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Final Report

Tunisia: Floods 2022

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DREF operation	Operation n° MDRTN011
Date of Issue: 03 January 2023	Glide number: FL-2022-000190-TUN
Operation start date: 1 April 2022	Operation end date: 31 August 2022
Operating National Society: Tunisian Red Crescent	Operation budget: 195,854 CHF
Number of people affected: 4,000	Number of people assisted: 0
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Dispatched police forces, civil defense, army and rescue teams	

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The IFRC, on behalf of the Tunisian Red Crescent (TRC), would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

Torrential rain hit the north-west of Tunisia on Saturday 19 March 2022 in the centre of the country and central-west regions including Siliana, Kairouan, Gafsa, Sidi Bouzid, Jendouba, Beja, El Kef, and Kasserine, which recorded 60 mm and 80 mm of rain over four days, to locally reach an accumulative level 120 mm of rain at the time of the event. The country's Civil Protection announced the death of an elderly woman in the governorate of Siliana and a second person went missing in the governorate of Kairouan. Based on the Tunisian Red Crescent (TRC) rapid assessments conducted in coordination with the local authorities, more than 4,000 people were affected by the floods.

Summary of response

Overview of Host National Society

The Tunisian Red Crescent deployed their National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT), and the Local Disaster Response Teams (LDRT) to conduct an initial rapid needs assessment. TRC's local branches coordinated their overall response with affected community leaders and local authorities in all affected governorates to collect more information on the situation and identify further relief needs. A total number of 100 volunteers were deployed in eight governorates equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from various fields to provide first aid and Psychological Support (PSS). Furthermore, as an immediate response in times of distress, TRC ensured the distribution of household items and food parcels from its warehouse to the affected governorates allocating a total of 200 food baskets (25 units/location), 280 mattresses (35 units/location), 450 blankets (50 units/location)

and 400 packs water bottles of six bottles (50 packs/location). TRC volunteers also intervened to help the Civil Protection units clean debris and sludge from the flooded region and drain the floodwaters.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

From the start of the TRC response, IFRC's North Africa Country Cluster Delegation (NA CCD) coordinated with the president and the operational team at headquarters to assess the situation as well as to identify priority needs and capacity gaps for complementarity. TRC received technical and financial assistance from the DREF via the IFRC's North Africa Country Cluster Delegation (NA CCD) and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Office, which offered technical inputs and guidance to operational planning as well as promoted monitoring and evaluation activities such as surge deployments.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in-country

In response to the disaster, the TRC, in its auxiliary role to public authorities collaborated with the National Civil Protection to extract water from the houses of the affected communities. In addition, the local authorities dispatched police forces, the army, and rescue teams to assist those in need. Besides, the municipalities assisted the affected people by providing some basic needs. Other local organizations, in coordination with TRC, were collecting in-kind donations to be distributed to the affected people. TRC continued to attend regular government-led coordination meetings as needed.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Although it was hard to determine whether the needs persisted or were addressed by other in-country actors, they were based on the information received during the initial needs assessment and included food, household items, shelter, safe drinking water, health, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). The proposed activities in this operation were designed to complement the ongoing response activities to cover existing gaps in emergency shelter/ household items (HHIs), health education, and environmental sanitation in the most affected areas of the eight-targeted states.

Shelter and household items:

Because many belongings were lost or damaged beyond repair, identified needs included mattresses, blankets, clothes, food stocks, hygiene materials, and other items that would be determined through detailed assessments. The provision of shelter and household supplies was intended to protect the affected population from cold weather and moist conditions, particularly respiratory disorders and water-borne diseases while preserving privacy and dignity.

Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH):

Access to drinking water was identified as a major concern. The safe water supply through pipelines was contaminated at the initial stage of the flood's impact, and affected families were exposed to health risks due to the contaminated water wells and surrounding areas, such as water-borne diseases caused by polluted water (diarrhea) and acute respiratory infections. With stagnant water covering wide areas and inadequate waste disposal, assistance with water and sanitation is therefore essential.

Risk Analysis

Unidentified factors caused the DREF activities to be halted, resulting in the cancellation of the response operation, while no funds were transferred to the National Society.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Proposed strategy

The DREF operational strategy included the following activities:

Procurement and distribution of household items: (Target: 2,000 people or 400 HHs)

Mattresses, beds, and blankets are to be provided to each household in the eight governorates.

Procurement and distribution of Food Items: (Target: 2,000 people or 400 HHs)

Essential food items popular for Tunisian culture to be procured and distributed, including: 5 kgs of pasta, 4 kgs concentrated tomato, 5 kgs rice, 5 kgs couscous, 2 kgs of sugar, 2 kgs salt, 2 cans of jam (470gr/1unit), 3 cans of chamia/Halwa (200 gr/1unit), 2 cans of tuna (400 gr/1unit), 4 packets of coffee (250 gr/1unit) and 5 litres oil.

