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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Algeria: Floods

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DREF Operation n°	MDRDZ006	Glide n°:	FL-2021-000023-DZA
Date of issue:	18/03/2021	Expected timeframe:	4 months
		Expected end date:	31/07/2021
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow			
DREF allocated: CHF 145,453			
Total number of people affected:	2,500	Number of people to be assisted:	2,435 (487 HHs)
Provinces affected:	Chlef	Provinces/Regions targeted:	Chlef
National Society: Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) has 48 local units (National Society sub-divisions that work directly with the community – this includes local chapters, branches, regional and intermediate offices, and headquarters) and covers all of the country's 48 wilayas (districts), and 24,000 volunteers.			
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)			
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Local authorities, Civil Defence, Ministry of Solidarity.			

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Chlef Province in northern Algeria has experienced heavy rainfall on Saturday 06 March, causing the valley of Wadi Meknasa to flood including the area of the Oud Sly Commune, west of the city of Chlef. The floods caused severe damages to houses and infrastructures, sweeping away vehicles with its passengers, leading to the death of ten people washed away by the water flood including three children. The Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) played a crucial role in the response through its Search and Rescue network of volunteers in support to the civil defence efforts since the beginning.

On 06 March, specialized flood support teams consisting of 300 Civil Defence personnel specialized in search and rescue teams were deployed for search and rescue in flooded areas and under the rubble.

More than 500 families have been affected by the immense floods as the flashing mud water high levels made way through houses and markets. Among which, 280 families have left their damaged houses to seek shelter in an emergency centre set by the Ministry of Solidarity.



Figure 1 Floods causing damages to infrastructures. Photo: ARC

Summary of the current response

Overview of National Society Response Action

From the very first hours, the Algerian Red Crescent's 60 volunteers from two branches were deployed to ensure an effective response carrying out search and rescue and needs assessments in coordination with the Civil Defence and local authorities.

ARC response teams were dispatched to provide psychosocial support, evacuation and transport to emergency shelter, provision of hot meals and food baskets, shelter items including blankets (1,680) and kitchen sets (280).

ARC teams deployed to support the local communities in water drainage from flooded areas using water pumps, clearing, and cleaning the streets and houses of mud and debris.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Actions in country

The IFRC Country Cluster Delegation for North Africa in Tunis and the IFRC MENA Regional Office are supporting ARC and will continue to monitor the situation. The Country Cluster Delegation and the Regional Office will provide needed support and resources for the National Society to facilitate the implementation of the planned relief operation.



Figure 2 ARC volunteers conducting search and rescue activities. Photo: ARC

The IFRC works in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which has been in Algeria since the 1954. ICRC's main activity consists of visiting detainees. ICRC also cooperates with the Algerian Red Crescent on a number of files, such as First Aid, dissemination of IHL/HP, and or Restoring Family Links (RFL).

Overview of non-other actors' actions in country

As per its "plan ORSEC" (National Emergency Plan), the Government leads and coordinates relief activities. A Crisis Committee was established at high level of the Ministry of Interior. Local authorities and crisis committees were set in the affected state. The Algerian Civil Protection and the People's National Army of Algeria have deployed all available personnel and equipment to facilitate the clearing of the roads.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

ARC response teams and local community members conducted initial needs assessments in affected areas by the floods. Based on information gathered, the identified needs are related to food, household items, shelter, health, sanitation, and hygiene. ARC is providing support to the affected people in line with the findings of their assessments, and in coordination with local authorities. This DREF was launched based on preliminary information collected by ARC branches.

More than 500 families were affected by the floods that have hit communities in Meknasa valley of Chelf province. Their properties were damaged partially or completely. Affected households have lost most of their items, including mattresses, blankets, clothes, food stocks, hygiene materials, schoolbooks, etc. Considering the financial situation, targeted affected people can't afford replacing their lost belongings. All affected houses required clean-up and sanitation to be habitable again.

Flooding water ruined food stocks that have been piled in preparedness for winter. Affected people are experiencing food shortages due to the loss of livelihoods and purchasing power.

