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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Iraq: Earthquake

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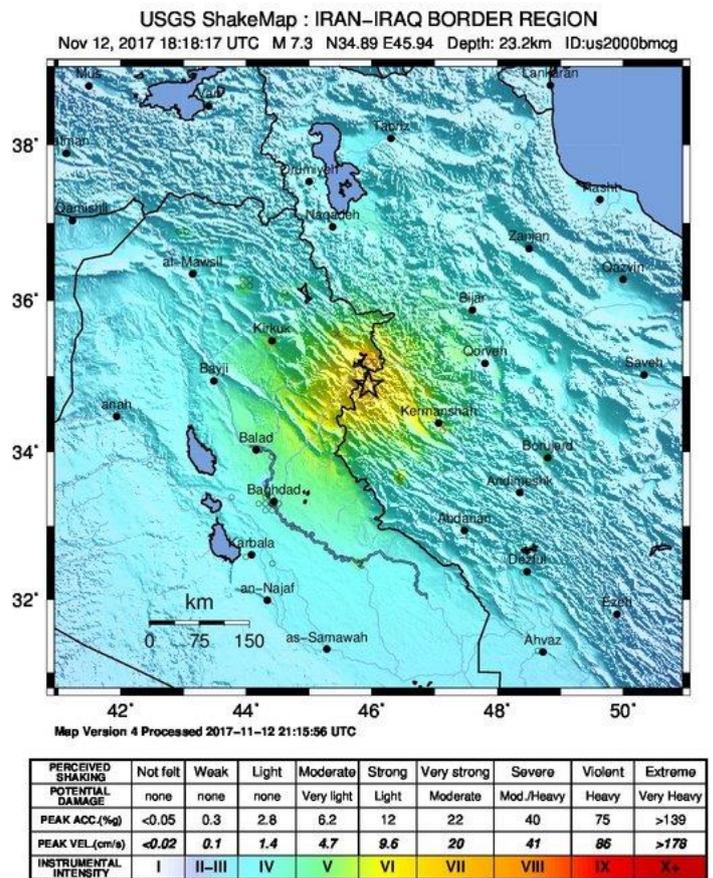
DREF n°: MDRIQ009	Glide n°: EQ-2017-000165-IRQ
Date of issue: 1 st December 2017	Expected timeframe: 3 months, Expected end date: 1 March, 2018
DREF allocated: CHF 117,363	Number of people to be assisted: 3,025 + 2,475 people indirectly affected= 5,500
Total number of people directly affected: 3,025 people	
Iraqi Red Crescent Society (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 30 staff, 100 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Kuwait Red Crescent, Turkish Red Crescent, Qatar Red Crescent, ICRC	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Federal and local government	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 12 November, a 7.3 magnitude earthquake hit the northern border region between Iran and Iraq.

- The earthquake hit at 21:18 local time (18:18 GMT) about 30 miles (19 km) southwest of Halabja, near the northeastern border with Iran.
- The earthquake occurred at a relatively shallow depth of 33.9 km (21.06 miles), and tremors were felt in Turkey, Israel, Kuwait, and the Gulf.
- Multiple aftershocks occurred in the days after the main earthquake, including a 4.2 magnitude tremor at the Iran-Iraq border at 15:15 UTC on 22 November.
- The most affected areas are the Sulaymaniyah governorate, notably Darbandikhan District. Major cities affected include Darbandikhan, Halabja, Khanaqin, Kalar, Sulaymaniyah and Erbil
- Reported number of people affected and assisted:
 - 10 people dead
 - 469 injured
 - 3,025 people directly affected
 - 2,475 people indirectly affected
 - 5,500 people assisted



Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

- a) The IRCS has reached 3,025 direct beneficiaries and 2,475 indirect beneficiaries. Indirect beneficiaries are people indirectly affected in the neighboring communities, either by having to host or otherwise support direct beneficiaries. Indirect beneficiaries were supported with food and hygiene kits.
- b) Iraq worked around the clock in the affected areas to provide urgent search and rescue, first aid, psychosocial support and relief items. The IRCS Emergency Response Team was the first humanitarian organization providing immediate response after the earthquake through their relief and health teams. The response was fully coordinated with the local public authorities and communities. The IRCS also supported the evacuation of the patients from the damaged Sulaymaniyah hospital and students from the dormitories in Halabja.
- c) An emergency committee was immediately established by IRCS to evaluate the situation and the damages. The committee conducted initial field visits to affected areas in Kalar, Darbandikhan, and Halabja.
- d) 60 first aid kits distributed by IRCS to Sulaymaniyah Hospital Emergency Department.
- e) IRCS teams supported affected people by providing first aid and transportation of injured to hospital in Sulaymaniyah.
- f) The IRCS has provided the hospitals in Darbandikhan and Halabja with dressing and disinfection materials.
- g) The IRCS transported 256 injured/patients to hospitals in nearby areas due to damages and partly collapse of local hospitals.
- h) The distribution of relief items includes:
 - 565 tents, including 7 tents to Darbandikhan General hospital and 42 tents to the Halabja University. 2825
 - Installation of a rub hall in Halabja Obstetric Hospital
 - 5,100 hot meals
 - 1,260 blankets
 - 1,100 food baskets
 - 1,100 hygiene sets
 - 160 First Aid kits
 - 100 mattresses
 - 100 tarpaulins,
 - 100 lanterns,
 - 100 water kettles,
 - 150 kerosene heaters,
 - 100 30 kg's rice bags,
 - 100 thermoses,
 - 100 kitchen sets,
 - 200 jerry cans,
 - 200 hand towels
 - 100 Volunteer fees

Hot meals were provided as an immediate measure whereas food parcels were provided to sustain families for one month.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

IRCS Headquarters maintains daily communication with the IFRC Iraq Country Office in Baghdad and weekly coordination meetings with Movement partners in country are taking place to discuss and plan activities that will improve the collective capacity and impact. Movement partners in country have been informed of this DREF and there is no duplication of support. Turkish Red Crescent provided essential supplies. Other Movement partners actively involved in the operation include Kuwait Red Crescent, Qatar Red Crescent and ICRC.

In addition, the IRCS and IFRC continue to closely coordinate with the Iraqi Government and other humanitarian organizations to continue an efficient and effective response to the needs.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

While the IRCS has been responding to the imminent needs of the affected people from the earthquake, a damage assessment has been conducted of the houses and buildings in the affected areas of Sulaymaniyah governorate. A total of 605 families (3,025 people) have been affected by the earthquake. Some houses and buildings had collapsed to the ground, while other residences have been severely damaged and are on the verge of collapsing. The damage has forced residents to flee from their homes and stay in tents or seek shelter at their relatives/acquaintances. Approximately 600 aftershocks have been recorded in the aftermath of the earthquake, with the latest occurring at the Iran-Iraq border region at 15:15 UTC on November 22nd November, reportedly with a 4.2 magnitude.

Risk Assessment

In addition, the Darbandikhan Dam that has been affected by the earthquake (see photos below). The dam has suffered cracking, and landslides are reported to have pushed rocks and rubble onto the spillway. Some vertical and horizontal cracks are visible in the upper part of the 55-year-old dam, one of which is about 450 meters long. The integrity of the dam is currently being assessed and will continue to be monitored. There are no reports that suggests an immediate danger of collapse.

Large parts of central Iraq are classified as high-risk areas. A robust security set-up and heightened security awareness are essential when operating in Iraq. IFRC operates from Baghdad. Except Kurdistan, travels to other territories of Iraq are not allowed due to safety reasons. Most of the roads are either blocked or not operational and flights are over booked. The relative perception of security in Iraq may change on short notice in case major events happen. IFRC maintains liaison with in-country RCRC Partners, UN and other agencies to update its travel routing. Any security concern resulting from operational or external threats will be tackled in consultation with the National Society and with advice of IFRC Security Units in Beirut and Geneva as well as with ICRC.

With particular reference to the operational strategy outlined below, the emergency relief operation of the IRCS is considered over. However, the National Society continues to be engaged in the overall recovery after the earthquake and will use this DREF to replenish stocks used in the emergency response.



