

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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RUSSIAN FEDERATION: FLOODS IN THE NORTHERN CAUCASUS AND SOUTH OF RUSSIA

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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 20/2002

Launched on 19 July 2002 for CHF 1,267,000 (USD 870,790 or for EUR 864,669) for 8 months; Budget revised to CHF 397,000.

DREF Allocated: CHF 50,000

Beneficiaries: 20,000 (this was the original beneficiary figure, and is being updated in line with the revised budget).

Operations Update No. 2. Period covered: 27 August - 14 October 2002; last Ops Update (no. 1) issued on 27 August 2002; next Ops Update (no. 3) expected on 20 November.

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 69.4%

Related Appeals: Russian Federation 2002 Annual Appeal no. 01.49/2002

Outstanding needs: CHF 121,552

Summary/Update: Due to a lack of donor support and response, the budget has been reduced to CHF 397,000. As a result it will not be possible to provide assistance to 3,000 beneficiaries in Stavropol Krai and 3,000 beneficiaries in Karachaevo-Cherkessiya, Kabardino-Balkariya, Ingushetiya, and North Osetiya. The Swiss Development Cooperation Agency contribution of CHF 360,000 will be reflected in the next Operations Update and accompanying list of contributions.

Operational Developments:

Heavy rains in the second half of June, the worst in 70 years, resulted in floods that caused landslides in nine regions (Adygeya, Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Ingushetia, North Osetia, Chechnya, Dagestan Republics, Stavropol region, and Krasnodar Krai) within the southern Federal Okrug of the Russian Federation. Updated Emercom reports indicate that 285,948 people have been affected by the flooding in 377 settlements, and 114 people were killed. The floods damaged 25,499 houses, while 12,573 houses were completely washed away. Local infrastructure has been severely affected. The material loss is estimated at 15,891 million Russian Roubles (nearly USD 504 million).

The initial disaster was followed by second series of severe floods on 8 August caused by torrential rains and accompanied by landslides in Krasnodar Krai. Thirty six people were killed. Severe damage resulted in 15 cities (including Novorossiisk, Anapa and Krymsk) and 62 settlements on Kuban, Belaya and Urup rivers.

Over 26,700 houses were inundated; 5,538 destroyed completely and 16,103 damaged. Twenty bridges and over 87 kilometres of road were destroyed by the water. Forty two people - holidaymakers, who had been camping on the shores of the Black Sea, remain missing. The material damage is estimated at 3,514 million Russian Roubles (over US 112 million dollars).

State compensation for each family affected by the disaster is 1,000-3,000 Russian Roubles (some USD 32-96). By now, compensatory payment from the state - 2,000 million Russian Roubles (some USD 64 million) - was provided to 98% of the flood victims. Thirty eight per cent of damaged houses were restored by the state.

Another disaster occurred in the Northern Caucasus on 20 September when an avalanche raced down a mountainside in North Osetia (one of the regions affected by the June floods), sending a mass of ice, rocks and mud into nearby settlements. So far, 10 people were reported killed and 99 are missing. Twenty houses were destroyed.

Red Cross Red Crescent action •

With the support of the International Federation, ICRC and donor national societies, the Russian Red Cross (RRC) continues to support flood victims.

DREF assistance: the operation was completed at the end of August. CHF 50,000 immediately allocated from the Federation’s DREF, allowed for the provision of 7,250 bed linen sets to flood affected population in Krasnodar Krai. The procurement was conducted through a local supplier who agreed to carry out transportation to the targeted districts. The full complement of bed linen sets, each containing 1 sheet, 2 pillowcases and 1 blanket case, was produced at the end of July. Distributions were carried out under the direct supervision of local RRC branches and with the help of local administrations. The items were distributed in eight districts of Krasnodar Krai and one in Adygeya Republic. A family of 1-3 people received one set of bed linen, while a family of 4-8 people received two. Beneficiary lists were prepared in co-ordination with the local social welfare departments. Distributions were carried out as follows:

District	No. of bed linen sets	No. of beneficiary families
Krasnodar Krai total, including:	4,750	4,158
<i>Novokubansk</i>	1,500	1,357
<i>Uspenskoye</i>	300	256
<i>Gulgevichski</i>	500	386
<i>Kurganinski</i>	500	500
<i>Mostovskoy</i>	250	210
<i>Ust-Labinski</i>	200	191
<i>Otradnaya</i>	500	416
<i>Armavir</i>	1,000	842
Adygeya Republic total, including:	2,500	1,478
<i>Egeruhay</i>	150	127
<i>Natyrbovo</i>	150	111
<i>Kuzhorskiy</i>	100	61
<i>Hodz</i>	50	33
<i>Koshehabl</i>	100	63
<i>Hatukay</i>	1,500	823
<i>Pobedy</i>	170	87
<i>Kirov</i>	230	137
<i>Hanskaya</i>	50	36
GRAND TOTAL	7,250	5,636

The Japanese Red Cross contributed USD 28,000 (some CHF 40,000) which has been used to reimburse the DREF allocation. Additional unearmarked funds are needed to repay to DREF.

