

<b>Emergency appeal №: MDRDZ007</b> <b>First launched on:</b> 30 October 2021	Glide №: WF-2021-000115-DZA
<b>Final report issued on:</b> 30/10/2023.	<b>Timeframe covered by final report:</b> From 30 October 2021 to 31 October 2022
<b>Number of people targeted:</b> 42,500	<b>Number of people assisted:</b> 18,530
<b>Funding coverage (CHF):</b> 322,946 through the IFRC Emergency Appeal	<b>DREF amount initially allocated:</b> 265,510 CHF



Figure 1: Forest Fires broke out in the Kabyle region in Algeria. Credit: ARC

## A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

### Description of the crisis

Forest fires raged in north and north-east of Algeria overnight on Monday 9 August 2021, and throughout Tuesday 16 August 2021, killing at least 90 people including 33 members of the People's National Army deployed as firefighters, rescuing over 100 people in Bejaia and Tizi Ouzou<sup>1</sup>. The governorates of Tizi-Ouzou, Bouira, Sétif, Khenchela, Guelma, Bejaia, Bordj Bou Arreridj, Boumerdes, Tiaret, Medea, Tebessa, Annaba, Souk Ahras, Ain Defla, Jijel, Batna, Blida and Skikda were later affected by the fires. The temperature in the areas affected by the fires reached 49 - 50 degrees Celsius in the affected governorates, which are already suffering from severe water shortages. The Algerian Government mobilized the People's National Army, dispatched fire engines, and mobilized more than 900 firefighters to put out the fires and protect people and property. On 15 September 2021, several fires broke out in the evening in the mountainous region of Beni Amrane and spread to the neighboring town of Tidjelabine (east of the province of Boumerdes). Seven localized forest fires were also erupted and dealt with by the respective local responders during the month of October.

### Summary of response

Since the onset of the disaster, the Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) activated its response protocol including establishing a crisis cell. To support the affected families, ARC mobilized 30 psychosocial teams, 12 medical personnel, and 300 volunteers to date.

ARC, in coordination with the Civil Protection Authority, set up 200 tents from their stock to accommodate the most affected households and distributed 340 tons of food, Essential Household Items (EHI), and COVID-19 personal protection equipment (PPE). In addition, private donors supported the crisis response by availing an additional 20 ambulance cars to be managed by ARC in the affected areas. ARC conducted field assessments and published a preliminary report on the IFRC GO Platform.

On 11 August the IFRC launched a DREF for CHF 265,510 to support ARC in this emergency phase, providing shelter, food and essential household items, First Aid, and psychosocial support to 5,000 households (25,000 people) in 18 governorates for four months. Based on the information received from the governorates and the needs assessment conducted, both short-term and mid-term recovery are needed by the affected populations. There are dire health needs including medications for people living with chronic diseases, and health services related to exposure to wildfires, such as burns, respiratory complications due to inhalation of smoke, and eye irritation. Another emergent need was psycho-social support. The loss and damage rate of these fires had a severe impact on the mental health of the people affected, but also of the entire communities where the fire occurred. ARC has supported in coordination with local authorities and Civil Defense, the preparation of emergency shelters for 8,500 families via shelter centers. This emergency response operation has allowed the ARC to utilize its recently enhanced disaster response mechanism, with its pre-positioning stocks and the capacity to mobilize local resources from the public.

It is important to note that only 7% (equivalent to 322,946 CHF) of the total required amount (4,336,000 CHF) outlined in the appeal was successfully raised. This affected the ability of the ARC to complete the planned activities and reach all the targeted people, which explains the low achievements in most of the sectors below.

### Operational risk assessment

The operational risk was exacerbated by the critical wave of COVID-19. ARC ensured that the volunteers were well protected during their response and supported the affected communities as part of this operation. The National Society closely monitored the situation, taking into consideration the evolving COVID-19 situation and operational challenges related to access to the affected population (People with acute or chronic health problems including older people reluctant to leave their homes or unable to do so due to remote access or mobility restrictions), availability of relief items, procurement issues, and movement of National Society volunteers and staff.

## B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY


Following the release of its final assessment report, ARC decided to launch an Emergency Appeal operation to provide relief assistance to 8,500 households (42,500 people) across the 18 affected governorates in the form of shelter and household items, food and livelihood, health services, and psychosocial support. During this operation, the Algerian Red Crescent targeted beneficiaries based on vulnerability, such as people with special needs, female-headed households, and people who have lost their homes and sources of income.

