



Libyan Red Crescent

Libya Floods Appeal

DONOR UPDATE – AUGUST 2024



Dear Supporter,

Last year Storm Daniel struck and caused massive flooding, which devastated the lives of 1.2 million people in north-eastern Libya. Overwhelmed by floodwaters, dams in Derna collapsed, leading to the surge that destroyed the port city and its surrounding communities.

The Libyan Red Crescent Society teams responded swiftly and in a coordinated manner immediately after the disaster to meet the urgent needs of people impacted by the floods. They helped people evacuate their homes, provided first aid and conducted search and rescue efforts with limited resources.

Thanks to your compassion, the Canadian Red Cross was able to send a team of humanitarian experts and supplies to help our local partners provide critical support on the ground after this large-scale disaster.

Families continue to grapple with the aftermath of losing their loved ones and their homes. As those who were displaced gradually return to their communities, they face lack of access to essential services due to the destruction of critical infrastructure, including roads, power and communication networks, and water and sewage systems. This disaster took an extreme toll on people living in Libya, and the need for humanitarian aid continues. Your gift means that the people of Libya can rebuild their lives.

It is with thanks to the generosity and compassion of donors like you that the Red Cross and Red Crescent will continue to support those affected by this disaster.

With gratitude,

Conrad Sauvé
President and CEO
Canadian Red Cross

Supporting People in Libya After Storm Daniel

The Humanitarian Situation*

When Storm Daniel hit north-eastern Libya, the Libyan Red Crescent Society staff and more than 730 volunteers responded immediately with emergency support, such as search and rescue, first aid and distribution of essential humanitarian supplies.

**As of April 2024*



Since the onset of this disaster, Libyan Red Crescent Society teams have provided humanitarian aid to more than 130,000 people. They also established a central emergency operation room in Benghazi and two temporary centres in Eastern and Western Derna.

The Libyan Red Crescent Society continues to work tirelessly to reunite families, establish a database for missing people, deliver essential supplies and provide psychological support to affected people, including Red Cross Red Crescent personnel on the frontlines.

People in Libya continue to struggle with the destruction caused by the flood surges. Markets, shops and local businesses along the riverbank were destroyed. Families continue to be displaced after losing their homes, and are battling the absence of stable shelter, clean water, and essential sanitation facilities even upon the return to their communities. The people living in Libya face a long road to recovery.

Your Generosity in Action

Your generosity, along with donations from the Temerty Foundation and Global Affairs Canada enabled the Canadian Red Cross to send humanitarian experts and materials to Libya to provide aid in the areas of relief and mental health and psychosocial support. This includes supporting local volunteers in their activities and programming for the mental health and well-being of the many children impacted by the floods.

The team worked closely with the Libyan Red Crescent Society (LRCS) to provide these services, and the materials will remain in Libya for future use.



Red Cross Red Crescent Impact in Libya*



1,300

tracing requests received to locate missing family members



40

metric tonnes of supplies sent, including hygiene kits, blankets, tents and more



130,000

people received assistance



28

vehicles donated to the Libyan Red Crescent



11

LRCS volunteers trained to provide Psychosocial Support



2

emergency water purification units set up in Derna and Shahat

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“Assisting those affected cools the fire in my heart.”

– Hamdi, Libyan Red Crescent Society volunteer

Libyan Red Crescent Society volunteer, Hamdi, is passionate about his work with the Red Cross Red Crescent to help those affected by the devastating flooding caused by Storm Daniel.

Hamdi was among those whose lives were impacted by Storm Daniel. Hamdi was devastated to return to tragedy in his neighbourhood to find that his home had been swept away, and his parents and three brothers had lost their lives.

Libyan Red Crescent personnel like Hamdi responded immediately to the flooding, even though they themselves and their families were severely impacted.

Thank you for your unwavering support



The disaster exacerbated an already challenging situation in Libya, which has endured years of conflict and a fragile economy.

Your support has given hope and contributed to helping thousands of people impacted by the disaster by providing vital humanitarian aid and much-needed materials, supplies, and personnel to meet urgent needs.

Your generosity has amounted to over \$1.4 million donated to the Libya Floods Appeal that is now closed. The Canadian Red Cross is grateful for the contributions of donors, businesses, organizations, as well as to the Government of Canada for funding that allows us to maintain emergency response capacity and supplies and train our humanitarian experts.

We stand in solidarity with our Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners to continue to provide essential humanitarian relief to those impacted by the floods in Libya.

Thank you for your support.



**Thank you for delivering
hope in Libya.**