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Kyrgyzstan: Mudslides

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

Period covered by this update: 9 June to 15 July, 2010.

Summary: CHF 100,044 (USD 86,014 or EUR 72,021) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 9 June, 2010 to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 2,835 beneficiaries and to replenish emergency stocks. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

On 3 June 2010 heavy rainfall caused serious mudslides in southern Kyrgyzstan in Osh and Jalalabat regions affecting about 1,670 families. The most seriously affected locations were Akman and Suzak villages with 1,205 families whose houses were damaged or destroyed.

The disaster response team from the Red Crescent of Kyrgyzstan conducted joint needs assessment with local authorities. The Ministry of Emergency Situations deployed four field teams to start recovery activities shortly after the mudslides. According to the assessed needs the National Society prepared distribution lists and supported the 222 most affected families with non-food items from the Red Crescent south regional representation's disaster preparedness stock.



Most affected families received humanitarian aid from the National Society stock in the immediate aftermath of the disaster. Photo: Kyrgyzstan RC

Owing to the outbreak of civil unrest and violence in southern Kyrgyzstan on 10 June, followed by a massive population movement, the mudslide operation had to be postponed until the situation stabilized. Although Suzak region, which is the target region for this DREF operation was not seriously affected, some people fled the violence and others barricaded their settlements or neighbourhoods.

The Red Crescent Society has procured the planned number of blankets, hygiene items and shelter tools to assist the people affected by the mudslide. Because of the mass population movement in the area the National Society re-assessed the needs in Suzak district confirming the relevance of the operation. Distribution points have now been identified and distributions are expected to start on 15 July, 2010. Part of the procured items will be used to replenish the National Society stock.

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and completed by 7 October, 2010. In line with Federation reporting standards, the Final Report (narrative and financial) is due 90 days after the

end of the operation (by 7 January, 2010).

The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on:

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

On 3 June 2010 heavy rainfall caused serious mudslides in the southern part of Kyrgyzstan. Houses, roads, cultivated lands and dams in Suzak and Bazar-Korgon districts of Jalalabat region and Karasuu, Karakuldzha and Uzgen districts of Osh region have been destroyed or damaged. Totally 14 villages have been affected by the mudslides in Suzak and 4 in Bazar-Korgon. The most seriously affected were Akman and Suzak villages with 1,205 families whose houses were damaged or destroyed.

In total 1,670 households, approximately 8,350 people were affected by the mudslides. No casualties have been reported but four people were hospitalized after overcooling. Totally 37 out of the affected households cannot move back to their houses as these are uninhabitable. Many villagers who left their houses because of the mudslides were and still are hosted by relatives and neighbours. Following government assessments the Ministry of Emergencies (MoES) mobilized staff and technical capacity to clean the affected areas. The UNDP hired groups of volunteers who assisted the affected population with cleaning their households from mud.

Although the National Society and local authorities had started their support to the affected population as planned, further progress was postponed due to the outbreak of violence in Osh and Jalalabat regions, the same as the affected area of the mudslides. The clashes, which occurred in Osh region including the cities of Osh, Jalalabat and Uzgen, and Aravan and Karasuu districts, and in Suzak district in Jalalabat region, led to a massive population movement towards and across the Uzbek/Kyrgyz border.. According to official reports of the Kyrgyz authorities more than 300 people were killed in the clashes, while more than 2,000 were reported to have sought medical assistance.

Suzak region – the target region of the Red Crescent response operation – was not seriously affected during the clashes, but some people fled the violence and others barricaded their settlements or neighbourhoods. The barricades were demounted after a week only after a curfew had been introduced by the authorities following the declaration of state of emergency. The situation remained tense but stabilized before the referendum on the new constitution on 27 June.

Coordination and partnerships

In order to ensure joint planning and coordination during the mudslide response, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent participated in coordination meetings with the local authorities, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development, UNDP and other actors. Regular information sharing has been established among local authorities and Red Crescent branches to update stakeholders on latest developments regarding the operation and share information on future steps. The government of Kyrgyzstan has started to distribute loans to the affected population for reconstruction activities.

The outbreak of violence in Osh and Jalalabat in June diverted some of the attention of the authorities from the mudslide response to the critical needs related to the violence. In responding to the civil unrest the National Society has worked in close coordination with the ICRC and the IFRC, and formal Movement coordination mechanisms have been established. The interim Kyrgyz government has requested international support to deal with the humanitarian consequences of the violence and established coordination centres for humanitarian assistance in the cities of Osh and Bishkek.

Owing to the attention required and security concerns following the violence the coordination and implementation of the mudslide response have been affected to some extent. However, after the situation stabilized the Red Crescent re-assessed the needs of people affected by the mudslides. The assessment showed that the operation is still relevant as the needs of the affected people have not yet been resolved.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on information gathered through detailed situation and needs assessment by Red Crescent volunteers and disaster response team members, the National Society's disaster response team prepared distribution lists in cooperation with the local authorities. In total, 222 most affected families in 11 villages were supported from the Red Crescent south regional representation's disaster preparedness stock. People received tents, blankets and hygiene items.

Because of the mass population movements in Osh and Jalalabat regions, in order to update the information on the situation and people affected by the mudslide, the south regional representation of the National Society re-assessed needs in Suzak district jointly with representatives of local authorities as soon as the security situation allowed the assessment to take place. Results showed that affected people were still living with their relatives and host families. Thus the current response operation maintains its urgency and relevance. In spite of the delay in implementing the planned activities, the timeframe of the operation remains unchanged.

After the reassessment of needs the second round of the selection of beneficiaries was done with the involvement of affected people in close cooperation with representatives of the local government. Distribution lists were prepared by the regional disaster response team following household visits together with the representatives of the residents' quarter committees. By choosing beneficiaries the following selection criteria applied: families with more than five children; families with disabled persons; and families without a breadwinner.

The procurement of the required relief items was carried out in the capital city of Bishkek in accordance with National Society and Federation regulations.

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: Totally 567 most affected families (2,835 beneficiaries) are provided with basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the mudslides.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct monitoring of beneficiary lists. • Procure selected items and store in the warehouse. • Support the National Society technically and financially in logistics, warehousing, distribution and • Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. • Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions. • As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out what they felt about the goods and services they received.

Progress: The Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan continued the procurement of items for distribution. The content of the hygiene kits has been slightly changed in order to standardize the distributed kits with those supplied by local donors, the German Red Cross and the ICRC.

Distribution points have been identified and distributions are expected to start on 15 July. Procured items will also be used to replenish the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent stock with items distributed to the 222 families immediately after the disaster.

The hygiene promotion and disaster awareness raising campaigns by Red Crescent volunteers are planned for the end of July or beginning of August.

Item	Quantity
Blankets, pcs (5 per family)	2,835
Hygiene kit, pcs (content below)	567
Washing powder, pck 2.4 kg (1 per family)	567
Laundry soap, pcs (5 per family)	2,835
Toilet soap, pcs (5 per family)	2,835
Shampoo, bottle 0.4 l (1 per family)	567
Tooth paste, tube (3 per family)	1,701
Tooth brush, pcs (5 per family)	2,835
Towels, pcs (5 per family)	2,835
Shelter tool kit, pcs (1 per family)	567

Table 1: Items procured for distribution and replenishment of emergency stock of the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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