

# Emergency appeal operations update

## Italy: Population Movement

<b>Emergency appeal n° MDRIT002</b>		<b>GLIDE n° OT-2015-000050-ITA</b>
<b>Operations update n° 1</b>		<b>Timeframe of the operation: 24 April 2015 – 29 February 2016</b>
<b>Date of issue: 23 July 2015</b>		<b>Timeframe covered by this update: 8 May 2015 - 17 July 2015</b>
<b>Appeal budget: CHF 2,710,576</b>	<b>Appeal coverage: 18.2 % (hard); 44.1% (hard &amp; soft)</b>	<b>Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: CHF 1,194,663</b>
<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: CHF 283,305</b>		
<b>N° of people being assisted: 85,000 people</b>		
<b>Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches):</b>		
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b>		
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b>		

#### Appeal history:

- On 25 April 2015, a DREF allocation was released in the sum of 283,305 Swiss francs.
- On 8 May 2015, the on-going Emergency Appeal was published for 2,710,576 Swiss francs.

**Summary:** In the first six months of 2015, 137,000 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe by sea. That compares to 75,000 in the same period of 2014, marking an 83 per cent increase over 2014. Out of the total number of migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea, 70,354 people went to Italy. That number can be expected to increase further in the second half of the year, especially during the summer months of July, August and September. The operational scenario is changing as compared with the situation when the Emergency Appeal was launched last May because the migrants started to move about the whole territory of Italy, and different local branches are involved in different activities supporting migrants. In Ventimiglia, a first aid point and a reception centre were opened near the border with France. In Rome and Milan, camps were opened for the transit migrants. In Bolzano, the Italian Red Cross signed an agreement with the local authorities to provide health service to the migrants held up at the railway station when they were trying to cross into Austria.

The local branches of the Italian Red Cross (ItRCS) in Sicily, Apulia, Calabria, Lombardy, Liguria and Trentino Alto Adige are participating in the assessment of the situation on a regular basis, and are in regular contact with the Italian Red Cross's migration department at the national headquarters (NHQ), for situation updates and for the coordination of the resources so as to avoid a duplication of efforts.



The Catania Branch of the Italian Red Cross has set up a clinic to offer medical treatment, psychosocial support and counselling to migrants.  
Photo by Damien Fulton Naylor / IFRC

The Emergency Appeal is currently funded at 44.1 per cent including hard and soft pledges, with the generous multilateral contributions received from Austrian RC, British RC, Finnish RC, Icelandic RC, Japanese RC, Monaco RC, Netherlands RC, Norwegian RC, Swedish RC, the Swiss Government and Swiss private donors. On behalf of the Italian Red Cross Society, the IFRC Secretariat would like to extend its thanks to all partners for their continued support.

## Summary of current response

ItRCS staff and volunteers in the whole territory of Italy are assisting the arriving migrants by providing lifesaving interventions including the provision of first aid, conducting medical screening for all new arrivals in the port, the provision of health information, psycho-social support, relief distribution and restoring family links (RFL) in close cooperation with the ICRC.

The IFRC Secretariat deployed its Disaster Management Coordinator from Budapest on several missions to support the Italian Red Cross in the detailed needs assessment and in delivering recommendations for the operation.

**Table 1: Disaggregated data of the migrant population as of 30 June 2015 for the first six months of the year**

<b>Male</b>	55,394
<b>Female</b>	8,567
<b>Minors</b>	6,393 (4,344 unaccompanied minors)
<b>Total</b>	70,354

To date, the Italian Red Cross is giving assistance to some 57,703 people at the disembarkation points in the south of Italy. Some of the items used in the activities were supplied from the previous stocks available in the National Society's warehouses.

The other regions are also starting the activities but due to some over-stretching of the staff, numerical data are not available at this point and will be provided in the next operations update.

A needs assessment has been made in Ventimiglia (north of Italy) along with the RFL team from the French RC and the ICRC RFL Delegate from the ICRC's Paris office. Several hundreds of volunteers were deployed to the field where they were registering and assisting the migrants. All measures taken have been implemented in the framework of the Italian RC's RFL strategy, thereby strengthening its RFL response in a migration context.

To date more than 3,085 volunteers are mobilized for the activities at the disembarkation points.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Italian Red Cross is working closely with various stakeholders involved in migration activities and programs in Italy, including governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Ministry of Interior of the Italian Republic is the central agency that governs migrant operations in Italy. Regular meetings are conducted with all the stakeholders to coordinate their resources and to optimize their efforts.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the IFRC Secretariat and the Italian Red Cross has been signed, paving the way for the implementation of the activities envisaged in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA). The Italian Red Cross is in close contact with the IFRC Secretariat and ICRC to coordinate their activities.

