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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: FLOODS

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In Brief

THIS EMERGENCY APPEAL SEEKS CHF 333,000 (USD 254,750 OR EUR 213,400) IN CASH, KIND, OR SERVICES TO ASSIST 8,412 BENEFICIARIES FOR THREE MONTHS

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The situation



Due to heavy rains between the 6th and 14th April 2004, the water level of the Pliva, Vrbas, Bosna, Sana, Vrbanja, Josavka, Una, Lasva, Zdena, Drina and Sava rivers rose rapidly. As a consequence, the water spilled over the river banks; flooding large areas of the Banja Luka, Prijedor, Mrkonjic-Grad and Doboje regions, as well as the Una-Sana, Zenica-Doboje, Srednja Bosna and Posavina cantons *(click here to go directly to the attached map)*.

THE WATER LEVEL OF THE RIVERS FLOODED LARGE AREAS OF MANY REGIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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AROUND 5,000 HOUSES WERE FLOODED, WHICH FORCED SEVERAL HUNDRED OF FAMILIES TO EVACUATE FROM THEIR HOMES

Forty-eight municipalities were flooded. The most affected declared a state of emergency at the height of the floods. The respective regions and cantons consequently declared a state of elemental disaster. Timely and efficient joint intervention of the Civil Protection and Red Cross Emergency Response Teams prevented casualties. According to the last estimates, these floods have affected 300,000 people. Around 5,000 houses were flooded and several hundred families had to be evacuated from their homes. The floods have reportedly damaged 20,000 hectares of crop land, and washed away several bridges. Basic infrastructure was damaged, making access by road difficult. Water-

wells were flooded, and the water network system was affected, resulting in the water being polluted and unsuitable for drinking. The sewage overflows contaminated wells which inhabitants of the affected areas rely on for their water supply. There is a significant concern that land mines laid during the war may have been washed away by the floods, and may re-appear in areas previously declared land-mine free. These floods came after last year's drought and hailstorms that severely affected 200,000 inhabitants.

The needs

Immediate needs:

CHF 50,000 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to start this relief operation. The Red Cross has so far distributed:

- 900 jerry cans.
- 410 food parcels.
- 173 hygiene parcels.
- 2,100 blankets.
- 600 m2 of plastic sheeting.
- 50 parcels of second-hand clothes and shoes.
- water purification pills.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is still recovering from years of war during which the economy was totally ruined. Eighty percent of the population in the affected areas lives on agricultural proceeds. Immediate needs include short-term relief assistance to 8,412 of the poorest and most affected whose property and crops were damaged by the floods. The loss of the crops will impact food availability in the medium to long-term. Due to the conditions, hygiene items are needed, as well as disinfectants to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases. Water cistern trucks are currently distributing water to those in the affected areas. There is a need for more jerry cans.

Beneficiaries will be selected according to the following criteria:

- elderly people, aged 60 and above, living alone.
- families with children under eight years of age.
- female-headed households.

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- disabled.
- people left homeless.
- returnees and IDPs.

Longer-term needs:

While longer-term rehabilitation work on the water and electricity supply systems, houses and road infrastructure are not envisioned in this appeal, there are needs in these areas. The affected communities also need to improve their capacity in disaster prevention, to improve their own coping mechanisms, and mitigate the affects of disasters.

Coordination

The Red Cross, in co-operation with the civil protection and the authorities, is involved in all field activities, and is responsible for the organization and realization of care for the affected population. The RCSBiH Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) members carried out field assessments, together with Civil Protection. Local, regional/cantonal and entity authorities, and police and army units assisted the affected population as well. Fire-brigades distributed drinking water and local authorities provided food. The army helped with boots, rescue units, and machines. The government of Republika Srpska provided 1,000 family parcels that will be distributed to the affected population through the Red Cross. The government of Slovenia donated mineral water and juices.

The proposed operation

Objectives and activities planned

The overall goal of this operation is to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable flood victims.

Emergency relief (food and non-food)

Objective: provide assistance for 8,412 of the poorest and most-affected flood victims, consisting of food and hygiene parcels, jerry cans, and disinfectants.