B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

Replenish IRCS stocks used in the response to the earthquake on 12th November 2017

Operational Strategy

While the IRCS continues to be engaged in the overall recovery after the earthquake, the immediate relief response of IRCS is over and the National Society now seeks support for replenishment of stocks used. The replenishment includes:

- 5.100 hot meals
- 1.100 food parcels
- 1.100 hygiene sets
- 160 First Aid kits
- 100 tarpaulins,
- 100 lanterns,
- 100 water kettles,
- 100 35 kg's rice bags,
- 100 thermoses,
- 100 kitchen sets,
- 200 jerry cans,
- 200 hand towels
- 100 Volunteer per-diem
- Logistics costs

Tarpaulins, kitchen sets and jerrycans will be sourced from IFRC stocks in Dubai in order to ensure quality and timely delivery. All other items are available in Iraq and will be procured locally.

Operational Support services

All procurement related to this appeal will follow the IFRC's standards and procurement procedures. Local procurement will be done by the Logistics Department of the IRCS. Any required technical support to the procurement will be provided by the IFRC MENA Operational LPSCM Unit in Beirut.

The storage capacity of IRCS is significant. IRCS maintains a network of relief warehouses, all available for the storage of both food and NFI relief goods.

Information Technologies (IT)

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

Communications

To the extent needed, IRCS will be supported by the IFRC Iraq Country Office and the IFRC MENA Regional Office in coordinating various awareness and public activities aimed to inform 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 Regional Security Focal Point will continue working closely with the IRCS to monitor and support on security related matters.

Planning, monitoring, assessment and reporting (PMER)

The IRCS will oversee all monitoring, evaluation and reporting aspects of the DREF. IFRC through its Head of Iraq Country Office will also provide technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation. A final report will be published three months after the end of the operation.

Administration and finance

A Letter of Agreement (LoA) will be signed between the IFRC Iraq Country Office and the IRCS, to outline the parties' responsibilities regarding the implementation of the activities planned within the DREF operation, and to ensure that the appropriate guidelines are respected in terms of the use of DREF allocations. The IRCS has a permanent administrative and financial department, which will ensure the proper use of financial resources in accordance with conditions of the LoA.

Strategies for Implementation

Quick links

[Emergency Items Catalogue 2009](#)

[Logistics Standards Online](#)

[Procurement Portal](#)

P&B Output Code	Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured															
	Output S2.1.4: Supply chain and fleet services meet recognized quality and accountability standards															
	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
AP050	Logistics (International transport, goods reception, forwarding, fleet, fuel costs, not related to a specific area of focus (Output S2.1.4))															

Budget

Please see attached summary budget

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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

Iraq Earthquake

MDRIQ009

Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	800	800
Shelter - Transitional	0	0
Construction - Housing	0	0
Construction - Facilities	0	0
Construction - Materials	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0	0
Food	45,000	45,000
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	16,500	16,500
Medical & First Aid	2,400	2,400
Teaching Materials	0	0
Utensils & Tools	3,500	3,500
Other Supplies & Services	0	0
Emergency Response Units	0	0
Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	68,200	68,200
Land & Buildings	0	0
Vehicles	0	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0
Medical Equipment	0	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0	0
Storage, Warehousing	0	0
Distribution & Monitoring	12,000	12,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	0	0
Logistics Services	0	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	12,000	12,000
International Staff	0	0
National Staff	0	0
National Society Staff	0	0
Volunteers	30,000	30,000
Other Staff Benefits	0	0
Total PERSONNEL	30,000	30,000
Consultants	0	0
Professional Fees	0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0
Workshops & Training	0	0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	0	0
Travel	0	0
Information & Public Relations	0	0
Office Costs	0	0
Communications	0	0
Financial Charges	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	0
Shared Office and Services Costs	0	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	0	0
Partner National Societies	0	0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0	0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	7,163	7,163
Total INDIRECT COSTS	7,163	7,163
TOTAL BUDGET	117,363	117,363