The leaders of the European Union held emergency meetings in April and agreed to triple the funding of their Frontex led operations in the Mediterranean, bringing it to the levels of the former project called "Mare Nostrum" and significantly increasing their scope and coverage. This included the deployment of naval vessels from several EU States. These efforts are supplemented by many private and non-governmental initiatives.

## Operational implementation

### Overall objective

The immediate needs of the people arriving in the harbours of Sicily, Puglia and Calabria are met through the provision of basic food and non-food items, medical and psychosocial support as well RFL service for 85,000 migrants/asylum seekers.

Due to the changes in the operational environment, Italian Red Cross will provide the same assistance in the whole territory of Italy for transiting migrants, especially for those branches that have not signed a cooperation agreement (MoU) with the local authorities. A critical situation had to be managed in the north of Italy, where the Italian Red Cross was providing humanitarian assistance to the migrants stopped at the land borders, and in the main railway stations where the migrants were waiting to leave Italy before crossing into countries that seem to offer more chances for them.

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors	
Outcome(s)	Output(s)
<b>Outcome 1</b> Continuous monitoring of the situation	<b>Output 1.1</b> The Regional Operational Rooms of the Italian Red Cross's Sicily, Calabria and Puglia branches will be monitoring the situation and will be deploying their teams if needed.

Assessments have taken place to determine the current situation of the migrants and also to assess the current needs of the beneficiaries. The results indicate that the needs are present for the whole territory of Italy, and for this very reason the operational strategies are also changing.

The regional operational rooms of Sicily, Calabria and Puglia have deployed more than 3,085 volunteers in those three regions during the disembarkation activities.

### Progress towards outcomes

Shelter and settlements (and household items)	
Outcome(s)	Output(s)
<b>Outcome 1</b> Non-food assistance is provided to migrants/asylum seekers	<b>Output 1.1</b> 85,000 migrants receive basic emergency items.

In the disembark ports, ItRCS volunteers have distributed non-food items, based on the assessment carried out during the disembarkation activities and based on the needs identified by the NS's staff

- 2,000 feminine kits;
- 800 infant kits;
- 9,500 relief kits.

### Progress towards outcomes

Food security, nutrition and livelihoods	
Outcome(s)	Output(s)
<b>Outcome 1</b> Food is provided in the ports according to the assessed needs.	<b>Output 1.1</b> Food is distributed by Italian RC to beneficiaries in the ports.

ItRCS volunteers have distributed 10,000 food kits in the disembarkation ports.

### Progress towards outcomes

<b>Restoring family links</b>	
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Output(s)</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Family links are restored wherever people are separated from, or stay without news of, their families.	<b>Output 1.</b> Family tracing, messaging services are provided to the migrants.

Based on the initial activities carried on by the RFL Desk in Catania, supported in the beginning with DREF resources and now with ICRC funds, it has been possible to achieve a variety of goals by strengthening networks with both the national institutions and the Red Cross National Societies in the Mediterranean area. The strong relationship built up with the authorities is based on the power of the RFL network and the capability to ensure a strong humanitarian tool for the families. On the other hand, it is vital to enhance the support of the Red Cross National Societies towards the vulnerabilities generated by forced migration by building a mechanism for a strong and solid humanitarian response.

### Progress towards outcomes

<b>Health &amp; care</b>	
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Output(s)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> The beneficiaries and staff/volunteers are provided with psychosocial support services (PSS).	<b>Output 1.1</b> Psychosocial support is provided to people in need (migrants and asylum seekers as well as Italian RC volunteers and staff)
<b>Outcome 2</b> Beneficiaries are provided with first aid and basic health care.	<b>Output 2.1</b> First aid and basic health care are provided to those who need them.

By the time of writing this report, the Italian Red Cross has provided first aid and basic health care to 57,703 migrants.

Related on PSS, the Italian Red Cross is providing such services to people who require those. Special attention is given to the survivors of dangerous trips and to smuggled / trafficked people. The psychologists are working in the docks at the arrival and at the first reception centres.

### Progress towards outcomes

<b>Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion</b>	
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Output(s)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> The risk of sanitation-related diseases has been reduced through the distribution of basic hygiene kits.	<b>Output 1.1</b> 85,000 migrants receive basic hygiene kits upon arrival.