Bilateral support: The US Embassy, via the American Red Cross, contributed USD 50,000 for the procurement of 2,100 mattresses; 2,100 food parcels; and 2,100 packs of detergent for over 8,500 beneficiaries in eight regions of Dagestan Republic. Food parcels, containing 2 kg of buckwheat, 2 kg of noodles, 2 kg of sugar, 1 kg of salt, 3 cans of beef, 4 cans of condensed sweet milk, and 300 g of tea, were procured in Moscow, as well as the full compliment of mattresses, and sent to the region. Transportation costs to a warehouse in Makhachkala were included in a contract with the supplier. Detergent was procured locally due to the fact that a local supplier offered a significant discount to the Red Cross and to avoid transportation expenses. All targeted regions have already received the full volume of procured items; distributions are ongoing. Families of 1-3 people will receive one item of each component, and families of over four people will receive a double ration.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Society •

In-country support for flood victims was so far provided by Sochi, Vologda, Astrakhan, Moscow city RRC committees and RRC headquarters in the form of 40 tonnes of relief items (food products, sweets and toys for children, clothes, footwear, hygienic parcels, blankets, pillows, bed linen sets, rubber boots, plastic basins, buckets and dishes, kitchen utensils, clear water and medication). These items were distributed among those affected by the June and August disasters in Krasnodar Krai, Adygeya Republic and Stavropol region under the supervision of the RRC zonal office for the Northern Caucasus and South of Russia. The relief items distributed collected from the local population, organisations and enterprises.

In the beginning of September, the Taimyr branch of the Russian Red Cross dispatched two 5-tonne trucks full of new clothes and foot wear, hygiene items, detergents, bed linen, mattresses, blankets, kitchen utensils, school items, irons and radios, collected from local population and businesses in the Okrug. This cargo is expected to arrive to Krasnodar Krai in October, and will be distributed among victims of the floods and waterspout in Novorossiisk.

RRC volunteers took active part in helping the staff in sorting second hand clothes, loading and unloading relief cargo, and distribution of the items to the vulnerable.

Health •

The health situation is under control. Free vaccinations from infectious diseases started in the affected regions. The epidemiological situation is rather stable and in spite of the disaster, the incidence of infectious diseases decreased by 3%.

Relief distributions •

The updated request for ECHO funding was submitted to provide assistance to flood victims in Dagestan. According to the planning documents, 750 blankets, 750 bed linen sets, 750 sets of children's clothes, 5 medical (FAP) kits, 750 school sets, 150 stoves and 2,250 hygiene kits will be procured for flood victims in the region.

The response of the Canadian, Swedish, Finnish and Japanese Red Cross Societies has allowed the RRC and the Federation to start relief operations in Krasnodar Krai and Adygeya Republic, according to the following objectives from the original appeal. Unfortunately, limited funding has prevented similar operations in other targeted regions.

Objective 1. To provide the beneficiaries with medium to long-term relief assistance, support them during the most difficult autumn and winter period, and help them return to a normal life.

Under this objective of the appeal it was planned to provide 1,000 families with multi-fuel stoves, and 2,500 families with bedding, including mattresses, blankets and bed linen. This objective was partially implemented through the DREF donation (please, see above): 7,250 bed linen sets have been distributed to the population of eight districts in Krasnodar Krai and one in Adygeya Republic. At the end of September, a tender for the

procurement of 500 multi-fuel stoves will be opened by the Federation Delegation in Moscow: purchase and delivery of these items will take place in October.

Objective 2. Provision of children’s clothes and stationery for schoolchildren.

Under this objective it was planned to provide 2,500 6-10 year old children with school supplies by the beginning of the school year in September, and warm clothes / footwear for the winter months. Delays in external donations prevented the procurement to begin on time. At the end of September, a tender for the procurement of warm children’s clothes (500 sets, each including warm jacket, shoes and underwear) will be issued by the Federation’s Delegation in Moscow; the purchase and delivery of these clothes will also take place in October.

Objective 3. Medium-term provisions of family food parcels (FFPs) and hygienic kits.

