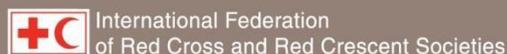


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## Information bulletin

### Italy: Floods



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## The situation

Following heavy rains and storms that began on 29 October 2018, and which have particularly affected the northern and central regions of Italy, approximately 2,200 people have been evacuated and more than 125,000 are without electricity.

Some municipalities in Veneto remain cut-off, with the coastal municipalities of Liguria and Lazio affected by strong storms, and the Piave and Brenta rivers both in flood.

On Tuesday, 30 October, the Regions of Liguria and of Veneto (in the north-west and north-east of the country respectively) requested the declaration of a state of emergency. Search and Rescue operations led by the Italian Civil Protection are underway.

According to the latest available data, the bad weather has resulted in the deaths of 11 people – the number of injured is unknown at this stage.

There is currently a gradual improvement in the general weather conditions, however, this is expected to be only temporary as another Atlantic weather front is forecast to reach northwest Italy on Friday (2 November). At the same time, a low-pressure system from North Africa is forecast to cause high winds and storms in Sicily and Sardinia in the south. On Thursday (1 November), high winds are expected across Italy affecting most regions.

# Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Staff and volunteers of the Italian Red Cross are working across the affected areas, are active in coordination centres at both municipality and regional levels, and are monitoring the situation throughout the country, assisting people affected by the weather where necessary.

In the Veneto region, 70 volunteers and 5 staff have been deployed with special equipment and vehicles, working in two teams to reach the municipalities of Gosaldo and Falcade, which have been cut off by the bad weather.

In Liguria, Italian Red Cross deployed 80 volunteers to assist people affected by the bad weather – duties include monitoring high-risk areas (streets, buildings, rivers, etc.) and participating at coordination centres.

In Rome, the ItRC is also participating at coordination centres and monitoring areas for damage and threats caused by the bad weather. In Ostia, volunteers and staff are managing an evacuation centre supporting 30 people.

As the needs assessment progresses, the picture will become clearer and further information on the level of damage and the impact of floods will be available.

The Italian Red Cross will not request international assistance in the current emergency.

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