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## Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) India: Jammu and Kashmir Earthquake

 International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 258,670 has been allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries (approximately 1,000 families). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** An earthquake with a 5.8 magnitude struck Jammu and Kashmir state on 1 May which has caused severe damage to houses and other infrastructure in Doda and Kishtwad districts. Preliminary government reports as of 5 May confirmed 11,856 damaged houses and leaving at least an equal number of families in need of temporary shelter. Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) has mobilized relief supplies like tent and woollen blankets from its disaster preparedness (DP) stock in New Delhi. This operation will support replenishment and distribution of the DP stocks and deployment of disaster response teams to earthquake affected areas.



Inside one of the many damaged houses in Basthi Koti, Doda. **Photo:** Indian Red Cross Society.

This operation is expected to be implemented over five months, and will therefore be completed by 13 October 2013; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 13 January 2014).

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### The situation

An earthquake with a 5.8 magnitude struck Jammu and Kashmir at around 12.27 pm on 1 May, causing severe damage to thousands of residential houses and government buildings. After shocks have been



A damaged house in Banigra, Doda. **Photo:** Indian Red Cross Society.

felt continuously after the initial earthquake which have further aggravated damages to the houses. Thus, a large number of families are spending nights sleeping in the open due to fear of their houses collapsing.

The district administration immediately provided tents and other relief material to the affected families. The stocks available with the authorities are exhausted since the number of people affected is very large. According to preliminary reports of the government survey teams as of 5 May, 11,856 houses have been reportedly damaged and 70 persons have suffered mild to serious injuries.

### Coordination and partnerships

The IRCS Jammu and Kashmir state branch, along with the national headquarters, have been

working closely with the district administration of Doda district. Due to the challenges on the ground, such as hilly terrain, it is important to have good coordination with the authorities in order to optimize the use of available resources. The communication has been established with the state government through the central government ministries for the hassle free movement of relief goods from Delhi to Doda.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Following the earthquake, the IRCS Jammu and Kashmir state branch sent 135 tents and 100 blankets for the affected people. Based on the assessment of the government authorities, around 11,856 houses are damaged and families need tents, blankets, utensils and mattresses. Following the request of the state branch seconded by the district authority, the IRCS national headquarters has sent 1,000 tents and 2,000 blankets to Doda district from Bahadurgarh Central warehouse. These supplies are expected to reach Doda in the next 48 hours.



IRCS has not launched a national appeal for this emergency but instead concentrated on starting the operation and mobilising stocks as quickly as possible.

On 7 May 2013, the IRCS Chairman flagged off relief supplies at the national headquarters for the earthquake affected people in Jammu and Kashmir. **Photo:** Indian Red Cross Society.

## The needs

Given the hilly terrain and difficulties reaching areas in Doda district, IRCS will work in close coordination with the district authorities to reach the most vulnerable people. A team of national disaster response team experts will be deployed to ensure this.

As of 13 May, the government's National Disaster Management Authority team is visiting the earthquake-affected areas.

Once the IRCS national headquarters team is on the ground in Jammu and Kashmir, more information regarding the needs will be made available.

## The proposed operation

This operation will assist some 10,000 beneficiaries (approximately 1,000 families) through providing assistance in the distribution of 1,000 family tents and 2,000 blankets as well as replenishing 500 family tents and 2,000 blankets. IRCS will cover the remaining beneficiaries with family tents and woolen blankets through their own DP stocks.

While the distribution of stock will be finished in approximately one month, the replenishment will take longer, hence the requested five months operation timeframe.

<b>Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)</b>
<b>Outcome:</b> The status of 1,000 affected families is improved through timely provision of appropriate relief items within 5 months.
<b>Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deploy national disaster response team to coordinate on ground.</li><li>• In coordination with the district authorities, select the most affected families for assistance</li><li>• Distribute relief tents and blankets to the identified beneficiaries.</li><li>• Replenishment of 500 family tents and 2,000 blankets.</li><li>• Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.</li></ul>
<b>Emergency shelter</b>
<b>Outcome:</b> 1,000 earthquake affected families have temporary shelter within 5 months.
<b>Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orient community volunteers and district administration staff on site selection and installation of tents.</li></ul>
<b>Logistics</b>
<b>Outcome:</b> Relief supplies are delivered to the distribution point.
<b>Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hire trucks for transportation of relief supplies.</li><li>• Replenish distributed 500 tents and 2,000 blankets using IFRC standard procurement procedures.</li></ul>

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3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

**DREF OPERATION**

13/5/2013

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<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>DREF Grant Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	200,593
Clothing & Textiles	10,000
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>210,593</b>
Storage, Warehousing	349
Logistics Services	8,721
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>9,070</b>
Volunteers	20
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>20</b>
Workshops & Training	3,838
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>3,838</b>
Travel	18,402
Information & Public Relations	436
Office Costs	174
Communications	349
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>19,361</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	15,787
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>15,787</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>258,670</b>