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In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 28 November 2005 to 28 February 2006

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History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- Earthquake struck provinces of Jiangxi, Hubei and Anhui on 26 November 2005. Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) distributed relief items from its disaster preparedness stocks to affected population.
- CHF 130,000 allocated from the Federation's DREF on 27 November 2005 to replenish disaster preparedness stocks of RCSC.
- Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) provided CHF 35,000 to provide 25 temporary latrines to meet sanitation needs, at request of Federation regional delegation. Funds transferred from JRCS directly to RCSC.
- Operation ended in February 2006.

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Background and summary

The 26 November 2005 earthquake which affected the provinces of Jiangxi (Ruichang city and Jiujiang county), Hubei and Anhui left at least 16 people dead and more than 8,000 people seeking treatment for earthquake-related injuries. In Jiangxi province, some 150,000 houses were destroyed and around 600,000 residents evacuated. In Hubei province, 7,500 people had to be evacuated. In Anhui, the least affected, 32 homes were destroyed.

According to relief officers from the Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) Jiangxi Provincial branch, aftershocks close to the earthquake's epicentre in Ruichang city continued to affect Jiangxi for three months after the initial earthquake. The earthquake was an especially harsh blow for the residents of both Jiujiang county and Ruichang city who had already suffered much from severe floods and landslides in May and a destructive typhoon in September. Only two weeks earlier, some 260,000 people in Jiujiang city had been seriously affected by floods.

Government assistance following the earthquake went primarily to those families who were most severely affected by the earthquake, namely those whose entire homes were destroyed. These families each received on average RMB 11,000 (USD 1,375) in compensation, with a typical 60 square metre brick house (which lacks water and sanitation facilities or glass windows) costing anywhere between RMB 10-30,000 (approx. USD 1200 – 3,700) to build. However, while assistance from the government, family members and friends allowed a large number of families displaced by the earthquake to find permanent housing, by March, according to the Relief division of the Jiangxi Red Cross, some 13,000 people were still living in tents. Months after the earthquake, Ruichang city's main street was still lined with tents housing displaced families. Even with government compensation, many families who lost their crops to the floods in May and September have had to struggle to rebuild their homes.

Analysis of the operation – achievements and impact

Relief

Following the earthquake, Jiangxi Red Cross immediately sent 70 family-sized tents from its own stocks to the disaster area. The next day (Sunday), CHF 130,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to finance the release and distribution of relief items and tents from the Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) disaster preparedness stocks to the worst affected areas in Jiangxi province.

On the same day, 27 November, RCSC Headquarters authorised the release of 200 family tents and 2,000 quilts from its regional disaster preparedness centre in nearby Xiaogan, near Wuhan in Hubei province. The quilts and the tents were immediately delivered to the affected areas by truck. The county branches distributed the quilts on 28 and 29 November. Remaining DREF funds were used by the Jiangxi Red Cross for the purchase of bottled water for communal facilities. The RCSC Headquarters in Beijing also released RMB 60,000 (CHF 9,500) to the provincial branch to purchase relief items.



Relief tents on a street in Ruichang city

In late November, a joint RCSC/Federation assessment team visited the affected area. Most people in and around Ruichang city (population of 420,000) had abandoned their homes and were living on the streets. The area around Ruichang Lake, in the centre of Ruichang city, was transformed into a small tent city. However, although the government made arrangements for families to stay temporarily in tents, little was done about sanitation needs.

Sanitation

Keeping in mind some of the latest statistics from the Children's World Water forum, where over half of all people without toilets live in India and China (some 1.5 billion in total), sanitation in China in general remains a big challenge for the country. Following the earthquake, Ruichang city lacked sanitation facilities. Based on the findings of the joint assessment, the RCSC's relief division, Jiangxi branch and the Federation began to explore options for providing portable latrines to parts of the affected urban areas.

Following a request from the Federation regional delegation, the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) agreed to provide CHF 35,000 to support the provision of 25 temporary latrines and a maintenance truck to help meet the longer term sanitation needs of the displaced people in Ruichang city. These arrived in the third week of January. The city council was given the responsibility to ensure that the latrines, which were placed close to the clusters of tents, were cleaned every two days.

In addition to activities carried out with support from the Federation and the Japanese Red Cross, the RCSC's Jiangxi Provincial branch also provided support to affected families to repair and reconstruct their homes, using funds raised in the province and by the RCSC's Shanghai branch.

Hubei Province-Huang Mei county

Besides Jiangxi, the earthquake also affected Huang Mei county in Hubei. The RCSC's Hubei Provincial branch sent medical teams to the affected area, and collected and distributed warm clothing valued at RMB 20,000 (USD

2,500). Tents were provided to some 200 people by the Ministry of Civil Affairs. In December, RCSC headquarters provided the branch with 2,500 sets of winter clothes for distribution in the affected areas. Items were also released by the RCSC's regional DP centre in Jiangsu. The branch, with a strong relief department has, with support from RCSC headquarters, responded to the three waves of floods during the period August – October 2005.

Coordination

The RCSC's Jiangxi Provincial, Ruichang and Jiujiang county and city level branches worked with local authorities and the local Ministry of Health (MoH) to determine the relief needs of the affected population, and provided tents and water to schools and medical facilities damaged by the earthquake. Following the confirmation of support from the JRCs for sanitation



Children having class outside to get warm

facilities, a meeting was held on 13 December in Ruichang County between representatives from the RCSC's Jiangxi Provincial branch, Ruichang City branch, Jiujiang county and city branches, local government officials, the Federation's Regional Disaster Management Delegate and the Federation's China flood relief delegate. The meeting, facilitated by Ruichang city's Vice Mayor (representing the Ruichang City council), outlined the city's sanitation needs for a period of six months as well as a plan of action.

Conclusion

The relief items provided during the initial days of shock and confusion following the earthquake played an important role in meeting the immediate physical needs of the victims, and also contributed much to their psychological wellbeing. The ability to distribute items within 12 - 48 hours to those people who needed them the most, once again underscored the importance to a national society of having access to disaster preparedness stocks. Similarly, the provision of temporary latrines by the Red Cross played a significant role in improving the sanitation conditions over the medium-term of the displaced population in the urban areas affected by the earthquake.

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- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

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Budget Timeframe	2005/1-2006/6
Appeal	M05ME070
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		130'000				130'000
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
DREF		128'762				128'762
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		128'762				128'762
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		128'762				128'762
D. Total Funding = B + C		128'762				128'762

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		128'762				128'762
E. Expenditure		-128'762				-128'762
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		130'000					130'000	
Supplies								
Shelter	63'532						63'532	
Clothing & textiles	16'240						16'240	
Food	28'278						28'278	
Total Supplies	108'050						108'050	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	7'950		203				203	7'747
Total Transport & Storage	7'950		203				203	7'747
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegate Benefits			1'875				1'875	-1'875
Total Personnel Expenditures			1'875				1'875	-1'875
General Expenditure								
Travel			1'265				1'265	-1'265
Information & Public Relation	2'950							2'950
Professional Fees	2'600		4'000				4'000	-1'400
Financial Charges			0				0	-0
Total General Expenditure	5'550		5'265				5'265	285
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			113'050				113'050	-113'050
Total Federation Contributions & Transfers			113'050				113'050	-113'050
Program Support								
Program Support	8'450		8'370				8'370	80
Total Program Support	8'450		8'370				8'370	80
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	130'000		128'762				128'762	1'238
VARIANCE (C - D)			1'238				1'238	