



PRIME MINISTER

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RED CROSS APPEAL FOR AFRICA

The Australian Red Cross Society, in response to a request for financial aid from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, has launched an appeal to the Australian community for funds to help alleviate the suffering of some twelve million people in Africa.

The Appeal will begin on 25 October and continue until 11 November.

Australians have a tradition of generous financial support to the many Australian and international relief agencies that are active in combatting suffering and deprivation in various parts of the world.

This will be the first time that the Australian Red Cross has launched a public appeal to Australians for funds for the International Red Cross.

There is currently great human suffering throughout Africa, as a result of internal conflicts and natural disasters.

The International Red Cross is particularly active in the African area, and it is for this reason that the Australian Red Cross has launched this Appeal.

I am pleased to open the Appeal and I urge all Australians to give generously.