

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

China: Sichuan earthquake

Emergency appeal n° MDRCN003
GLIDE n°EQ-2008-000062-CHN
Operations Update 26
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Period covered by this update: 1 November 2009 - 6 January 2010

Appeal target (current): CHF 167,102,368 (USD 137.7 million or EUR 110 million)

Appeal coverage: With contributions received to date, in cash and kind, the appeal is currently approximately 91 per cent covered. <click [here](#) for interim financial report or [here](#) for contact details>



New homes in time for the new year: “We moved into our house in August, but we have yet to build a proper kitchen and buy essential things like a bed for our son, so Red Cross assistance will help us to be able to afford some of those things,” says Yang Shilin and his wife. He injured his left leg in the earthquake, aggravating an old leg injury which he sustained many years ago. Sho Huang/ International Federation.

Appeal history:

- A revised emergency appeal was launched on 20 November 2008 for 167.1 million (USD 137.7 million or EUR 110 million) to assist 200,000 families (up to 1,000,000 people) for 31 months.
- An emergency appeal was launched on 30 May 2008 for CHF 96.7 million (USD 96.7 million or EUR 59.5 million) in response to the huge humanitarian needs and in recognition of the unique position of the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) supported by Red Cross Red Crescent partners to deliver high quality disaster response and recovery programmes.
- A preliminary emergency appeal of CHF 20.1 million (USD 19.3 million and EUR 12.4 million) was issued on 15 May 2008 to support the RCSC to assist around 100,000 people affected by the earthquake for 12 months.
- CHF 250,000 (USD 240,223 or EUR 155,160) was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 12 May 2008, to support the RCSC to immediately start assessments of the affected areas and distribute relief items.

Summary: In the biggest international humanitarian operation ever to unfold in China, the International Federation's shelter support programme for those affected by the Sichuan earthquake has distributed CNY 361 million (CHF 55.1 million) to nearly 62,000 survivor families in the first phase to help ease the burden of debt and other costs incurred during the reconstruction of their homes.

The International Federation's shelter support programme's coverage extended to 20 rural townships in Mianzhu County. The first phase (26-29 December) of cash distribution will be accompanied by a second phase anticipated in mid-January 2010 for around 1,000 households. The maximum amount of support which households are receiving is CNY 10,000 (CHF 1,526) and this is equivalent to about six years'¹ worth of pre-earthquake disposable income for the average farmer (per capita).

Other programme areas including livelihoods, water and sanitation and health and psychosocial support are also moving forward. With plans expanding, new project agreements are being signed and further progress towards implementation on the ground are being made. A more comprehensive update on community-based programmes will be published in the next operations update.

Budgets and plans of action for the International Federation's shelter support programme have regularly changed in order to reflect ground realities. Considerations of the situation and subsequent changes have been made through constant consultation with the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC), and through other communication and updates with partners. A revised appeal incorporating all changes to the shelter support programme and all other International Federation programmes is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2010.

Many partner National Societies have made contributions to the appeal: American Red Cross/American government, Australian Red Cross/Australian government, Belgian Red Cross/Belgian government, British Red Cross, Bulgarian Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Cook Islands Red Cross, Croatian Red Cross, Czech Red Cross, Danish Red Cross/Danish government, Estonian Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross/Finnish government, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross/Icelandic government, Indian Red Cross, Iranian Red Crescent, Irish Red Cross/Irish government, Japanese Red Cross/Japanese government, Lithuanian Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent, Mauritius Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross/Netherlands government, New Zealand Red Cross/New Zealand government, Norwegian Red Cross/Norwegian government, Qatar Red Crescent, Romanian Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Sri Lanka Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross/ Swedish government, Turkish Red Crescent and United Arab Emirates Red Crescent Society, as well as contributions from American, Greek, Italian, Luxembourg, Slovenian and South African governments, OPEC Fund for International Development, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and many corporate partners.

The Red Cross Society of China has also received many bilateral contributions of funding, including the following: Canadian Red Cross, Cambodian Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Republic of Korea Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Pakistan Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Thai Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent and Viet Nam Red Cross. These contributions have been added to the various substantial resources raised domestically by the Red Cross Society of China in its national fundraising appeal. The International Federation, on behalf of the Red Cross Society of China, thanks all partners for their generous response to this appeal.