The approach focused on community-based risk prevention and preparedness to provide communities at risk with more tools to prepare for and cope with future disasters.

Short-term areas of intervention: Shelter including household items (HHIs); health activities such as Emergency Medical Service and First Aid.

In the medium-long term: recovery (livelihoods, livestock, etc.) through cash-based assistance, health-related intervention (COVID-19 activities, sensitization campaigns, immunization/vaccination campaigns, Mental Health, and Psychosocial Support), disaster risk reduction (DRR), and institutional preparedness activities.

## C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL REPORT

 <b>Shelter, Housing and Settlements</b>		<b>People Reached:</b> <b>1,000</b>	Female > 18:	Female < 18:
			Male > 18:	Male < 18:
			-	-
			-	-
<b>Objective:</b>	<i>Shelter outcome 1:</i>	<i>Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, wellbeing and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions</i>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i># of people targeted/reached with safe and adequate shelter and settlement</i>		1,000	10,000
	<i>Shelter Output 1.1: Shelter and settlements and basic household items assistance is provided to the affected families.</i>			
	<i># Households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance.</i>		200	2,000
<p>In response to the urgent needs of the affected families, ARC initiated a comprehensive support effort. Two hundred mattresses were procured and distributed to provide essential bedding for those impacted by the wildfires (200 families). Recognizing the vulnerability of children in such situations, kids' clothes were also supplied to ensure the well-being and comfort of the children in the affected families. To evaluate the effectiveness of the shelter assistance, a post-distribution monitoring process was implemented, allowing us to assess the impact of the support provided and make any necessary adjustments to enhance the overall relief effort.</p>				



## Livelihoods

Female > 18:

Female < 18:

Male > 18:

Male < 18:

Objective:	<i>Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods</i>		
Key indicators:	Indicator	Actual	Target
	# of people targeted/reached with food assistance	18,530	25,000
	<i>Output 1.1 Skills development and/or productive assets and/or financial inclusion to improve income sources are provided to target population (off-farm livelihoods).</i>		
	# of people supported with in-kind assets or vouchers for strengthening economic activities.	-	5,000
	<b>Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities</b>		
	# of targeted households that have enough food to meet their survival threshold.	3706	5000
	<b>Output 1.5: Households are provided with unconditional/multipurpose cash grants to address their basic needs</b>		
	# of household reached with multi-purpose cash grants.	-	1,000

In our ongoing efforts to address the urgent needs of the affected families, a significant provision of 7,413 food parcels was secured (in addition to 60,000 Kg of pasta that was purchased separately) for replenishment and distribution purposes. These parcels aim to sustain the affected families during this challenging period after the wildfires hit the area and destroyed their homes and livelihoods. In addition, milk was also supplied to ensure a well-rounded support approach, directly impacting the health and well-being of those affected. These food parcels were distributed to 3706 families, with each family receiving 2 parcels which makes the total number of individuals reached equal to 18530. These collective measures represent a strategic and comprehensive response to alleviate the immediate hardships faced by the affected families. Unfortunately, cash assistance couldn't be provided due to insufficient funding. The limitation in financial resources posed a challenge in extending this form of support to the affected individuals.



## Health & Care

(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)

Female > 18:

Female < 18:

Male > 18:

Male < 18:

<b>Objective:</b>	<b>Outcome 6: The psychosocial impacts of the emergency are lessened</b>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i># of PSS and PFA workshops conducted.</i>	2	4
	<b>Output 6.1: Psychosocial support provided to the target population as well as to RCRC volunteers and staff</b>		
	<b>Outcome 7: National Society has increased capacity to manage and respond to health risks</b>		
	<i>Is NS implementing care in the community?</i>	yes	yes
	<b>Output 7.1: The National Society and its volunteers are able to provide better, more appropriate, and higher quality emergency health services</b>		
<i># of people reached with community-based disease prevention and health promotion programming.</i>	18530	42,500	

In response to the wildfires, the operation focused on mitigating the psychosocial impacts of the emergency. Workshops on Psychosocial Support (PSS) and Psychological First Aid (PFA) were conducted, aimed at alleviating the mental and emotional challenges faced by the affected population. This support extended not only to the target population but also to the volunteers and staff, recognizing the importance of their well-being in delivering effective aid.

