

EMERGENCY APPEAL



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TURKEY: EARTHQUAKE IN BINGOL PROVINCE

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***THIS APPEAL SEEKS CHF 2,384,000
(USD 1,770,079 or EUR 1,579,296)
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 36,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR 6 MONTHS***

The Situation

An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale shook Turkey's southeastern Bingol Province on Thursday, 1 May 2003 at 03.27 local time. The epicenter of the quake was close to Bingol town, causing some buildings to collapse in the city center. Bingol Town has a population of 60,000 and there are 250,000 people living within a 50 km radius of the epicenter. Bingol Province also lies within the 1st earthquake degree of the Eastern Anatolian Fault Line. The last major earthquake shook Bingol Province on May 22, 1971 and killed 900 people.

According to the local authorities 121 people have been killed, and over 500 have been injured. Electricity and communications are cut off in the area. Civil defense rescue teams were sent from the Diyarbakir and Elazig Provinces to assist in search and rescue operations. The death toll results mainly for the collapse of a dormitory at the Celtiksuyu Primary Boarding School. Search and rescue teams are working frantically to reach some 143 students trapped under the rubble. 45 bodies have already been pulled out from the debris. 82 people were registered after being rescued from the collapsed school building, and 71 people remain unaccounted for. Some of the children may have escaped the collapsed school, and therefore there may be more survivors than the 82 reported so far. There is a great feeling of community solidarity, with many people contributing to helping in clearing rubble. Rescue efforts will continue for the next 3-4 days.

The Bogazici University Kandilli Observatory reported that further aftershocks registering more than 5.0 on the Richter Scale could potentially hit the area, and it is therefore recommended that damaged buildings remain off limits. More than 260 aftershocks have been registered in the region so far, with the strongest one measuring 3.8 on the Richter Scale. Three hospitals in Bingol were damaged which prompted an evacuation of severely injured patients to other cities.

There have been reports of some security incidents in the area caused by tensions concerning the distribution of relief items and tent cities. Public protests were also reported. The International Federation representatives are closely monitoring the situation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The International Federation has deployed a psychosocial delegate and a psychosocial officer to support the Turkish Red Crescent Society's (TRCS) psychosocial team. A DP and information delegates, as well as the information officer are also working at the earthquake site. Coordination meetings with Turkish Red Crescent (or Kizilay) and UN agencies are being held. There are indications that some goods could be channelled by the UN through the International Federation's appeal. A four-member UNDAC team has been dispatched by OCHA to Bingol. WHO is ready to send three trauma kits for the affected population.

Sister national societies (the American, Norwegian, German, Spanish, Iranian, French, Austrian, British, Italian, and Hellenic Red Cross) and international agencies (e.g. DRN - Disaster Resource Network) remain ready to provide support (search and rescue units, ERU water and sanitation teams, relief supplies) should there be a request. The International Federation Secretariat has been in touch with the Liaison Bureau in Brussels and ECHO with the view of applying for emergency funds if this becomes necessary.

The Needs

Preliminary assessments indicate that the initial emergency response activities in the earthquake area have been carried out on a timely and effective basis by the TRCS, and most of the immediate needs of effected population are covered. However an assessment will be carried out by a medical expert to determine the necessity of medical needs and the potential for an ERU deployment.

The proposed Operation

Objectives and activities planned to reach the objectives w

Health and care w

Objective 1: Provide psychological support to effected population

There is a considerable need for rehabilitation and recovery assistance in terms of psychological support and trauma counselling. People are currently living in tents outside their homes (although some are either lightly damaged or in relatively good conditions), and local authorities and aid workers are concerned that as a result of acute stress and traumatic reactions, people might choose to stay in tents rather than live inside the buildings for some time.

A number of aftershocks (260 since the major earthquake) and moderate tremors have occurred which provoke panic and concern among the local population. In addition, predictions by seismologists that Turkey may face a major earthquake anytime within 30 years are adding to the psychological trauma of the effected population. A TRCS psychosocial team, in cooperation and coordination with UNICEF and supported by the Federation, are in the affected area providing psychosocial support to people. A detailed project proposal and plan of action covering a six-month period to provide trauma counselling and training for the community at the individual and communal levels will be developed.

