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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Egypt: Floods

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| DREF Operation | Operation n° MDREG013; Glide n° FL-2016-000114-EGY |
| Date of issue: 09/11/2016 | Date of disaster: 29/10/2016 |
| Operation manager: Amelia Marzal | Point of contact: Mohamed Mohei; Manager, Emergency Action Teams |
| Operation start date: 30/10/2016 | Expected timeframe: 3 months |
| Overall operation budget: CHF 331,252 | |
| Number of people affected: 32,500 people | Number of people to be assisted: 10,000 people |
| Host National Society: 200 volunteers and 50 staff | |
| Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Egyptian Red Crescent only | |
| Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Local authorities, Local NGOs and Army forces | |

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Heavy rains and flooding affected the Upper Egypt and the Red Sea coast, affecting more than 6,500 families at the governorates of South Sinai, Red Sea, Sohag, Qena, and Assuit.

According to official estimates as of 29 October 2016, 26 people have been killed and 72 injured as a result of intense flooding and related hazards.

The torrential rains, which began late on Wednesday 26 October 2016, coupled with exceptionally high winds, have forced the authorities to shut four sea ports in Suez and Port Said provinces and to close some schools and main roads.

Upper Egypt and Red Sea mountainous regions, impoverished areas with poor infrastructure, receive torrential downpours annually in late October and early November. Due to bad weather, the heavy rainfall and floods hit several governorates of Egypt (South Sinai, Red Sea, Sohag, Qena, and Assuit). In addition to deaths and injuries, houses have been swept away, main roads were closed and telephone and power lines were cut especially in Red Sea Governorate.



Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) immediately mobilized its volunteers in the concerned branches, organized its Emergency Action Teams (EAT) and National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT) to provide immediate assistance to affected communities, helping people to evacuate, and providing them with basic first aid, essential relief items and psychosocial support as required. The concerned branches met the immediate needs of the victims, including needs for relief materials such as blankets, mattresses, pillows, ground sheets and food items.

200 ERC volunteers are currently working in the operation, being present on the site accommodating the survivors in temporary shelter managed by ERC.

ERC volunteers continue to provide first aid and psychosocial support to the survivors and their families, providing 24 hour services in rotation. ERC volunteers visit the injured in hospital and provide psycho-social support as needed. Psychosocial support is one of the core areas that the ERC has been developing within the work and the training curriculum of the Emergency Action Teams. The ERC has made big steps in mainstreaming psychosocial support in current training programmes. ERC has been able to reach 6,000 families since the beginning of the floods, but this DREF will be supporting 2,000 families as replenishment of items already distributed.

The operation room in ERC Headquarters is constantly communicating with the concerned branches to identify the actual needs.

ERC Headquarters deployed extra teams of EAT and NDRT to Red Sea Governorate, the worst affected governorate, to provide support to the ERC's Red Sea branch as well as provide from its pre-positioned stocks the following relief items:

- 1,000 blankets
- 1,000 mattresses
- 1,000 pillows
- 1,000 bed sheets
- 1,000 case pillows
- 500 plastic sheeting
- First aid materials.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) and raincoats are provided for volunteers.

Beside the relief material sent from ERC headquarters, the concerned branches distributed the following relief material from their own warehouses:

Red Sea Branch:

The branch distributed the following materials:

- 900 blankets
- 400 mattresses
- 400 pillows
- 400 case pillows
- 400 bed sheets
- 400 plastic sheeting

Sohag Branch:

The branch distributed the following materials:

- 1,000 blankets
- 1,000 mattresses
- 1,000 pillows
- 1,000 case pillow
- 1,000 bed sheets

- 1,000 plastic sheeting

Qena and Assuit Branches:

The branches distributed the following materials:

- 100 blankets
- 100 mattresses
- 100 pillows
- 100 case pillows
- 100 bed sheets

At least 2,000 families were reached with the items above since the onset of the disaster, with some families receiving additional items depending on the size of the family.