The provision of psychosocial support played a crucial role in lessening the overall impact of the emergency on the affected individuals and communities. As a result, the National Society witnessed an increase in its capacity to manage and respond to health risks, particularly by implementing care within the community.



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Female > 18:

Female < 18:

Male > 18:

Male < 18:

Objective:	<b>Outcome1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities</b>		
Key indicators:	Indicator	Actual	Target
		<i># of people provided with safe water.</i>	18,530
	<b>Output 1.2: access to safe water which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population</b>		
	<i># households provided with safe water services that meet agreed standards according to specific operational and programmatic context.</i>	3706	5000
	<b>Output 1.3: Adequate sanitation which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population</b>		
	<i># of people with access to an improved sanitation facility</i>	-	15,000
	<i># of latrines constructed.</i>	-	1,000
	<b>Output 1.5: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards and training on how to use those goods is provided to the target population</b>		
	<i># of people reached by hygiene promotion activities</i>	-	42,500
	<i># of hygiene kits distributed</i>	-	2000

The operation included the essential component of ensuring access to safe water through the purchase of water supplies. This measure was crucial in meeting the basic needs of the affected population, particularly in the aftermath of the wildfires.

Due to the lack of funding, several critical aspects of the operation aimed at ensuring the immediate reduction in the risk of waterborne and water-related diseases in targeted communities were not implemented as planned.

## Enabling approaches



### National Society Strengthening

<b>Objective:</b>	<b>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</b>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i># of motivated volunteers who are protected</i>	450	450
	<b>Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected</b>		
	<i># of volunteers insured and geared with protective equipment.</i>	0	450
	<b>Output S1.1.7: NS capacity to support community-based disaster risk reduction, response and preparedness is strengthened</b>		
	<i># of NS PER PoA ready and shared with branches.</i>	0	1

The operation prioritized the capacity-building and organizational development objectives of the National Society to fortify its legal, ethical, and financial foundations. Emphasis was placed on enhancing systems, structures, competencies, and capacities essential for strategic planning and effective operations. Special attention was given to cultivating a cadre of motivated and protected volunteers, recognizing their pivotal role in the National Society's initiatives. The originally planned insurance of the volunteers through IFRC wasn't done due to the lack of funding.



### Coordination and Partnerships

<b>Objective:</b>	<b>Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured</b>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i>International support has been coordinated and provided</i>	yes	yes
	<b>Output S2.1.1: Effective and respected surge capacity mechanism is maintained.</b>		
	<i># of surge deployments to the operation through Rapid Response.</i>	-	4

ARC was leading the overall response, with the support of IFRC, Participating National Societies (PNS) and ICRC. The ARC received support from the European Commission- DG ECHO, the French government, Japanese RCS, RC of Monaco and the Canadian RCS (from the Canadian Government)

The Algerian Government dispatched the National Army to the affected areas to assist with evacuation, search, and rescue of people, while the Civil Protection Authority dispatched fire engines and firefighters to put out the

fires and protect people and property. ARC continues to work with authorities to coordinate their response to wildfires and to provide assistance as needed.

Due to the lack of funding (only 7%) there was no surge deployed for the operation under this appeal.



## Secretariat Services

<b>Objective:</b>	<b>Outcome S3.1: The IFRC secretariat, together with National Societies uses their unique position to influence decisions at local, national and international levels that affect the most vulnerable. Output S3.1.1: IFRC and NS are visible, trusted and effective advocates on humanitarian issues</b>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i># and type of methods established to share information with communities about the operation</i>	-	-
	<b>Outcome S3.2: The programmatic reach of the National Societies and the IFRC is expanded.</b>		
	<i># of Lessons Learned workshop</i>	-	1

IFRC provided support to the National Society in technical aspects through the coordination with ARC in their implementation of this operation.

In the financial issues including capacity building, the IFRC provided support to the ARCS throughout the operation.

- Logistics and procurement: IFRC regional Global Humanitarian Service and Supply Chain Management (GHS&SCM) unit supported ARC in this operation to strengthen the capacity of the National Society in fleet management, procurement, warehousing, and import/export processes. Local procurement was carried out via the ARC logistics unit, with support from the IFRC regional GHS&SCM office in Beirut to ensure compliance with the IFRC agreed procurement procedures.

- Security: ARC ensured the visibility of volunteers and staff through availing ARC branded vests. In addition, ARC coordinated with the national authorities at central and governorate levels to make sure their volunteers have movement clearance. The security forces have an extensive presence in the country however and ARC could rely on its acceptance as the main pillar of security for its operations.