Objective 2: Provide equipment and medical supplies to the affected area.

An assessment will be carried to determine the needs of the medical establishment in the region and a detailed plan will be elaborated.

Relief: distribution of food and basic non-food items w

Objective 1: provide hot meals to 6,000 persons for 1 month.

TRCS started providing 3 hot meals to affected population on the same day that the earthquake occurred, and this activity will continue for one month until the situation is stabilised.

Objective 2: procurement of mobile kitchens.

The TRCS's capacity to provide hot meals during future disasters must be strengthened, and the procurement of 5 mobile kitchen units is therefore included in this appeal budget.

Shelter w

Objective 1: replenishment of 5,000 tents and thirty thousand blankets.

The TRCS has mobilized its tent and blanket stocks from regional warehouse to respond to this emergency. Some 6,000 tents and 30,000 blankets have been delivered to the affected area and will be distributed to families that are in need of shelter. It is critical that these TRCS stocks be replenished to enable a timely, effective and efficient response to the needs of potential disaster victims.

Disaster Preparedness w

Objective 1: Disaster Preparedness- branch development.

The planned operation will concentrate on building the TRCS disaster response, preparedness and mitigation capacities through training in First Aid, monitoring, reporting, international standards and tools in disaster management. The operation will also ensure that the reconstruction works on the selected sites are finalized. The psycho-social component of the programme will encourage the community's participation in the TRCS Centres to promote self reliance among the earthquake victims.

Knowledge and skills of the TRCS staff, as well as volunteers in Disaster Management including the international standards and tools (Code of Conduct in Relief, Sphere Project, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment, etc.) will be increased. The Disaster Preparedness and Response training modules will be prepared, refined and adapted to effectively address the local disaster situations. Coordination and collaboration between the major stakeholders (the government/international agencies, the non-governmental organisations, and the private sector) will be improved.

Objective 2: set up a Rapid Disaster Response Team (RDRT) at the Bingol and Mus local branches to respond effectively to disasters at the national or international level.

Two zonal disaster centres will be adequately developed at strategically selected sites; emergency relief stocks as well as crisis communication equipment and logistics support units will be pre-positioned at these zonal centres. Operational systems, structures, procedures and mechanisms including monitoring, evaluation, and reporting will be refined and put to effective use as required.

Objective 3: arrange a three month consultancy mission on Disaster Preparedness.

A consultant be recruited in order to further assist the TRCS in developing and strengthening the disaster preparedness capacities of the national society and its branches.

Monitoring and evaluation w

The Federation's programme coordinator will provide general management of the appeal projects including budget monitoring and ensure that appropriate technical and financial requirements are met. Monitoring will be undertaken by relevant Federation and TRCS staff and areas of concern will be discussed in regular weekly meetings and incorporated in monthly reports. The evaluation of the programme will be conducted through regular meetings between the TRCS and the Federation in order to identify and resolve problems and needs, and adjust the programme accordingly.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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All International Federation Assistance 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.

In line with the Minimum Reporting Standards, the first operations update on this appeal will be issued within 30-days of the launch and the second will be issued over the course of the operation; a final narrative and financial report will be issued no later than 90 days after the end of the operation.

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 website.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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Turkey - earthquake in Bingol

TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Tents: 5,000	750,000
Blankets: 30,000	160,000
Food supplies	190,000
Medical & first aid (WHO kit)	7,000
Hospital / clinic support	600,000
Mobile kitchens	90,000
Other relief supplies	50,000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	1,847,000
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<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6.5% of total)	155,000
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>	
Miscellaneous equipment	25,000
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	
Transport and storage	107,000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
Expatriate staff (incl. psycho. support)	78,000
National staff (incl. psycho. support)	74,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Travel & related expenses	10,000
Information expenses	5,000
Administrative & general expenses	63,000
External workshops & training	20,000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	537,000
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TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	2,384,000
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LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	0
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NET REQUEST	2,384,000
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