Targeting

Following to the coordination meetings set by the Government Crisis Committee that leads and coordinates relief activities, the Algerian Red Crescent was encountered to respond to 487 households of which 280 households that are

not able to return to their homes and staying at the emergency shelter, in addition to another 207 families in surrounding areas in Wadi Meknassa that were highly affected.

Operation Risk Assessment

Operational risks are related to heavy rainfall recurring in the area. This may delay the distributions of household items as roads may become impassable, more people will be affected, impact would be higher, and more health concerns will be aroused. ARC is closely monitoring the situation through its network of local volunteers in local branches.

The DREF operation, the needs assessment and its operational strategy consider the risks related to the current COVID-19 pandemic and its alignment with the IFRC global emergency appeal that supports National Societies to deliver assistance and support to communities affected or at risk of being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The planned DREF activities will also follow the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization regulations on hygiene and social distancing especially during distribution of household items.

As of 12 March 2021, a total 115,000 cases of Covid-19 have been registered in country, with 3,028 deaths and 79,556 recoveries. To date, the following measures have been taken to curb the spread of the disease: mandatory mask wearing, closing of borders; set up of proximity screening sites, set up of treatment centres; risk communication and community engagement, providing updated information on the COVID-19 situation.

National Society response activities to COVID-19 are supported through the IFRC global appeal, which is facilitating and supporting the National Society to maintain critical service provision, while adapting to COVID-19. This DREF operation is aligned with and will contribute to the current global strategy and regional Emergency Plan of Action for COVID-19 developed by the IFRC MENA Regional Office, in coordination with global and regional partners. This means that the National Society will ensure, even as it responds to the floods, COVID-19 prevention measures are adhered to in line with regional plan of action and its national COVID-19 country plan. IFRC continues to assess how emergency operations in response to disasters and crisis should adapt to this crisis and provide necessary guidance to its membership on the same. The National Society will keep monitoring the situation closely and revise the plan accordingly if needed, taking into consideration the evolving COVID-19 situation and the operational risks that might develop, including operational challenges related to access to the affected population, availability of relief items, procurement issues, and movement of National Society volunteers and staff as well as international staff. For more information, please consult the Covid-19 operation page on the IFRC [Go platform](#).

Below table indicates potential impact of the pandemic on this DREF operation and how ARC will respond to the situation in the event of COVID 19 mitigation measures are made more stringent.

COVID-19 measures	Standard epidemic control measures	Temporary lockdown of society (schools, shops, public functions)	Sustained lockdown and restriction of movement during implementation period
Likelihood	High	High	Low
Impact on operation	No impact on the operation. ARC will ensure to adhere to the epidemic control measures in place.	ARC is operating in close coordination with local Government and there is no indication that ARC will not be able to operate even in the event of temporary lockdown.	Lockdown measures have been made a bit more flexible since early June, so it is unlikely that sustained lockdown will be required, unless there is a drastic increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in the country.
Mitigating measures	As the epidemic control measures were already in place before the civil unrest, the operation is designed to adhere to the measures. Trainings will be conducted in small groups, with due respect to social distancing measures. Distribution exercises will ensure to adhere to social distancing norms.	Same as under standard epidemic control measures. In addition, some delays might be experienced with procurements. If this happens, a timeframe extension may be requested.	Same as under standard epidemic control measures and temporary lockdowns of society.

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

Through this DREF, ARC aims to replenish their distributed stocks of household items (blankets and kitchen sets), in parallel to their ongoing response to 280 affected households who left their houses due to damages the floods had left to their houses and are staying at an emergency centre set by the Ministry of Solidarity.

ARC will be providing 15 days ration of food parcels for three (3) months for 280 affected families, in addition to 207 affected families in neighbouring village who will receive for one (1) month.

Shelter

ARC is carrying out a response to meet the needs of the affected people who have left their houses with all belongings left behind, if not swapped by the floods. 280 families staying in an emergency shelter set up by the Ministry of Solidarity have been reached through distribution of blankets and kitchen sets part of the National Societies own stocks to be replenished through this operation.

Food Assistance and basic needs

ARC will procure and distribute (15 days ration) of food parcels ¹for three (3) months bringing a total of 2,094 parcels, to cover nutrition needs for 280 families for three (3) months, and 207 families for one (1) month.