- The IFRC security plans were applied to all IFRC staff throughout the operation. Area-specific Security Risk Assessments were conducted for any operational area should any IFRC personnel deploy there; risk mitigation measures were identified and implemented.

- Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER): The delay in reporting was mainly attributed to the staff turnover and handover issues that affected the ability of the newly appointed staff to report on an operation that happened before they joined the movement. An end-of-operation lessons learned workshop wasn't organized due to operational constraints and lack of funding.

- Information Management (IM): The IFRC MENA regional IM supported the ARC in reporting through the IFRC GO platform to share updated field reports. Also, the regional IM team worked closely with ARC to develop information products, visualizations, and maps for their response and activities. Efforts were placed on visibility, and advocacy to enhance the profiling of the NS.



## Community Engagement and Accountability

<b>Objective:</b>	<b>Output S3.2.1: Resource generation and related accountability models are developed and improved</b>		
<b>Key indicators:</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>
	<i>M&amp;E plan produced</i>	no	Yes
	<b>Outcome S4.1: The IFRC enhances its effectiveness, credibility, and accountability.            Output S4.1.3: Financial resources are safeguarded; quality financial and administrative support is provided contributing to efficient operations and ensuring effective use of assets; timely quality financial reporting to stakeholders</b>		
	<i># of financial reports produced.</i>	2	3

ARC is committed to integrating CEA in its response operation. Community accountability and feedback/response mechanisms were integrated into the operation to ensure that affected communities have access to timely and accurate information on the nature and scope of services provided by ARC.

# D. FINANCIAL REPORT

## Emergency Appeal FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2021/8-2023/8	Operation Budget	MDRDZ007
Budget Timeframe	2021/8-2023/8	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 26 Sep 2023

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

### MDRDZ007 - Algeria - Wildfires

Operating Timeframe: 18 Aug 2021 to 31 Oct 2022; appeal launch date: 30 Oct 2021

#### I. Emergency Appeal Funding Requirements

Thematic Area Code	Requirements CHF
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	88,000
AOF2 - Shelter	1,210,000
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	860,000
AOF4 - Health	1,064,000
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	635,000
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion	0
AOF7 - Migration	0
SF11 - Strengthen National Societies	256,000
SF12 - Effective international disaster management	22,000
SF13 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	124,000
SF14 - Ensure a strong IFRC	77,000
<b>Total Funding Requirements</b>	<b>4,336,000</b>
<b>Donor Response* as per 26 Sep 2023</b>	<b>322,992</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>7.45%</b>

#### II. IFRC Operating Budget Implementation

Thematic Area Code	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	0	0	0
AOF2 - Shelter	170,400	4,990	165,410
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	267,644	443,342	-175,698
AOF4 - Health	0	1,705	-1,705
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	0	0	0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion	0	0	0
AOF7 - Migration	0	0	0
SF11 - Strengthen National Societies	106,987	77,683	29,304
SF12 - Effective international disaster management	0	39	-39
SF13 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	43,382	9,501	33,880
SF14 - Ensure a strong IFRC	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>588,412</b>	<b>537,259</b>	<b>51,153</b>

#### III. Operating Movement & Closing Balance per 2023/08

Opening Balance	0
Income (includes outstanding DREF Loan per IV.)	588,502
Expenditure	-537,259
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>51,243</b>
Deferred Income	0
Funds Available	51,243

#### IV. DREF Loan

* not included in Donor Response	Loan :	265,510	Reimbursed :	0	Outstanding :	265,510
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## FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
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Budget Timeframe	2021/8-2023/8	Budget	APPROVED

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## V. Contributions by Donor and Other Income

Opening Balance						
						0
Income Type	Cash	InKind Goods	InKind Personnel	Other Income	TOTAL	Deferred Income
DREF Response Pillar				265,510	265,510	
European Commission - DG ECHO	86,694				86,694	
French Government	32,501				32,501	
Japanese Red Cross Society	40,012				40,012	
On Line donations	116				116	
Red Cross of Monaco	10,414				10,414	
The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Gov	153,255				153,255	
<b>Total Contributions and Other Income</b>	<b>322,992</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>265,510</b>	<b>588,502</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Income and Deferred Income</b>					<b>588,502</b>	<b>0</b>

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