

DREF operation



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MALTA: Population movement

The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 83,603 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in preparedness activities based on a contingency plan to provide assistance to some 1,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: As a consequence of the ongoing political turmoil in North Africa, thousands of migrants have fled Libya, Tunisia and also Egypt for neighbouring countries and the European side of the Mediterranean Basin. The current critical situation in Libya has further led to thousands of people crossing the borders to Tunisia and Egypt, and may also lead to increasing population movement across the Mediterranean, principally towards Malta and Italy. Thousands of guest workers are also being evacuated from Libya, with a considerable number transiting through Malta.

The Malta Red Cross has been providing assistance to those arriving, including first aid and emergency medical support. It has asked for support from the Federation's Europe Zone office in scaling up its operational capacity and developing its contingency planning, as well as coordination with Movement partners and other agencies.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 1 month, and will therefore be completed by 31 March 2011. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 30 June 2011).

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The British vessel **Cumberland** arrived alongside **Malta** carrying 207 persons evacuated from Libya.
Photo: Malta Red Cross

The situation

Following civil unrest in Middle-East earlier this month some European countries in the Mediterranean basin experienced an influx of migrants mainly from Tunisia, but also from Egypt. The current critical situation in Libya has further led to thousands of people crossing the borders to Tunisia and Egypt, and may also lead to increasing population movement across the Mediterranean, principally towards Malta and Italy. Thousands of guest workers are also being evacuated with a considerable number transiting through Malta.

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Coordination and partnerships

The Malta Red Cross is working closely with its National Civil Protection counterparts and relevant ministries. It is also in contact with several Embassies regarding foreign nationals in transit through Malta.

The Federation's Europe Zone office is in contact with its counterparts in the MENA Zone office, the ICRC and partner National Societies.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Malta Red Cross has been providing first aid and emergency medical services to those arriving in Malta, including evacuees in transit to their home countries. In dialogue with the authorities and the Federation's zone office it has requested support for scaling up its preparedness, to develop its contingency planning and refine its role as auxiliary to the public authorities. The Europe Zone DM Coordinator carried out a short mission to Malta to provide technical support, and to assist in the dialogue with the authorities. The Federation is deploying an experienced DM delegate tomorrow, while the Swiss Red Cross has agreed to deploy a logistician to support this DREF operation.

Meanwhile, the Federation's Europe Zone office has also maintained close contact with the Italian Red Cross regarding the earlier influx of migrants from North Africa. It has deployed a disaster management delegate to support ongoing contingency planning, and is ready to support other NS that may be affected should the need arise.

The needs

The proposed action foresees the development of the response capacity of the Malta Red Cross through the securing of its role in the National response plan, the prepositioning of emergency stock, and the planning to absorb additional humanitarian resources in the case of rapid scale up of operations in the face of a deteriorating humanitarian situation.

Selection of people to be reached:

The main intended beneficiaries of this operation would be either foreign nationals in transit who are temporarily stranded on the island or individuals whose status has not yet been determined by the authorities but have arrived on the shores of Malta from North Africa and require humanitarian assistance.

The proposed operation

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and to being able to provide bedding and temporary shelter to up to 1,000 individuals in government reception centre who have arrived in Malta.

The Malta Red Cross is in a position to provide emergency medical services (5 ambulances) and basic first aid posts. The sectors of camp management including water, sanitation and medical care are responsibilities assumed by the national authorities.

The proposed action also foresees the continuation of the liaison role to the Italian Red Cross to ensure coherency in the Movement response and information flow to European National Societies who may be directly or indirectly affected by significant population movement from Libya to Italy.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To assist affected individuals in transit or in reception centres with distributions of hygiene items, food and drinks

Activities planned:

- Provide meals, hot drinks, and hygiene items to transit passengers at the request of national authorities
- Prepare a contingency stock of hygiene items for distribution to up to 1,000 individuals in reception centres
- Prepare plans for rapid scale up of activities in case the situation deteriorates

Emergency health

Objective: Provide first aid and emergency medical services as required

Activities planned:

- First aid teams and emergency medical services fully operational at transit points
- First aid and emergency medical services are provisioned and prepared to deliver services in reception centres

Emergency shelter

Objective: To prepare for the provision of temporary shelter for 1,000 individuals in reception centres run by the national authorities in accordance with national contingency plan.

Activities planned:

- Prepare and create emergency stock for the establishment of tented accommodation for 1,000 individuals

Logistics

Objective: To strengthen the response capacity of the Malta Red Cross

Activities planned:

- Establish a warehouse system in premises newly allocated to Malta Red Cross
- Establish and manage contingency stock
- Prepare for the reception of donations in kind from partner national societies
- Support contingency planning and scale up of operations as needed
- Support overall DM capacity building of National Society, including in areas of coordination, communication and information

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation'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.

The International Federation'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.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Transitional	40,000	40,000
Clothing & Textiles	11,000	11,000
Food	4,000	4,000
Medical & First Aid	5,000	5,000
Total Supplies	60,000	60,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	2,000	2,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,000	2,000
Total Transport & Storage	4,000	4,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	5,000	5,000
National Society Staff	5,000	5,000
Total Personnel	10,000	10,000
Total Workshops & Training	0	0
Travel	2,000	2,000
Information & Public Relation	1,000	1,000
Office Costs	1,000	1,000
Communications	500	500
Total General Expenditure	4,500	4,500
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	5,103	5,103
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Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	83,603	83,603



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