Background

An 8.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Wenchuan county and the surrounding areas of Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi provinces in western China on 12 May 2008. The official death toll stands at over 87,449², second only to the Tangshan earthquake in 1976 which killed 240,000 people. The devastating earthquake injured 375,000 people and caused the initial displacement of up to 15 million people. Five million houses were destroyed and the homeless and displaced were moved into temporary shelters. The region continues to experience aftershocks until this day with the two latest earthquakes measuring 3.1 and 4.8 on the Richter scale striking Mianzhu back-to-back on 23 November 2009.

The situation

In light of the earthquake's magnitude and devastation, the government of China faced tremendous pressure to ensure that reconstruction in housing and other infrastructure projects are completed as quickly as possible,

¹ The Government of Deyang Prefecture 's website: http://www.dytj.gov.cn/News_View.asp?NewsID=18648

while dealing with the impacts of the economic slowdown of 2008-2009. It was only the countryside which was mainly affected, where millions of Chinese farmers eke out a living on less than USD 2 a day.

Although many houses in urban areas started reconstructing within a few months after the disaster, many more (especially those living in rural and mountainous areas) continued to live in temporary shelters under difficult conditions. In early 2009, the government decreed that all families were to start and complete reconstruction by May and September 2009 respectively. Families with savings and access to commercial loans were able to start within the deadlines, but many families were unable to start rebuilding their homes due to a lack of financial and human resource. Majority of these families relied heavily on non-commercial forms of borrowings in order to build the most basic structure of their houses. They faced immense hardships and continued sinking further into debt. At the same time, several incidences relating to sensitivities regarding the core issue of equity in Mianzhu County also raised government authorities concerns about the potential for social instability.



Despite a high level of completed housing reconstruction in urban areas, many families, like these two couples in Jiulong and Zundao Townships, are still reconstructing their homes in rural areas. Photos: Amanda West/ American Red Cross and Sho Huang/ International Federation

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In reconstruction projects, the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) is supporting the construction of 660 schools and more than 2,000 medical clinics and hospitals across Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi. The RCSC itself is also engaged in a massive programme of construction support, much larger in scale than the one implemented through the International Federation and assisting tens of thousands more families. In Sichuan alone, RCSC is helping families reconstruct over 24,000³ houses. The Hong Kong and Macao branches of the RCSC are also engaged with around 11,500 houses as well.

Significantly, RCSC (for the first time) is also supporting several projects implemented by Chinese non-governmental organizations in the communities. These include the construction of an ecological village, orphanages and the provision of homes for the disabled and elderly.

Other partner National Societies are also supporting the RCSC in several reconstruction projects across earthquake affected areas. For example, the Korean National Red Cross Society participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of a school in Sichuan. A delegation led by the vice president of Korean National Red Cross Society paid a visit to the earthquake-affected areas and the Sichuan Red Cross branch, and provided the Korean National Red Cross an opportunity to directly witness the impact of their support in the area.

The Japanese Red Cross(JRCS) dispatched its director of international medical relief department to ascertain equipment damage and current needs at the Weicheng Township clinic (also known as the Youxian County People's Hospital) which is supported by JRCS. The JRCS is planning to provide additional medical

² No official statement by the government has been issued on the status of the 18,500 missing people. However, some media reports quote a death toll of more than 80,000 people. According to Xinhua news, 86,663 deaths alone were from Sichuan province.

³ According to figures given by the Sichuan Red Cross dated 16 December 2003.

equipment support for this hospital and is currently engaged in supporting RCSC with the reconstruction of 20 schools, 39 clinics and 54 village health stations across Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi. Meanwhile, it is in discussion with RCSC to extend its assistance to a further 6 schools and 26 village health stations.

Other partner National Societies such as the Canadian Red Cross, German Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, Taiwan Red Cross Organization, and Thailand Red Cross are also contributing towards RCSC reconstruction projects.

On 8 November, the International Federation, American Red Cross, German Red Cross, and Japanese Red Cross were honoured with the China Red Cross Special Medal in a ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People. This significantly honoured the contribution of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and individuals that have committed to relief and recovery work in China and the great support provided to the Sichuan earthquake affected areas.



The Executive Vice-President of RCSC, representatives from the American, German, Japanese Red Cross Societies, and the International Federation's Regional Office Representative gathered at the Great Hall of the People after collecting their special Red Cross medals. Photo: Isaka Kazutaka/ Japanese Red Cross.

Progress towards objectives

Shelter reconstruction

Objective 1: (Recovery Phase: 7 to 31 months): To assist 22,540 households of the most vulnerable earthquake-affected families in Jiulong, Zundao, Banqiao and possibly Xinglong townships of Mianzhu County to reconstruct their homes using the “owner-driven” reconstruction model.