ERCS continues to support additional affected families with its own resources.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The North Africa country cluster support office of the International Federation of Red Cross Societies and Red Crescent societies (IFRC), based in Tunis, was notified of the disaster and immediately provided support to the ERC in assessing the impact of the disaster and ERC support needs. It is closely following the evolution of the crisis on the ground. IFRC's MENA regional office and its Disaster and Crisis Prevention Response and Recovery (DCPRR) team, based in Beirut, have been providing technical advice to the North Africa office and ERC throughout the operation in assessing and mobilising the required extent of support necessary for the national society.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

ERC is coordinating with non-RCRC actors in country such as local authorities, local NGO and army forces. Specialised army personnel have been deployed in Red Sea's Ras Gharib with heavy equipment to clean streets and to address the effects of the floods including repair of critical infrastructure to prevent further flooding, as well as restoring electricity and water supplies. The equipment is being used to drain water and sand inside hospitals, schools and government facilities. Water vacuum trucks have been deployed in streets and main squares to restore traffic.

In Upper Egypt, the army distributed 50,000 food boxes to people affected by the bad weather, which hit several villages in Sohag governorate. The army said it assigned a medical convoy to conduct check-ups and provide medicine to residents. It also mobilised a veterinary medical convoy to attend to livestock. Other NGOs are sending food and non-food items and cleaning the affected homes.

A technical committee was assigned to assess the extent of damages and is developing solutions to repair them. ERC has conducted coordination meetings with all parties to perform tasks quickly and effectively. ERC leaders participated in the coordination meeting, which was held in the Ministry of Solidarity including all NGOs to avoid possible duplication of efforts and mistakes.

Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning

At least 6,500 families (approximately 32,500 people) are affected by the floods and have immediate needs in the following areas; emergency shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, prevention of communicable diseases and food items.

The focus of the ERC's support is on the most vulnerable people affected by the flooding. ERC has good experience in organizing distribution of relief items. NDRT members who have been trained in organization of distribution took a lead role in this activity. The IFRC MENA regional office supported the training of NDRT's in 2015, which has contributed towards the preparedness of ERC to respond to the current disaster.

Risk Assessment

Based on weather forecasts expectations the heavy rains are expected to hit some governorates of Egypt for the coming weeks. Therefore, the number of the affected families will be increasing based on the situation.

The state of the roads and difficulty of access may impact on the implementation of the operation.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall objective

This DREF operation aims to replenish relief items distributed by ERC from preparedness stocks, to meet the immediate needs of up to 10,000 people affected by the floods. The replenishment will enable ERC to be further prepared to future disaster events in this floods season.

Proposed strategy

During initial assessments made by ERC, critical needs have been identified and responded to. The operational plan activities have been developed based on the most urgent needs to-date as well as those anticipated in the coming weeks. These are as follows:

- **Shelter and settlement:**
 - Replenishment of the NFI stocks (3,000 blankets, 2,500 mattresses, 2,500 pillows, 2,500 Case pillows, 2,500 bed sheets and 2,000 plastic sheeting) that were distributed in different branches (Red Sea, Sohag, Qena, and Assuit) during the first hours of the disaster.
 - Boots and raincoats for 200 volunteers
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion:**
 - Hygiene kits for 2,000 households
 - Hygiene promotion (reaching out to affected people; printing and distribution of posters and flyers)
- **Health**
 - First aid kits and response
 - PSP items and activities (toys for children, activities for women and elderly).
 - Awareness campaigns on health and risk reduction (printing posters and flyers).

ERC, utilizing its presence of staff and volunteers across the affected areas, has been actively engaged in disaster response since the beginning of the floods. The operation is relief focused, providing the affected population, and especially the displaced and vulnerable people, with shelter and essential non-food items and hygiene kits, with up to 10,000 people reached to date, and with reference to the Sphere standards and how they have been considered and respected in the response.

This operation also includes costs related to the transportation and distribution of the items as well as costs associated with the deployment of ERC staff and volunteers to undertake needs assessment at the onset of the disaster. The budget also covers costs of communications activities undertaken by ERC in relation to the disaster.

Operational support services

Human resources

During the emergency phase and during the operation ERC has been mobilizing 200 volunteers with different skills such as National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT) and Emergency Action Teams (EAT), through their local committees, who were the first present in the ground to provide humanitarian assistance to affected populations. A number of qualified staff has been also deployed from the Headquarter for coordination, and administrative support to the branches in action. The IFRC MENA regional office will look to mobilise Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) personnel should there be a need for surge support, based on continuous consultation with ERC and the IFRC North Africa cluster office.