Provision of Psychosocial First Aid (PFA) and Community Based Health Promotion: (Target: 2,000 people or 400 HHs).

TRC Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) teams to carry on health awareness sessions on the various potential health risks, such as water-borne diseases due to polluted water (diarrhoea) and acute respiratory infections (including COVID-19 prevention and vaccination).

Procurement and distribution of Hygiene Kits: (Target: 2,000 people or 400 HHs)

The hygiene kits include 5 toothbrushes, 2 toothpaste, 2 shampoos, 2 shower gel, 2 liquid soap, 5 kg washing powder, dishwashing sponge (5 pc). This kit should have ensured covering urgent needs of the affected families for one month, in addition of support to 100 households who have babies and children (aged between 1 and 3 years) with the provision of 2 months baby parcels including 3 baby diapers large size (50 pcs), 3 baby wipes, 3 shampoos, and 3 baby soap bars.

Access to safe drinking water, by procuring and distributing water bottles to 400 HHs.

Clean-up/environmental sanitation campaigns to be organized for a clean and safe environment for the flood-affected people at several stages throughout the operation.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Due to unidentified factors and a lack of communication from the operating national society, the DREF operation failed to go as planned, which prevented operational activities from being carried out and the corresponding targets from being reached. Nevertheless, IFRC has been keen to provide all the required support to ensure that there was adequate international disaster management and response.

Therefore activities planned in Shelter, Livelihoods and basic needs, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Health sectors were not possible to be verified, and expenses could not be booked given the missing reporting from the implementing National Society.

International Disaster Response			
Indicators:		Target	Actual
National Society has identified knowledge on transfer mechanisms from surge capacity to their staff for the duration of the operation		YES	YES
# of Rapid Response personnel deployed		3	2
Narrative description of achievements			
Through Rapid Response, two surge personnel were identified and physically deployed to the NA CCD to support the DREF operation on the overall Operation Management and the Financial tasks			
Challenges			
Due to a lack of communication and coordination with the operating National Society, the deployed RR personnel were unable to complete their intended tasks, which resulted in a standdown on their deployment and the suspension of DREF implementation. A third deployment was planned to support the operation with the procurement of items and capacity development of the National Society. The alert was issued, however, none of the applicants met the operational language requirement.			

D. Financial Report

The IFRC provided CHF 195,854 out of which CHF 21,994 was spent. The balance amount of CHF 173,860 will be returned to the DREF fund. The final financial report is found below. The incurred expenditures were linked to the deployment of rapid response personnel, and their in country costs as reported above.

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Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2022/04-12	Operation	MDRTN011
Budget Timeframe	2022/04-12	Budget	APPROVED

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Operating Timeframe: 01 Apr 2022 to 31 Aug 2022

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	195,854
DREF Allocations	195,854
Expenditure	-21,994
Closing Balance	173,860

II. Expenditure by planned operations / enabling approaches

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
PO01 - Shelter and Basic Household Items	68,373		68,373
PO02 - Livelihoods	17,892		17,892
PO03 - Multi-purpose Cash			0
PO04 - Health	2,130		2,130
PO05 - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	13,739		13,739
PO06 - Protection, Gender and Inclusion			0
PO07 - Education			0
PO08 - Migration			0
PO09 - Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	18,105		18,105
PO10 - Community Engagement and Accountability			0
PO11 - Environmental Sustainability			0
Planned Operations Total	120,239		120,239
EA01 - Coordination and Partnerships			0
EA02 - Secretariat Services	67,095	21,994	45,101
EA03 - National Society Strengthening	8,520		8,520
Enabling Approaches Total	75,615	21,994	53,621
Grand Total	195,854	21,994	173,860

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	85,100		85,100
Clothing & Textiles	38,400		38,400
Food	16,800		16,800
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	12,900		12,900
Medical & First Aid	8,000		8,000
Other Supplies & Services	9,000		9,000
Logistics, Transport & Storage	4,800	21	4,779
Storage	1,800		1,800
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,000	21	2,979
Personnel	68,400	9,587	58,813
International Staff	50,000	3,493	46,507
National Staff		6,094	-6,094
National Society Staff	6,400		6,400
Volunteers	12,000		12,000
Workshops & Training	14,000		14,000
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General Expenditure	11,600	11,044	556
Travel	8,000	10,740	-2,740
Office Costs	2,000	3	1,997
Communications	1,600	4	1,596
Financial Charges		297	-297
Indirect Costs	11,954	1,342	10,611
Programme & Services Support Recover	11,954	1,342	10,611
Grand Total	195,854	21,994	173,860

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Click here for:

- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

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