In the disembarkation ports, ItRCS volunteers have distributed 10,000 basic hygiene kits upon arrival of the migrants by search and rescue boats.

## Progress towards outcomes

<b>National Society capacity building</b>	
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Output(s)</b>
<b>Outcome 1</b> The capacity of the National Society is strengthened to respond to the consequences of the crisis situations.	<b>Output 1.1</b> Italian Red Cross has been strengthened to provide efficient response during the disembarkation of the migrants/asylum seekers.
<b>Outcome 2</b> The functionality of the Lampedusa branch is guaranteed	<b>Output 2.1</b> A temporary reception office is set up for the Lampedusa branch.

The volunteers of the Lampedusa branch are now involved in the disembarkation operations.

Recruitment for key support services personnel including an emergency appeal coordinator, a Linguistic mediator and a field officer is in progress. Internal systems and protocols for response are being reviewed due to changes in the operational environment.

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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 Humanitarian 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:



**Save lives.**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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**Disaster Response Financial Report****MDRIT002 - Italy - Population Movement**

Timeframe: 24 Apr 15 to 29 Feb 16

Appeal Launch Date: 08 May 15

Interim Report

**Selected Parameters**

Reporting Timeframe	2015/04-06	Programme	MDRIT002
Budget Timeframe	2015/04-2016/02	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
<b>A. Budget</b>		2,710,576				2,710,576	
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Cash contributions</b>							
<i>Austrian Red Cross</i>		31,086				31,086	
<i>British Red Cross</i>		138,326				138,326	
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		31,300				31,300	
<i>Icelandic Red Cross</i>		20,000				20,000	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		75,408				75,408	
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		47,556				47,556	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		27,981				27,981	
<i>Switzerland - Private Donors</i>		300				300	
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross</i>		22,285				22,285	
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>		<b>394,242</b>				<b>394,242</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		283,304				283,304	
<b>C4. Other Income</b>		<b>283,304</b>				<b>283,304</b>	
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>		<b>677,546</b>				<b>677,546</b>	
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		<b>677,546</b>				<b>677,546</b>	

\* 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>B. Opening Balance</b>							
<b>C. Income</b>		677,546				677,546	
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-283,859				-283,859	
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		<b>393,687</b>				<b>393,687</b>	

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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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			<b>2,710,576</b>			<b>2,710,576</b>		
<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	60,000						60,000	
Construction - Facilities	49,720						49,720	
Clothing & Textiles	678,450						678,450	
Food	76,500						76,500	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	736,320						736,320	
Medical & First Aid	37,000						37,000	
Utensils & Tools	6,000						6,000	
Other Supplies & Services	40,950						40,950	
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Sup</b>	<b>1,684,940</b>						<b>1,684,940</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Vehicles	12,000						12,000	
Computers & Telecom	18,500						18,500	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>30,500</b>						<b>30,500</b>	
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	50,000						50,000	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	25,000						25,000	
Logistics Services	70,000						70,000	
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>145,000</b>						<b>145,000</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Society Staff	408,829						408,829	
Volunteers	63,500						63,500	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>472,329</b>						<b>472,329</b>	
<b>Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>								
Professional Fees	35,000						35,000	
<b>Total Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>35,000</b>						<b>35,000</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	31,100						31,100	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>31,100</b>						<b>31,100</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	36,000		3,766			3,766	32,234	
Information & Public Relations	87,000						87,000	
Office Costs	6,300						6,300	
Communications	10,400		16			16	10,384	
Financial Charges			-261			-261	261	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>139,700</b>		<b>3,521</b>			<b>3,521</b>	<b>136,179</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			263,014			263,014	-263,014	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>263,014</b>			<b>263,014</b>	<b>-263,014</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recover	165,007		17,325			17,325	147,682	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>165,007</b>		<b>17,325</b>			<b>17,325</b>	<b>147,682</b>	
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								
Pledge Reporting Fees	7,000						7,000	
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>	<b>7,000</b>						<b>7,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>2,710,576</b>		<b>283,859</b>			<b>283,859</b>	<b>2,426,716</b>	

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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	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>			2,710,576			2,710,576		
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			2,426,716			2,426,716		

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**IV. Breakdown by subsector**

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
<b>BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people</b>							
Disaster response	2,710,576		677,546	677,546	283,859	393,687	
Subtotal BL2	2,710,576		677,546	677,546	283,859	393,687	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,710,576</b>		<b>677,546</b>	<b>677,546</b>	<b>283,859</b>	<b>393,687</b>	