Expected results

- Homeowners and local authorities have access to technical support to build earthquake-resistant homes.
- Supplementary monitoring and quality control that reinforces and complements the government of China's monitoring and quality control to support homeowners and contractors to build earthquake-resistant homes.
- Homeowners receive necessary financial support to build earthquake-resistant homes.
- Homeowners have the necessary information and knowledge to build earthquake-resistant homes.

Overview

With the paramount issues pressing government authorities at central and local levels, much of the scope and framework of the International Federation's reconstruction and recovery programme, in support of RCSC, under the November 2008 appeal has been altered significantly. The International Federation believes that its support needs to be structured in ways which promote long-term community recovery and well-being. The circumstances leading to the changes in the plan were not anticipated by all parties and the constantly evolving situation at grassroots level has resulted in many adjustments being made to the shelter programme, not only those agreed during the partnership meeting in Hainan, but several more throughout 2009. The International Federation and the RCSC continued their close consultation, and worked closely with local governments in finding the best ways of moving forward with its recovery programmes without putting equity and stability in the area at risk. Donors and partners were regularly informed of major developments and

agreed to the widening of the project area in Mianzhu⁴ and necessary adjustments to the shelter reconstruction support plan, restructured to assist a larger number of vulnerable families with rebuilding their homes.

Although proposals outlining detailed changes in the adjusted plan and the shelter support programme's, operational model were submitted to main donors, revisions were made to take into account concerns by the local government as stipulated above. Thus, the overall structure of this programme has changed greatly. The highlights of the key areas that have changed in the shelter programme are listed below. In the meantime, all reconstruction and recovery programmes are in the final stages of completion and will be officially launched in a revised appeal in the first quarter of 2010. Due to the significance of the shelter support programme and its impact on the other integrated community-based programmes, the frequent changes at ground level affecting the shelter implementation plan have made finalizing of other plans a challenge.

Highlights of key changes to the shelter support programme

The International Federation had originally planned to support 17,540⁵ families in three townships in Mianzhu County to rebuild their homes with a cash grant of CNY 20,000 per family.

- Under the adjusted plan, International Federation construction support would continue to go to affected families in the three originally planned and three other rural mountainous townships but with a reduction in the amount to CNY 10,000 allocated per household.
- Remaining funds were to be used to assist families in 15 other townships within Mianzhu who fulfil the five selection criteria receiving between CNY 3,000 to CNY 10,000 per household. At the time of distribution, only 14 townships had qualified beneficiaries, thus putting the total number of townships at 20.
- The main focus of the shelter support programme was on transferring much needed financial assistance to homeowners that would help them to repay loans and borrowed money and other household expenses that financed the rebuilding of their homes, instead of contributing towards the actual construction process.
- Altogether, International Federation assistance is expected to reach approximately 63,000 families in 20 townships within Mianzhu.
- Even though coverage increases to all 20 townships, there will be less impact per family in the 14 townships as the cash grants are spread across a greater number of beneficiaries.

Originally the shelter support programme incorporated trainings and assistance to house owners and builders on earthquake resistant building techniques, in the form of technical trainings and information dissemination.

Grants were also tied-in with construction monitoring of each of the three building phases: completion of foundation, walls and roofs.

- However, with the speed of reconstruction faster than originally anticipated resulting in a large percentage of houses being completed as early as August, under the adjusted plan, construction monitoring will be reduced to a visual inspection of a limited number of finished homes.
- Technical assistance and other homeowner education components of the programme have also been cancelled and due to the large number of beneficiaries cash distribution monitoring will also be limited to a number of finished homes.

Progress: In the last operations update, it was reported that cash distributions were to take place in late November to early December. However, on 27 November, prior to the start of cash distributions, local governments cited social instability as a concern based on complaints from counties bordering Mianzhu county, and requested all parties to reconsider the implementation plan. Negotiations between all stakeholders commenced again and on 11 December, the RCSC and the International Federation received confirmation that the shelter support programme could continue as in the latest implementation plan.

⁴ Mianzhu county is one of the most affected counties in Sichuan and many of its inhabitants are facing greater challenges of poverty after the earthquake.

⁵ Depending on available funds, a fourth township was under consideration as well, bringing the total of housing support to 22,540 families.