Activities planned to reach this objective:

- identification of beneficiaries according to the defined selection criteria and preparation of beneficiary lists will be done by the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina branches.
- purchasing of 10,412 food parcels, 8,412 hygiene parcels, 3,900 jerry cans (20-litre) and 2,200 disinfectants on the domestic market by the national society.
- pre-positioning of relief items in four regional warehouses (Gradiska, Tuzla, Modrica, Vogosca) by the national society.
- distribution of food parcels, hygiene parcels, jerry cans and disinfectants to 8,412 beneficiaries by Red Cross branches and volunteers.
- interim evaluation of distributions, identification of 1,000 of the most vulnerable beneficiaries among the targeted population and preparation, verification and approval of beneficiary list for second and third month distribution of food parcels (by the national society headquarter and respective branches).
- Second and third month distribution of food parcels by Red Cross branches and volunteers.
- Final evaluation of relief operation by the national society Disaster Management Team and branches.
- Reporting to national headquarters and Federation office in Sarajevo on implemented activities.

Objective: Promotion of activities of the Red Cross and strengthening of the RCSBiH image.

Activities planned to reach this objective:

- maximizing visibility of the national society through distribution, visits to beneficiaries, monitoring and evaluation by volunteers of the Red Cross branches.
- maximizing visibility through use of the national society emblem on food and hygiene parcels by the Red Cross branches.
- Media coverage of the Red Cross work.

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This operation will improve the cooperation between Red Cross branches and authorities on the municipal level and cooperation between the Entities' Red Cross branches. It will also define roles and responsibilities of the different actors (communities, local authorities, national and international organizations) in case of disaster. The capacity of the RCSBiH in disaster management will be strengthened.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

RCSBiH representatives in the field gave interviews to the media. The public was informed about the roles and responsibilities of the Red Cross and the measures which were taken.

Capacity of the National Society

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina has extensive experience in relief operations. It has 20 regional/cantonal and 160 local branches throughout the country and is supported by over 4,500 volunteers. There are two Disaster Preparedness coordinators, a Disaster Management Team of five members at the national society level, four Regional Disaster Response Team members (RDRT), 20 regional/cantonal Disaster Preparedness coordinators and 20 Emergency Response Teams (240 members). There are also 4 Disaster Preparedness warehouses (Gradiska, Tuzla, Vogosca and Trebinje). The RCSBiH has no more relief items in its stock and replenishment is urgently needed.

Capacity of the Federation

The Federation Representative in BiH, finance development manager, office manager, Budapest sub-regional disaster management coordinator, and disaster management assistant are involved in this operation. There are no additional needs in terms of human resources.

Monitoring and evaluation

An RCSBiH-appointed monitoring team is responsible for verifying the validity of beneficiary lists through random checks. Regular monitoring will show if the activities are implemented according to the plan of action. The first evaluation will be done four weeks after the first distribution.

Budget summary

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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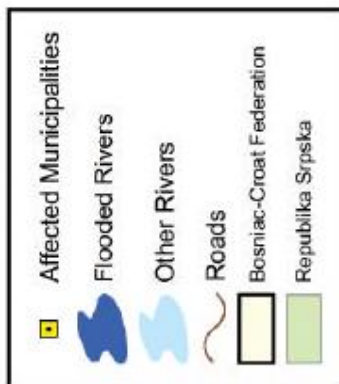
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T P E	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Food parcels	156,000
Water and sanitation	13,000
Utensils tools, jerry cans	20,000
Hygiene parcels	67,000
<u>TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS</u>	256,000
<u>PR GRAMME SUPP RT</u>	
Programme support (6.5 of total)	22,000
<u>TRANSP RT ST RAGE VEHICLE C STS</u>	38,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Travel related expenses	1,000
Information expenses	2,000
Administrative general expenses	14,000
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS</u>	77,000
<u>TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES</u>	333,000
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	0
<u>NET RE UEST</u>	333,000

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