

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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PHILIPPINES: LANDSLIDES AND FLOODS

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In Brief

Appeal No. 03/04; Operations Update no. 02; Period covered: 01 Apr 2004 to 31 May 2004; Appeal coverage: 94%; ([click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website](#)).

Appeal history:

- Launched on 07 January 2004 for CHF 853,000(USD 692,989 or EUR 544,144) for 06 months for 565 beneficiary families;
- Budget revised to CHF 378,148 and 300 beneficiary families (including 140 for the shelter component);
- This operations update notifies a programme extension for two months through end August 2004, with a shelter component of 140 houses and the final report due on 31 October 2004.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 50,000 (reimbursed).

Outstanding needs: CHF 22,029

Related Emergency/Annual Appeals: [Emergency Appeal 03/04](#); [South East Asia Regional Appeal 01.66/04](#)

Operational Summary:

Almost five months have elapsed since severe floods and landslides in the Pinut-an barangay (village) San Ricardo left 300 families, homeless and living a precarious existence, with some 24 remaining in temporary accommodation. The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) has faced many challenges during implementation of the rehabilitation operation targeted at providing dwellings for these families and while some issues have been addressed, others are proving very time-consuming, delaying the completion of the operation by at least two months. Of the 300 affected families the PNRC will specifically target 140 families for rehousing, with a further 140 provided by a local church group, while 20 of the original houses will be repaired by the local government. The shelter element is due to start on 24 May 2004. The operation also includes water-sanitation, community based disaster preparedness training and livelihood components, covering all 300 families and their communities.

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Operational developments

The rehabilitation effort thus far has proved very challenging for PNRC and the International Federation, following a short relief phase when the speed and professionalism of the Red Cross disaster management machine - together with the government and other local agencies - was again highlighted, with the Society's rapid response teams providing more than 1,000 families (some 5,570 individuals) with food, medicines and non-food commodities, including mosquito nets, blankets, mats and kitchen utensils, from stocks already held.

There have been several major constraints affecting the timeframe of the operation, in particular the presidential and local government elections, with much of the community involved in the campaigning, in turn overshadowing the rehabilitation operation. Further, the director of the disaster management unit - which is often dealing with several emergency operations at any one time - has been very ill and while he is recovering, PNRC have appointed an acting head of the department with limited authority. The PNRC has also made significant changes to its management structure, which have slowed decision-making normally falling within the remit of the secretary general.

Another major obstacle to the start up of the operation has been the difficulties encountered by the local authority in clearing an access road to the site, across a river bed - invariably soft and muddy - approximately 60 to 70 metres wide. The continual rain in the area this has given the local engineers great concern. After much thought and discussion the local authorities are now convinced that the road will be finished in time for the shelter component commencement date of 24 May 2004.

The PNRC and the Federation are working to a revised schedule:

- 15 January-31 August: housing reconstruction, water and sanitation preparation, procurement and implementation
- 1 May-25 May: livelihood component and community based disaster management training
- 15 August-31 August: final evaluation and reporting.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

Objective 1 (revised): Provide new housing for 140 families living in evacuation centres or other temporary accommodation.

- Construction now scheduled to commence by 24 May 2004.
- Local suppliers have been identified for the purchase of building materials using Federation and PNRC procurement standards.
- The lumber is to be donated by the department of environment and natural resources and all supplies will be delivered to the building site.
- A storage place for the construction materials is currently being identified.
- The food-for-work supplies have been increased to meet the new timeframe, with the original order increased as the suppliers have agreed to the same prices.
- The food will be in San Ricardo to coincide with the commencement of construction, with procurement paperwork processed as per donor requirements.

Objective 2: Re-establish and improve access to safe water and provide sanitation facilities for the affected population. *(Nothing new to report)*

Objective 3: Assist 300 of the most affected families to regain financial stability through the provision of livelihood facilities for income generation.

- The agricultural tools have been delivered to the PNRC headquarters in Manila. The tools will be delivered to the Southern Leyte chapter by mid-May, for distribution to families in San Ricardo, with procurement paperwork processed as per donor requirements.

Objective 4: Train and organise 120 community volunteers in the 12 most affected barangays of the five municipalities in community-based disaster management training (CBDMT).

- Training budget is finalised and a five day training workshop is scheduled to begin 17 May 2004.

Federation Coordination

The operation in the field is managed entirely by the national society, except in reporting and monitoring where the Federation is assisting through the deployment of a relief delegate for the operation. Cooperation between the PNRC and Federation is excellent.

National Society Capacity Building

The capacity of the PNRC is improving daily with increased visibility, especially in San Ricardo; the number of volunteers has increased, as has awareness for all Red Cross programmes.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The PNRC activities are being advertised on community notice boards, local newspapers and radio/ TV. In addition the PNRC distributes its ICDPP (Integrated Community Disaster Planning Program) materials to all participants at training events and authorities. The Southern Leyte Governor who is also the chairman of the PNRC chapter board has regular press meetings where she advocates for the Red Cross and highlights the current rehabilitation operation.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 03/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

11/05/2004

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|-------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
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CASH

| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | | | | 378,148 | | TOTAL COVERAGE 94.2% |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|-----|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| AUSTRIAN - RC | | 30,000 | EUR | 47,265 | 03.03.4 | |
| BELGIUM GOVT | | 30,000 | EUR | 47,265 | 13.02.04 | FOOD-FOR-WORK, AGRICULTURAL TOOLS |
| BRITISH - RC | | 15,000 | GBP | 34,298 | 02.02.04 | |
| DANISH - RC | | | | 48,736 | 09.01.04 | |
| JAPANESE - RC | | 34,600 | USD | 43,215 | 14.01.04 | |
| MONACO - RC | | 10,000 | EUR | 15,600 | 06.02.04 | |
| NEW ZEALAND - RC | | 20,000 | NZD | 16,840 | 09.02.04 | |
| SWEDISH - GOVT | | 600,000 | SEK | 102,900 | 14.01.04 | RELIEF NEEDS, OPERATIONAL NEEDS |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | | 356,119 | CHF | 94.2% |

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
|---|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
| Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete. | | | | | | |
| 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 | |