Logistics and supply chain

IFRC will continue to support ERC in this DREF operation and to strengthen the capacity of the National Society in fleet management, procurement, warehousing and import/export processes. A supply chain is in place to deliver all equipment supplies and to effectively support the DREF operation:

Procurement plans: Local procurement will be carried out via the ERC logistics unit, with support from the IFRC MENA regional office in Beirut to ensure compliance with the IFRC agreed procurement procedures.

Transport and fleet needs: The DREF allocation will support the rental of a truck to assist the implementation of the activities planned.

Information technologies (IT)

To ensure permanent contact between teams and field coordination, ERC is using the Internet, mobile phones, as well as VHF radio networks to facilitate communications.

The DREF allocation will support communications related costs (internet, airtime, courier services etc.)

Communications

The visibility of ERC will be ensured with proper media coverage in both national and local media and press conferences on different milestones.

The media will be involved for the media coverage of food and non-food distribution operations.

Transparency will be ensured by regularly published information to the traditional and social media about the current activities and the progress of the operation, including the amount of donations and aid received and distributed.

Security

ERC ensures maximum safety for its staff and volunteers in the field. Additionally, the team members are trained in first aid and possess proper equipment to intervene until the arrival of the ambulance.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER)

Progress on objectives indicated will be monitored. Reporting on the operation will be done in accordance with the IFRC minimum reporting standards, with a final report to be made available three months after the end of the operation timeframe.

Administration and Finance

ERC has a Finance and Accounting Department. ERC will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with the procedures of ERC and DREF guidelines.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

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| Outcome 1: Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the operation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.1: Initial and continuous needs assessment are updated following consultation with beneficiaries | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities planned | Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Conduct initial assessments in the affected areas | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conduct detailed assessment | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobilize volunteers for the implementation of activities | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitoring visits by ERC | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |

Health & care

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| Outcome 1: The immediate health risks of the population affected by floods is reduced over a period of three months. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.1: first aid provided for all injured affected by floods | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities planned | Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Deployment of First Aid teams | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Provision of first aid | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Procurement of first aid material to replenish stocks | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.2: Psychosocial support provided to affected people | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Activities planned | Week / Month | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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| ERC teams provided Psychosocial support for affected communities | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

| Outcome 1: The risk of water and sanitation related diseases has been reduced through the provision of appropriate sanitation and hygiene items | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Output 1.1: Distributing hygiene kits for 2,000 families | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities planned | Week / Month | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Conducting detailed assessment and identifying needs | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Procurement of relief items | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Packing of relief items | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution of relief items | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hygiene promotion (IEC materials distribution) | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Shelter and settlements (and household items)

| Outcome 1: Immediate housing needs, shelter and settlement of the population most affected by the flooding are met | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Output 1.1: Target population is provided with Non-Food Items (NFIs) and emergency shelter items (target: 2,000 families) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities planned | Week / Month | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |

Budget

See attached

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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 (NGOs) 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.

DREF OPERATION

09/11/2016

Egypt: Floods

| Budget Group | DREF Grant Budget CHF |
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| Shelter - Relief | 30,000 |
| Shelter - Transitional | 0 |
| Construction - Housing | 0 |
| Construction - Facilities | 0 |
| Construction - Materials | 0 |
| Clothing & Textiles | 133,250 |
| Food | 0 |
| Seeds & Plants | 0 |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | 47,000 |
| Medical & First Aid | 660 |
| Teaching Materials | 0 |
| Utensils & Tools | 0 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 0 |
| Cash Disbursements | 0 |
| Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES | 210,910 |
| 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 |
| Storage, Warehousing | 0 |
| Distribution & Monitoring | 0 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 6,500 |
| Logistics Services | 0 |
| Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE | 6,500 |
| International Staff | 0 |
| National Staff | 0 |
| National Society Staff | 15,000 |
| Volunteers | 69,500 |
| Total PERSONNEL | 84,500 |
| Consultants | 0 |
| Professional Fees | 0 |
| Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES | 0 |
| Workshops & Training | 0 |
| Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING | 0 |
| Travel | 2,000 |
| Information & Public Relations | 0 |
| Office Costs | 3,000 |
| Communications | 3,425 |
| Financial Charges | 700 |
| Other General Expenses | 0 |
| Shared Office and Services Costs | 0 |
| Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES | 9,125 |
| Partner National Societies | 0 |
| Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other) | 0 |
| Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS | 0 |
| Programme and Services Support Recovery | 20,217 |
| Total INDIRECT COSTS | 20,217 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 331,252 |