

21st September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Libya Flood Appeal

As part of our ongoing complementary curriculum we are supporting the [British Red Cross](#) emergency appeal to help those affected by the recent serious natural disaster.

More than a week on from catastrophic Storm Daniel and the collapse of two dams, which caused unprecedented floods in Libya, thousands of people have reportedly died and thousands more are missing. The north-eastern cities of Benghazi, Sousa, Derna and Al-Marj have been badly affected. The situation is desperate. Libyan Red Crescent teams are on the ground, providing first aid to the survivors, reuniting families, and supporting search and rescue efforts. Many people have lost everything. Homes, buildings and entire neighbourhoods have been swept away by the floods. Thousands are mourning loved ones.

With so much damage to internal infrastructure, there are fears that infectious disease from the dirty flood water and damaged sanitation system could soon take hold. There is a severe lack of drinking water in Derna. The Libyan Red Crescent has been responding from the first hour of the disaster, providing first aid, supporting with rescues and evacuating families. They have also established a database for missing people.

We have students from this region at DSTC and hope that their relatives and friends are safe. Please contact me if you believe that your daughter/son may need extra support: [safeguarding@dstc.kent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dstc.kent.sch.uk).

To try and raise money for the British Red Cross we will be trying to cover an outline map of Libya in the school hall with coins.. We appreciate that finances may be challenging for many families so are not making this compulsory, however we would appreciate any spare change, 100% of donations will be given to the appeal.

#### Details:

- Thursday 28th September 2023 at lunchtime in the main hall.
- Cover a map of Libya with coins.
- Everyone donating will be issued a House Point for their House.
- No minimum donation; £1.00, 1p, 50p or £5.00 all helps with 100% of donations going to the appeal.
- Come and support your wider community.

Thank you for taking the time to support our global community.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Deborah Ellis - Senior Vice Principal/DSL