The International Federation began distributing the first phase of cash to families (from 25-29 December) in Mianzhu county in three batches (three townships; three mountainous townships; and 14 townships). Altogether, CNY 361 million (CHF 55.1 million) was distributed to some 61,732 households throughout Mianzhu County during this phase to help ease the burden of debt and other costs incurred during the reconstruction of their homes. The second and final phase of the distribution for about 1,000 households is expected to take place in January 2010 to cover families who meet the criteria but were not included in the first distribution. All together, about 63,000 families will receive the International Federation's shelter assistance. This is a coverage of about 45 per cent of rural reconstructed homes throughout all of Mianzhu County. The maximum amount of support which households are receiving is CNY 10,000 (CHF 1,526) and this is equivalent to about six years⁶ worth of pre-earthquake disposable income for the average farmer (per capita).

Those being helped by this financial assistance include the elderly, families who lost loved ones in the earthquake, families with people suffering from certain serious illness or those who are handicapped and families who have had to be permanently relocated.

The International Federation's shelter support programme's coverage extended to all 21 townships within Mianzhu County that met International Federation's two main conditions (rural houses damaged by the earthquake and needing reconstruction) but due to the government's decision to re-classify the status of one township from 'rural' to 'urban', this particular township no longer fulfilled the conditions for shelter support. The International Federation was only notified of this reclassification upon enquiries when the beneficiary list for this particular township was received with no details. Therefore, International Federation funds were in the end, distributed to the 20 rural townships within Mianzhu county. Financial support is being paid directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.



Top: RCSC volunteers and village heads disseminated information about the International Federation's shelter support programme, in support of RCSC. Photo: Yude Jiang/ International Federation.

Left: Li Tiannan, age 63, was excited to hear that she will receive CNY 10,000 after finding out that she qualified for International Federation assistance. Photos: Amanda West/ American Red Cross.

⁶ The Government of Deyang Prefecture 's website: http://www.dytj.gov.cn/News_View.asp?NewsID=18648



On 16 December, posters outlining the International Federation's housing reconstruction support were posted throughout the 21 townships in Mianzhu county. These posters contain information on the amount of assistance and the beneficiary selection criteria. Posters were placed in local government offices and the Mianzhu branch of the RCSC. International Federation and RCSC staff and volunteers were present to further elaborate on the criteria and to answer questions from communities. A few days later, beneficiary lists were posted alongside these posters. Photos: Amanda West/ American Red Cross and Bryan Withall/International Federation.

The International Federation's shelter team, reporting delegate and regional communications delegate were present in several of the townships during the critical weeks mentioned above. Also present at various intervals were the American Red Cross information and communication staff-on-loan and the representative from the Japanese Red Cross. International Federation and RCSC staff worked closely and were on hand to provide as much explanation to beneficiaries about the programme and to answer questions regarding the selection criteria and the work of the Red Cross. Observations at several key stations of the Rural Credit Unions suggested that apart from several people who missed out on the qualifying criteria (mainly from the rural township that was re-classified as urban) and did not receive shelter support, the process went ahead smoothly.

As in the implementation plan, proposals on how to use any remaining funds will be negotiated with the RCSC and local partners, and may be re-allocated pending agreement from donors and the International Federation.

International Federation teams will start conducting cash grants monitoring in January after the second phase of cash distributions. As the essential basic structure of most if not all houses are already up in place due to the swift speed of construction, the International Federation's technical monitoring will be confined to a visual inspection of 1 to 3 per cent of houses. The government has at the onset been responsible for maintaining the quality of construction following the earthquake and has been monitoring the building standards in place. The International Federation has done an assessment of these quality controls and has concluded that in most places the government monitoring system is satisfactory.

Table showing breakdown of households in all townships in Mianzhu County

No.	Name of Township (TS)	Total No. of Households (HHs)	Total CNY	1 st / 2 nd distribution (per HH)				Note
				CNY (10K)	No. of HHs	CNY (3K)	No. of HHs	
1	3 Original TS: (Jiulong, Zundao, Banqiao)	17,553	175,530,000	175,530,000	17,553	0	0	1 st batch, 1 st distribution
2	3 Mountain TS (Jinhua, Qingping, Tianchi)	5,075	50,750,000	50,750,000	5,075	0	0	2 nd batch, 1 st distribution
3	14 TS	39,104	134,406,000	24,420,000	2,442	109,986,000	36,662	3rd batch, 1st distribution
		61,732	360,686,000					Total 1st Distribution

All 20 Townships	1,035	4,687,000	2,260,000	226	2,427,000	809	2nd Distribution (estimated only)
Total: 20 townships	62,767	365,373,000	252,960,000	25,296	112,413,000	37,471	

Impact: All beneficiaries interviewed were happy and grateful for the financial support which the International Federation and the Red Cross Society of China have transferred directly into each beneficiary family's bank account. In addition to making a substantial difference in easing the burden of debt, where payments each month serve as a reminder of the tragedy they faced, this money will enable many families to purchase essential final elements in the construction of their new homes or basic furniture and household items, especially in time for the Chinese New Year in February 2010.

