565	83,084	73,695
Food			0
Seeds & Plants			0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	13,770	3,656	3,243
Medical & First Aid			0
Teaching Materials	1,250	1,139	1,010
Utensils & Tools	27,387	43,080	38,212
Other Supplies & Services			0
Emergency Response Units			0
Cash Disbursements			0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	137,782	155,389	137,830
Land & Buildings			0
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			0
Distribution & Monitoring			0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,275	1,481	1,314
Logistics Services			0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	1,275	1,481	1,314
International Staff			0
National Staff			0
National Society Staff			0
Volunteers	2,552	2,251	1,997
Total PERSONNEL	2,552	2,251	1,997
Consultants			0
Professional Fees			0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0		0
Workshops & Training			0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	0		0
Travel			0
Information & Public Relations			0
Office Costs			0
Communications			0
Financial Charges			0
Other General Expenses			0
Shared Office and Services Costs			0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	0		0
Partner National Societies			0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)			0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0		0
Programme and Services Support Recovery			0
Total INDIRECT COSTS	0		0
TOTAL EXPENSES	141,609	159,121	141,140

USD 159,649.98.(CHF141,609 fx rate 1.13) transfer received from IFRC. Unspent balance of USD 529 returned to IFRC.

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