Human resources

ARC has mobilised 60 trained and experienced volunteers to carry out relief activities. In each of the 17 affected branches, trained and equipped volunteer teams are being mobilised to operate under the guidance of HQ and branch coordinators. ARC will undertake regular monitoring of distributions and post-distribution phases. IFRC will deploy surge capacity to support the ARC in implementing this DREF operation.

Logistics and procurement

Logistics activities aim to effectively manage the supply chain, including mobilization, procurement, customs clearance, fleet, storage, and transport to distribution sites, in accordance with the operation needs and aligned to IFRC's logistics standards, processes and procedures.

IFRC regional Global Humanitarian Service & Supply Chain Management (GHS & SCM) unit will be supporting closely the Algerian Red Crescent in this DREF operation to strengthen the capacity of the National Society in fleet management, procurement, warehousing and import/export processes.

Local procurement will be carried out via the ARC logistics unit, with support from the IFRC regional office in Beirut to ensure compliance with the IFRC agreed procurement procedures (and costings). International procurement will be carried out via the GHS & SCM MENA Region.

Transport and fleet needs: Local transportation (trucks for household items transfer) may be used in case the normal means of transport (the National Society vehicle fleet) was unable to cover the transport needs for this DREF operation. The transportation of all items from the National Society Headquarters to the affected area has been budgeted for under this DREF.

Communications

To the extent possible Algerian Red Crescent, with the support of the IFRC North Africa Country Cluster Delegation and MENA Regional Office, will be coordinating various awareness and public activities aimed to sensitize the public, the national and international media and donors on the situation, needs on the ground and on the humanitarian response.

Security

The IFRC MENA region will continue working closely with the Algerian Red Crescent to monitor and support on security related matters.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The Algerian Red Crescent will oversee the monitoring aspects of the present operation in the flood affected area through its network of volunteers. IFRC, through its North Africa Country Cluster Delegation and the MENA Regional Office will also provide technical assistance to ensure that a monitoring and evaluation framework for this operation is

¹ Food parcels include white beans, lentils, pasta, rice, sugar, coffee, oil, semolina, wheat, tomato paste, powder milk

in place and that the NS have the knowledge and skills to implement it. An end of action review and a lessons-learned workshop are planned to document lessons from this operation and beyond

Protection Gender and Inclusion (PGI)

ARC has a strong commitment to addressing gender inequalities in this response, which is grounded in experienced through its flagship gender and diversity programming. ARC staff and volunteers will monitor for protection issues in the communities that they serve and will ensure a referral pathway is established for cases identified.

Community engagement and accountability (CEA)

Community accountability and feedback/response mechanisms will be integrated into the operation to ensure that people to be assisted have access to timely and accurate information on the nature and scope of services provided by ARC. In addition to making relevant programmatic changes based on the feedback received by the community around the services.

C. Detailed Operational Plan



Shelter

People targeted: 1,400

Male: 700

Female: 700

Requirements (CHF): 24,171

Needs analysis: The floods that has hit Chlef area has left many houses damaged. Traumatized people have fled their homes leaving all their items behind, if not taken by the floods water. Affected population have been reached by ARC through emergency sheltering in providing blankets and kitchen sets. The targeted 280 HHs are staying in an emergency centre opened by the Ministry of Solidarity.

This DREF aims to replenish distributed household items stocks through international procurement as follows:

- Blankets: 1,680
- Kitchen sets: 280

Risk analysis: Distributions have been finalized, Regional Logistics and Supply Chain unit will lead on the procurement of items to be delivered to the ARC through Oran port, Algeria.

Population to be assisted: Affected population by the floods, 280 households have received shelter items including blankets and kitchen sets.

Programme standards/benchmarks: program standards seek to meet Sphere standards.