Based on several personal accounts, many families continue to experience hardships in trying to complete their homes. For those that have yet to finish, the rising price of building materials along with the cost of keeping warm during the freezing winter temperatures have meant a slight slowdown in pushing through the final stages of construction. Red Cross funds will enable families to pull through the next crucial months in anticipation of the Spring Festival.



More than 1,300 volunteers were involved in the information dissemination process, assisting those uncertain about the selection criteria and also obtaining signatures from beneficiaries withdrawing Red Cross funds at the Sichuan Rural Credit Union. Photo: Sho Huang/ International Federation.



Wen Lihui (in green) and her family bidding farewell to the Federation's photographer in front of their new home in Jinhua mountainous township, Mianzhu County. Life has been difficult after her husband, a teacher, perished in one of the collapsed schools during the earthquake. The family has been relying on the compensation and small monthly stipend from her husband's death to make ends meet. Thanks to the Federation's shelter support grant of CNY 10,000, she can start repaying the CNY 20,000 loan she took to rebuild her home and complete any outstanding furnishing and fittings in time for the Spring Festival. Melisa Tan/ International Federation.

Challenges: The International Federation and the RCSC have faced tremendous challenges throughout the year. While many of the changes that caused implementation plans to be revised more than once (in May, September, November and December) are related to the practicalities of implementing a project that is feasible in the eyes of all concerned according to field realities (e.g. speed of construction in line with government timelines), the main factor impeding the entire programme is local government concerns regarding the potential for social instability. Avoiding instability is the priority of local authorities and thus is a priority of the International Federation.



Red Cross quilts which were distributed during the relief phase (the International Federation distributed 300,000 quilts in total) were still being used, as seen in the bedroom of a beneficiary in Zundao Township. Photo: Sho Huang/International Federation.



Mr. Li Xingwan, a basket weaver, survived the earthquake thanks to his grandson's persistence to go to the market that day otherwise they would have perished when his house collapsed. He makes about CNY 450-500 a month selling baskets and he and his son are now working hard to complete the rest of his house. He had salvaged some furniture (a battered desk and TV set), and will be using Red Cross funds to complete a kitchen and toilet and to repay a CNY 20,000 loan. His family had moved from one temporary shelter another seven times during the 1.5 years prior to moving into his new home two months ago. Photos: Melisa Tan and Sho Huang/International Federation



Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation has been and will continue to support the RCSC in coordinating multilateral funding from the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. The RCSC has requested that the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement take a unified approach towards responding to the needs of Red Cross beneficiaries and supporting the RCSC throughout the response.

The RCSC is still regularly involved in high level coordination meetings with government authorities, and has been closely involved in discussions with the various ministries regarding reconstruction planning. The coordination efforts between the International Federation operations support team, the RCSC at all levels and relevant official agencies have been positive and have helped facilitate solutions towards reconstruction and recovery challenges.

Close coordination between the shelter support programme team and Build Change have been positive thus far with technical posters jointly designed being distributed in Mianzhu to homeowners, construction companies and posted inside construction material supply shops and handed out at 20 other sites around Sichuan. The International Federation has also recently started coordinating closely with International Labour Organization and Planet Finance in the livelihoods programme. This collaboration is valued by the relevant parties as it helps with information sharing and the leveraging of additional resources.

Capacity of the Red Cross Society of China

The Red Cross Society of China was founded in 1904, becoming one of the first members of the International Federation in 1919. The mission of the RCSC is reflected in its law, acknowledged by the central and provincial governments, and is indicative of the good working relationship with the government, particularly in the fields of relief and health activities. Today with over 21 million members, a headquarters in Beijing and established provincial and municipality branches corresponding to state administrative units, the RCSC is well placed to act as a valuable auxiliary partner to the government in times of disaster.

