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Information bulletin Turkey: Flash floods

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This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Turkish Red Crescent Society responded to the emergency using its own capacity and determined that international assistance was not required during the initial response. Hence, no funding or other assistance from partners have been provided at this point in time.

A. Situation analysis

Description of the situation

On 24 August 2015, the region of Artvin in the north-east of Turkey experienced several hours of pouring rainfall. River levels increased causing the deaths of 8 people; one child remains missing. Many local citizens in the affected community of Hopa village have been helping to provide assistance to the people in need. With rivers returning to their usual levels, life in Hopa, Artvin District, is slowly getting back to normal. However, humanitarian relief and rescue activities continue.



The Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) is responding to the disaster in Hopa, Artvin District. The TRCS provided food, drinking water and blankets to people affected by the flood. The TRCS also provided food and relief to people accompanying hospitalized family members. *Photo: TRCS*

Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) Activities

The TRCS responded to the disaster by mobilizing 14 experts and 6 vehicles from its local branch offices. The Eastern Black Sea Region Disaster Management Center, the Trabzon Local Disaster Management Center and the Erzincan Local Disaster Management Center (LDMC) were deployed to Hopa, Artvin District. Although life has returned to normal in Hopa, the Turkish Red Crescent Society continues to distribute aid items. In order to support activities in the field, TRCS signed a protocol with the Coca-Cola Company to provide drinking water from its Sapanca factory to the affected region. The shipment arrived on 27 August 2015. The following table depicts the number of relief items distributed by the TRCS to the beneficiaries.

Branch/ Location	Type of the Items	Amount
National Disaster Management Center	Food	480 packs
Social Services Office	Food	1,800 packs
Erzurum LDMC	Food	1,500 packs
	Drinking water	5,376 bottles
Trabzon LDMC	Food	350 packs
	Drinking water	44,178 bottles
	Non-food Items	15 kits
Artvin Branch Office	Water	3,200 bottles
Erzincan LDMC	Water	8,040 bottles
Team Directorate (Hopa)	Water	27,544 bottles
	Food items	300 packs

The following table depicts the locations where the relief items were distributed.

Distribution Center	Items distributed	Amount
Yukari Kuledibi Village and Hopa Hospital	Water	500 bottles
	Food items	50 packs
Yoldere Village	Water	2,236 bottles
	Food items	400 packs
Çamli Village	Water	3,640 bottles
	Food items	50 packs
Sugören and Güzelyali Village	Water	2,200 bottles
Sundaç District	Water	1,008 bottles
Çavuşlu, Başoba and Yeşilköy Village	Water	3,600 bottles
	Food items	50 packs
Hopa Border Gate	Food items	300 packs
Naşeli District	Water	518 bottles

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