It was planned to provide 5,000 affected families with FFPs and hygiene kits three times during the programme implementation (in October, December and February) with a special focus on lone elderly, multi-child and single-parent families. At the end of September, a tender for the procurement of 4,500 hygiene kits will be issued by the Federation’s Delegation in Moscow; the purchase and delivery of these items will take place in October together with other relief items.

Objective 4. To provide medical aid to rural population affected by the floods.

Under this objective it was planned to provide 25 medical kits to first aid points (FAP) destroyed or damaged by the floods. A tender for the procurement of 15 FAP kits will be issued by the Federation’s Delegation in Moscow at the end of September. The purchase and delivery of these items will also take place in October.

Objective 5. Rehabilitation of flood victims.

Under this objective it was planned to provide qualified psychological support to 2,000 flood victims, and professional legal counselling to 2,000 flood victims, who lost their housing. No activities took place to meet this objective due to a lack of funds.

Logistics •

The table below summarizes the revised distribution plan:

Region	Clothes for children	Medical kits	Stoves	Hygienic kits
Krasnodar Krai and Adygeya Republic	500	15	500	4,500

Beneficiary lists are being discussed with the local social welfare departments. Procurement of these items will be conducted in Moscow. Relief goods accumulated in a Moscow warehouse will be sent to Krasnodar by railway, then delivered to regional Red Cross warehouses for subsequent distribution among flood victims in Krasnodar Krai and Adygeya Republic.

Co-ordination

The RRC works in close co-operation with Emercom, Ministry of Health and social welfare departments at the regional and central levels. The latest statistical and progress data is being provided by Emercom; and beneficiary lists are being confirmed with welfare departments.

Outstanding needs

This appeal has unfortunately experienced a severe lack of donor support, and the budget is being revised accordingly (to CHF 397,000). Despite this reduction, it is important that the Red Cross fulfils its obligations, and proves that it is a reliable and serious partner to the state. Donor support is urgently needed to meet the remaining obligations. The impact of this reduction is that it will not be possible to provide assistance to 3,000 beneficiaries in Stavropol Krai and 3,000 beneficiaries in Karachaevo-Cherkessiya, Kabardino-Balkariya, Ingushetiya, and North Osetiya.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

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REVISÉD BUDGET SUMMARY	APPEAL No. 20/2002		
Russian Federation: floods			
TYPE	CHF		
	ORIGINAL	REVISED	VARIANCE
RELIEF NEEDS			
Blankets, bed linen, mattresses	212'000	12'000	-200'000
Clothes: jackets & boots	100'000	68'000	-32'000
Food parcels	240'000		-240'000
Medical & first aid	15'000	21'000	6'000
Teaching materials	63'000	19'000	-44'000
Utensils & tools, cooking stoves	65'000	40'000	-25'000
Hygiene parcels	105'000	46'000	-59'000
Other relief supplies	50'000		-50'000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	850'000	206'000	-644'000
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT			
Vehicles	46'000	10'000	-36'000
Computers		4'000	4'000
PROGRAMME SUPPORT			
Programme management	85'000	27'000	-58'000
Technical support	26'000	8'000	-18'000
Professional services	28'000	9'000	-19'000
TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS	40'000	36'000	-4'000
PERSONNEL			
Expatriate staff	40'000	7'000	-33'000
National staff	62'000	49'000	-13'000
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES			
Travel & related expenses	10'000	3'000	-7'000
Information expenses	5'000	5'000	
Administrative & general expenses	58'000	31'000	-27'000
External workshops & seminars	17'000	2'000	-15'000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	417'000	191'000	-226'000
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	1'267'000	397'000	-870'000
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)		275'448	
NET REQUEST	1'267'000	121'552	

Russian Federation: floods						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 20/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			22.10.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				397'000		TOTAL COVERAGE 69.4%
BRITISH - RC		10'000	GBP	23'327	03.10.2002	
CANADIAN - RC		25'000	CAD	24'033	23.07.2002	
FINNISH - RC		20'000	EUR	29'396	26.07.2002	FOOD & HYGIENE PARCELS
FINNISH - RC		20'000	EUR	29'360	18.09.2002	
JAPANESE - RC		28'000	USD	41'272	14.08.2002	FLOODS NORTHERN CAUCASUS & SOUTH OF RUSSIA, REPLENISHMENT
FRENCH - PRIVATE DONOR		150	EUR	220	06.09.2002	
SWEDISH - GOVT		800'000	SEK	127'840	16.08.2002	NOT FOR FOOD PARCELS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				275'448	CHF	69.4%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	