In recent years, China has experienced many earthquakes, during which RCSC has conducted key relief activities. In addition, the RCSC has responded to massive disasters caused by typhoons, torrential rains and snow/ice in the past few years. Through these experiences, the RCSC has improved its response mechanisms to deliver assistance to affected individuals. When disaster strikes, RCSC branches at the provincial and local levels immediately launch local appeals for funding and collect items such as warm clothing to assist those affected by disasters.

The RCSC maintains a nationwide network of six regional disaster preparedness centres. These are essentially warehouses with stocks of relief supplies, but they also serve as focal points for training staff in disaster management, including logistics, report writing skills and first aid, tailored to different kinds of disasters.

Capacity of International Federation

The International Federation's East Asia regional office in Beijing is comprised of a head of office and technical specialists as well as skilled local staff in disaster management, health and care, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), media and communications and finance. This office supports the East Asia region, which includes China, Mongolia and the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea Red Cross societies in annual and emergency programmes. The regional office is backed by a team of staff in the International Federation's Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur, and relevant technical departments in Geneva.

The International Federation's operations support team in Chengdu, Sichuan province, provides support as necessary to the RCSC to implement the operation successfully. The International Federation's team consists of a head of reconstruction and recovery, technical delegates in shelter reconstruction, health and psychosocial support, water and sanitation, livelihoods, logistics, finance, and reporting. A strong team of national staff provides further support to the team to support the considerable number of National Society staff and volunteers in the implementation of the programmes.

The International Federation's Chengdu office coordinates with the RCSC in Sichuan, local authorities and partner National Society representatives to manage operation programme activities. The International Federation office in Chengdu reports to the East Asia regional office in Beijing, which continues to coordinate with the RCSC headquarters on all earthquake operational matters holding regular meetings with the RCSC senior management. Furthermore, the regional office in Beijing will also continue to directly oversee all Gansu and Shaanxi programming.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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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MDRCN003 - China - Sichuan Earthquake

Interim Financial Report

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Reporting Timeframe	2008/5-2009/11
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Appeal	MDRCN003
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	155,910,895	7,194,363			3,997,110	167,102,368
B. Opening Balance	0	0			0	0

Income

Cash contributions

American Government	520,000					520,000
American Red Cross	26,717,424					26,717,424
Australian Red Cross	5,206,819	998,000			514,859	6,719,678
Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)	995,500					995,500
Austria - Private Donors	485					485
Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)	93,682					93,682
Belgium Red Cross (Flanders) (from Belgian Federal Government)	36,523					36,523
Brazil - Private Donors	6,373					6,373
British Red Cross	2,792,155	50,750				2,842,905
Bulgarian Red Cross	5,000					5,000
Cambodia - Private Donors	170					170
Canada - Private Donors	5,200					5,200
Canadian Red Cross	7,342,017	2,080,000				9,422,017
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	17,816,762					17,816,762
Charities Aid Foundation		98,414				98,414
China - Private Donors	32					32
Croatian Red Cross	24,882					24,882
Czech Red Cross	10,202					10,202
Danish Red Cross	10,749	11,539				22,289
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	154,622	515,408				670,030
DELL Direct Giving Campaign	525				89,342	89,867
Estonia Red Cross	4,035					4,035
Finnish Red Cross	418,224					418,224
Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)	692,936					692,936
France - Private Donors	2,668					2,668
French Red Cross	381,918					381,918
Germany - Private Donors	121					121
Germany - Private Donors (from Switzerland - Private Donors)	100					100
Germany Red Cross	167,633					167,633
Great Britain - Private Donors	22,503					22,503
Greek Government		327,000				327,000
IATA	8,650					8,650
Icelandic Red Cross (from Icelandic Government)	109,646					109,646
ICRC (from Unidentified donor)	153					153
Indian Red Cross	32,773					32,773
Indian Red Cross (from India - Private Donors)	3,481					3,481
India - Private Donors	5,040					5,040
Indonesia - Private Donors	2,209					2,209
Infineum UK Ltd		70,413				70,413
Ireland - Private Donors	1,256					1,256
Irish Government	1,627,000					1,627,000
Irish Red Cross	346,715	15,094				361,809
Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund	917,700				694,450	1,612,150
Japanese Government	1,785,000					1,785,000