P&B Output Code	Shelter Outcome 1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions	# of people reached with safe and adequate shelter and settlement (Target: 1,400)															
	Shelter Output 1.1: Short, medium and long-term shelter and settlement assistance is provided to affected households	# households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance (Target: 280)															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP005	Coordination with government and other stakeholders																
AP005	Distribution of the household items to the affected population																



Livelihoods and basic needs

People targeted: 2,435

Male: 1,217

Female: 1,218

Requirements (CHF): 82,846

Needs analysis: Initial rapid assessments highlighted that affected communities are in need of food items, as existing food stocks have been damaged or destroyed by the floods. Through this DREF, ARC will meet the basic needs of 280 families for three months, and of 207 families for one month through distributions of 15 days ration food baskets.

Risk analysis: ARC aims to finalize the local procurement for the food parcels with standing framework with supplier. This should ensure a quick response to the targeted families. A risk of delay might occur if retendering is required. ARC will ensure to finalise the distributions in a timely response.

Population to be assisted: 487 affected families by the floods will be targeted with emergency food assistance through distribution of food parcels.

Programme standards/benchmarks: The programme standards will seek to meet Sphere standards.

P&B Output Code	Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods	# of households receiving food assistance. (Target: 487)															
	Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities	# of targeted households that have enough food to meet their survival threshold. (Target: 487)															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP008	Basic food parcels are distributed every 15 days for 3 months																
AP008	Basic food parcels are distributed every 15 days for 1 month																

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF): 38,436

P&B Output Code	S1.1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform	<i># of motivated volunteers who are protected and insured (Target: 60 volunteers)</i>															
	Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected	<i># of volunteers insured and geared with protective equipment (Target: 60 volunteers)</i>															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP040	Ensure that volunteers are insured																
AP040	Ensure volunteers' safety and wellbeing																
P&B Output Code	Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured	<i>Effective and coordinated international disaster response ensured. (Target: Yes)</i>															
	Output S2.1.1: Effective and respected surge capacity mechanism is maintained.	<i># of surge members deployed (as per need) # of surge missions (as per need)</i>															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP046	Ensure surge mechanism activated if needed																
P&B Output Code	Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.	<i># of lessons learned workshop conducted (Target: 1 workshop)</i>															
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	AP055	Lessons learned WS															

Funding Requirements

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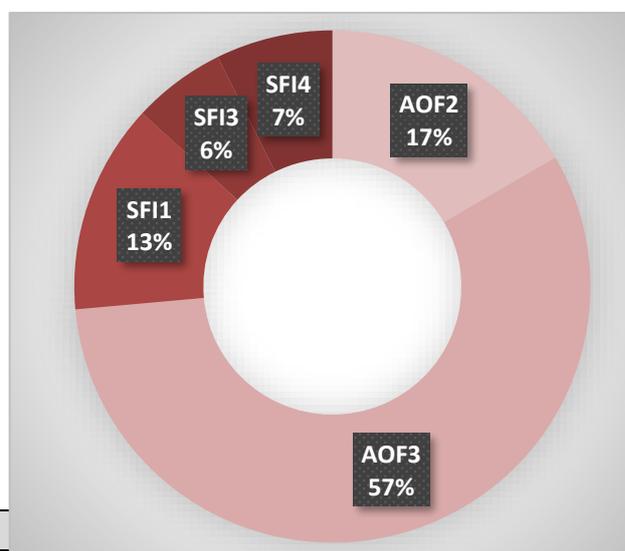
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Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Clothing & Textiles	7,980
Food	73,290
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	87,836
Distribution & Monitoring	11,750
Logistics, Transport & Storage	11,750
National Society Staff	10,000
Volunteers	18,990
Personnel	28,990
Workshops & Training	8,000
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DIRECT COSTS	136,576
INDIRECT COSTS	8,877
TOTAL BUDGET	145,453

Budget by Area of Intervention

AOF1	Disaster Risk Reduction	
AOF2	Shelter	24,171
AOF3	Livelihoods and Basic Needs	82,846
AOF4	Health	
AOF5	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
AOF6	Protection, Gender and Inclusion	
AOF7	Migration	
SFI1	Strengthen National Societies	19,266
	Effective International Disaster	
SFI2	Management	
	Influence others as leading strategic	
SFI3	partners	8,520
SFI4	Ensure a strong IFRC	10,650
TOTAL		145,453





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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.**