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# Emergency appeal operation update

## Turkey: Van Earthquake

 International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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### Emergency Appeal n° MDRTR002 GLIDE n° EQ-2011-000162-TUR Operation update n°3 10 November 2011

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**Period covered by this Operations Update:** 4 to 10 November 2011.

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 10,421,025.

**Appeal coverage:** Up to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 the level of the appeal coverage has reached 30 %, through firm cash pledges and confirmed in-kind contributions. A number of soft pledges are in the pipeline and substantial bilateral support (tents and blankets) has been received. A revised appeal, reflecting the changing needs, especially after the new earthquakes of 9 November is being prepared in cooperation with the Turkish Red Crescent and will be launched in the week of 14 November 2011.

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#### Appeal history:

- This **emergency appeal** was launched on a preliminary basis on 26 October 2011 for CHF 10,421,025 for the period of nine months to assist 10,000 households (50,000 beneficiaries).
- **Operations Update no. 1** was issued on 1 November 2011.
- **Operations Update no. 2** was issued on 4 November 2011.



Turkish Red crescent is setting up additional tents. Photo: Turkish Red Crescent

## The situation

On the evening of 9 November two more earthquakes shook the Van province in Eastern Turkey that has been hit on 23 October. The first one was of the 5.6 magnitude and seven minutes later another tremor with a magnitude of 4.5 hit.

25 buildings collapsed but 23 of them were empty due to the evacuation procedures. Two hotels collapsed and reportedly at least seven people were killed. 25 people were rescued so far with an estimation of at least one hundred being trapped in the debris with search and rescue efforts continuing.

Due to the earthquakes and frequent aftershocks people in the affected area are afraid to go back to their houses even if those are habitable. On the 9 November, the Turkish Red Crescent immediately dispatched 15,000 tents and some 300 rescue workers to meet the increased need after the newest development in the disaster.

The International Federation Appeal launched on 26 October is complementing the efforts of the Turkish Red Crescent and a revised version of the appeal is in the works in close cooperation with the National Society to ensure that the basic needs of the vulnerable population are met.

The International Federation offers its sincere gratitude to the National Societies (Norwegian Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross Flanders, Netherlands Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, Canadian Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, American Red Cross, Chinese Red Cross – Hong Kong Branch), individual and institutional donors (Canadian Government, New Zealand Government, OPEC, VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief) that have contributed to this Appeal.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Turkish Red Crescent has made all its emergency response units (five regional, two local and one national) fully operational and established the Crisis Management Desk in the Disaster Management Centre in its headquarters (Ankara) and at four regional and local Disaster Management centres. In order to meet the most urgent shelter and food needs relief items have been delivered to the field and distributed among the affected population. Information from the field has been gathered in the Crisis Desk of the Disaster Operation Centre.

Sheltering Activities: In response to the earthquake that hit the province on 9 November 2011, Turkish Red Crescent immediately dispatched 15,000 tents and some 300 rescue workers to support those affected who are afraid to go back to their homes.

A revised Federation appeal is in preparation. It will reflect the changing needs of the affected population, taking into account the new earthquakes of 9 November and is being prepared in cooperation with the Turkish Red Crescent. It will be launched in the week of 14 November 2011.

Nutrition Activities: By 8 November 2011, the Turkish Red Crescent has been providing approximately 20,000 meals (hot meal, hot drink and bread three times per day) for approximately 9,000 beneficiaries and rescue workers.

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The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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