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Japanese Red Cross	24,278,180	1,355,070	429,002	26,062,252
Japan - Private Donors	3,150			3,150
Lithuanian Red Cross	976			976
Luxembourg Government	24,150	80,750		104,900
Malaysian Red Crescent	10,546			10,546
Malaysia - Private Donors	1,780			1,780
Mauritius Red Cross	191			191
Monaco Red Cross			114,914	114,914
Netherlands - Private Donors	8,335			8,335
Netherlands Red Cross	1,025,922			1,025,922
Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)	12,000	801,500		813,500
New York Office (from Adams Street Partners)	3,000			3,000
New York Office (from Alcatel Lucent)	157,661			157,661
New York Office (from Applied Materials)	15,686			15,686
New York Office (from Bechtel Group Foundation)	3,037	57,698		60,735
New York Office (from Black Rock)	53,573			53,573
New York Office (from Citadel Investment group)	2,347	44,590		46,937
New York Office (from Codexis)	1,763			1,763
New York Office (from EMC Corp.)	80,360		104,447	184,807
New York Office (from Fibrogen)	10,961			10,961
New York Office (from Genzyme Corporation)	11,786			11,786
New York Office (from Heinz)	105,107			105,107
New York Office (from Hospira)	105,107			105,107
New York Office (from Huber)	52,554			52,554
New York Office (from Jones apparel Group)	1,171		21,804	22,975
New York Office (from Kraft Foods)		157,500		157,500
New York Office (from Mellon Bank)	26,787			26,787
New York Office (from Monsanto Foundation)	56,398			56,398
New York Office (from Motorola Foundation)	1,532	29,112		30,644
New York Office (from New York Life)	125,345			125,345
New York Office (from Otis LG Elevator Co)	7,143			7,143
New York Office (from PricewaterhouseCoopers)			278,531	278,531
New York Office (from Schering Plough)	29,309			29,309
New York Office (from THERMO FISCHER)	1,071	20,358		21,429
New York Office (from United States - Private Donors)	10,525		39,085	49,610
New York Office (from United Technologies)	12,475	237,021		249,496
New York Office (from Yahoo)	8,572			8,572
New Zealand Red Cross	186,719		235,893	422,612
New Zealand Red Cross (from New Zealand Government)	664,365			664,365
Nigeria private donors	1,024			1,024
Norwegian Red Cross	87,122			87,122
Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)	373,383			373,383
Office of the Representative of the Dalai Lama	52,671			52,671
On Line donations	97,555	301,864	360,777	760,197
OPEC Fund For Int-l Development	1,158,078			1,158,078
Other	14,304			14,304
Qatar Red Crescent	59,400			59,400
Romanian Red Cross	58,857			58,857
Royal & Sun Alliance	12,714			12,714
Russia - Private Donors	2,686			2,686
Singapore - Private Donors	9,975			9,975
Singapore Red Cross	114,048			114,048

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Slovenia Government				161,500	161,500
South Africa Government				193,050	193,050
South Africa - Private Donors	361				361
Spain - Private Donors	1,985				1,985
Sri Lanka Red Cross	3,250				3,250
Stavros Niarchos Foundation				260,000	260,000
Sweden Red Cross	165,481				165,481
Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	342,400				342,400
Swedish - Private Donors	32				32
Switzerland - Private Donors	31,036				31,036
Thailand - Private Donors	5,200				5,200
Total	51,000				51,000
Turkish Red Crescent	5,264				5,264
United Arab Emirates - Private Donor	1,115				1,115
United Arab Emirates Red Crescent	20,981				20,981
United States - Private Donors	158,571				158,571
United Technologies	262,500				262,500
United Technologies (from United States - Private Donors)	5,250				5,250
UN Staff Council / UNOG	13,631				13,631
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	4,400				4,400
C1. Cash contributions	98,482,740	7,252,082		3,497,655	109,232,477
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)					
American Red Cross	15,090,543				15,090,543
British Red Cross	2,163,733				2,163,733
Canadian Red Cross	6,287,908				6,287,908
Cook Islands Red Cross	72				72
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	23,542,256				23,542,256
Inkind Goods & Transport					
Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)	134,228				134,228
British Red Cross	2,589,652				2,589,652
Canadian Government	249,696				249,696
Canadian Red Cross	2,247,991				2,247,991
Danish Red Cross	1,395,009				1,395,009
Finnish Red Cross	886,681				886,681
Germany Red Cross	1,183,335				1,183,335
Japanese Red Cross	3,217,992				3,217,992
Netherlands Red Cross	3,662,744				3,662,744
Norwegian Red Cross	1,889,444				1,889,444
Spanish Red Cross	695,552				695,552
C3. Inkind Goods & Transport	18,152,323				18,152,323
Inkind Personnel					
American Red Cross	57,493			17,600	75,093
Australian Red Cross	57,200			17,600	74,800
Canadian Red Cross	24,640				24,640
Other	26,107				26,107
C4. Inkind Personnel	165,440			35,200	200,640
Other Income					
Miscellaneous Income	1,024				1,024
Services	-92,071				-92,071
C5. Other Income	-91,048				-91,048
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	140,251,711	7,252,082		3,532,855	151,036,648
D. Total Funding = B + C	140,251,711	7,252,082		3,532,855	151,036,648
Appeal Coverage	90%	101%		88%	90%

