

### SUDAN - Floods

Date: August 15-16, 1983 (FY 83)

Location: Kassala and environs

No. Dead: None reported

No. Affected: 100,000; 30,000 displaced from their homes

Damage: Approximately 3,000 houses destroyed or damaged

#### The Disaster

Heavy rains during August 15-16, 1983 caused the Gash River to overflow its banks inundating the regional capital city of Kassala. The floods destroyed or damaged up to 3,000 houses and resulted in the displacement of approximately 30,000 people. A total of 100,000 people, both local residents and refugees from Ethiopia, were affected by the flooding.

#### Action Taken by the Government of the Sudan (GOS) and the Sudanese Red Crescent

The regional government issued an appeal for funds to purchase emergency food, shelter, clothing, and medicine. Distribution of the supplies received and allocation of temporary housing were handled by the GOS.

The Sudanese Red Crescent conducted a damage assessment and subsequently requested that the League of Red Cross Societies issue an appeal for international assistance.

#### Assistance Provided by the United States Government (USG)

On August 24, 1983, the Ambassador to the Sudan determined that a disaster situation existed in Kassala. Accordingly, he authorized the expenditure of \$7,716 for the local purchase of food, shelter materials, and clothing.

TOTAL \$7,716

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported.

Assistance Provided by the International Community

European Economic Community - contributed a cash grant, value not reported.

Islamic African Relief Organization - made a cash grant, value not reported.

League of Red Cross Societies (LORCS) - a LORCS delegate accompanied local Red Crescent officials on the damage assessment survey. At the request of the Sudanese Red Crescent, LORCS issued a limited appeal to European national societies requesting 500 tents and \$96,330 in cash for the purchase and transport of 10,000 blankets. LORCS proceeded to order the 10,000 blankets and 500 tents and transport them by charter aircraft from Geneva to Kassala. Total costs were estimated at \$160,550.

UNHCR - donated a cash grant, value not reported.

World Food Program - contributed food commodities; type, amount, and value not reported.

TOTAL \$160,550