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II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0			0	0
C. Income	140,251,711	7,252,082			3,532,855	151,036,648
E. Expenditure	-77,558,174	-152,929			-459,841	-78,170,943
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	62,693,538	7,099,153			3,073,013	72,865,705

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		155,910,895	7,194,363			3,997,110	167,102,368	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	24,610,307	23,527,757					23,527,757	1,082,550
Shelter - Transitional		1,082,550					1,082,550	-1,082,550
Construction Materials	81,841,090							81,841,090
Clothing & textiles	3,171,287	2,545,249					2,545,249	626,038
Food	3,500,000							3,500,000
Water & Sanitation	2,121,383	648					648	2,120,735
Medical & First Aid	845,424	14,031	6				14,037	831,387
Utensils & Tools		3,661					3,661	-3,661
Other Supplies & Services	9,406,822	2,024,838					2,024,838	7,381,984
ERU		3,429,933					3,429,933	-3,429,933
Total Supplies	125,496,313	32,628,666	6				32,628,672	92,867,640
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	2,550,000							2,550,000
Vehicles	260,750	128,874					128,874	131,876
Computers & Telecom	59,585	51,340					51,340	8,245
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	123,279	16,921					16,921	106,358
Others Machinery & Equipment		3,662					3,662	-3,662
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	2,993,614	200,797					200,797	2,792,817
Transport & Storage								
Storage	28,775	40,919					40,919	-12,144
Distribution & Monitoring	11,193,678	11,197,523					11,197,523	-3,845
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,054,089	67,563	727		3,749		72,039	982,050
Total Transport & Storage	12,276,542	11,306,004	727		3,749		11,310,480	966,061
Personnel								
International Staff	4,354,407	1,182,389	72,008		223,259		1,477,656	2,876,751
Regionally Deployed Staff		361			2,530		2,891	-2,891
National Staff	4,060,688	193,134	14,433		27,606		235,172	3,825,516
National Society Staff	1,620,736	8,109			381		8,490	1,612,246
Consultants	192,342	187,632					187,632	4,710
Total Personnel	10,228,173	1,571,625	86,441		253,776		1,911,841	8,316,332
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	2,960,857	102,267	7,329		17,351		126,947	2,833,910
Total Workshops & Training	2,960,857	102,267	7,329		17,351		126,947	2,833,910
General Expenditure								
Travel	511,703	156,113	5,873		15,104		177,090	334,613
Information & Public Relation	1,101,273	55,023	2,611		19,191		76,825	1,024,448
Office Costs	298,436	60,364	101		13,061		73,525	224,911
Communications	190,362	24,303	207		2,631		27,141	163,221
Professional Fees	100,032	103,251					103,251	-3,219
Financial Charges	5,000	52,281	17		104,102		156,400	-151,400
Other General Expenses	78,409	6,813			1,138		7,951	70,458
Total General Expenditure	2,285,216	458,148	8,809		155,226		622,184	1,663,032
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		25,886,938	39,997				25,926,936	-25,926,936
Total Contributions & Transfers		25,886,938	39,997				25,926,936	-25,926,936
Programme Support								
Program Support	10,861,654	4,902,287	9,619		26,629		4,938,535	5,923,119
Total Programme Support	10,861,654	4,902,287	9,619		26,629		4,938,535	5,923,119
Services								
Services & Recoveries		500,691					500,691	-500,691

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BUDGET (C)		155,910,895	7,194,363			3,997,110	167,102,368	
Shared Services		750					750	-750
Total Services		501,441					501,441	-501,441
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions						3,110	3,110	-3,110
Total Operational Provisions						3,110	3,110	-3,110
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	167,102,368	77,558,174	152,929			459,841	78,170,943	88,931,425
VARIANCE (C - D)		78,352,721	7,041,435			3,537,269	88,931,425	