

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF)

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.72/2001

Appeal Target CHF 10,000,000

Programme Update No. 3; Period covered: July - September, 2001.

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 62.5%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: CHF 3,754,571

Summary: The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a key emergency response tool for the Federation, allowing funds to be released immediately after a disaster and facilitating the rapid start up of an emergency operation. DREF resources are made available in response to an appeal, in the process leading to an appeal, or in response to a small scale emergency where an appeal is not feasible. Because allocations are provided on a refundable basis, the DREF is a revolving fund, and contributions are used as leverage so that one donation provides aid well in excess of the actual amount contributed.

DREF allocations during this period:

TAJIKISTAN & UZBEKISTAN - FACT DEPLOYMENT w

On 23 May 2001, the President of Tajikistan appealed to the international community for assistance in urgent food aid for the population affected by a second consecutive year of drought and on 10 July, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan appealed to the UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs for international assistance to the population affected by a second consecutive year of drought. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP) carried out a crop and food supply assessment in Tajikistan in the period between 21 June and 3 July 2001. While the final report on the mission is awaited, preliminary results confirm the existing food deficit, caused by climatic factors compounded by long-lasting structural problems, mainly caused by poor water-management and dysfunctional irrigation systems. DREF has released 35,000 CHF to support the deployment of two Field Assessment and Co-ordination Teams (FACT) to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan respectively, in the period between 29 July and 7 August. The teams will aim at assessing the level of vulnerability of the affected population and draw up a plan of action for the Federation's emergency operation. It is expected that a new drought-related emergency appeal may be launched by mid-August.

Allocated: CHF 35,000

Date: 20 July, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 20 July; Emergency Appeal launched 21 August 2001
Appeal Coverage: 5%

PAKISTAN - FLOODS w

With two major cities as well as certain neighbouring areas received the heaviest rainfall in 100 years resulting in 232 deaths and whole villages being swept away in the Mansehra District of the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), about 80 kilometres north of Islamabad, the Red Crescent branch provided tents, blankets, cloth material and towels. CHF 50,000 was released from the DREF to support the National Society in providing immediate relief assistant in the same district to the worst affected families. Relief items distributed included tents, blankets and food parcels.

Allocated: CHF 55,500
Date: 25 July, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 25 May, 2001

POLAND - FLOODS w

With heavy rain falls causing widespread flooding in the south east regions along the Vistula River and in Gdansk and resulting in 10 deaths and 15,000 evacuated, the Polish Red Cross organized collection centres for the most urgently needed articles (temporary shelter, emergency food and clean water as well as hygiene and first aid kits). Branches organized transport of the relief goods to the affected regions where the distributions took place. The CHF 50,000 released from the DREF supported the Polish Red Cross relief those affected.

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 30 July, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 31 July, 2001; Emergency Appeal 23/2001 launched 9 August 2001
Appeal Coverage: 59%

PHILIPPINES - VOLCANO w

With the Mount Mayon Volcano in the central Philippines erupted for the second time in weeks sending tens of thousands of villagers fleeing in panic, Philippine volcanologists raised the alert level. Reports indicated that 40,000 villagers had been forced to flee their homes to 27 evacuation centres housing some 9,773 families. CHF 75,000 was allocated from the DREF to support the operation.

Allocated: CHF 75,000
Date: 2 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 26 June and 02 August, 2001; Emergency Appeal 22/2001 launched 09 August 2001
Appeal Coverage: 75%

SUDAN - FLOODS w

Heavy rains in Ethiopia caused flooding of the River Nile, causing the displacement of the population in Atbara, Um Benin. Sudanese Red Crescent volunteers provided first aid and relief items to the displaced population. CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to start this operation, prior to an Emergency Appeal being launched.

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 7 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 08 August, 2001; Emergency Appeal 24/2001 launched 10 August 2001.
Appeal Coverage: 98%

SRI LANKA - DROUGHT w

With a lack of the normal rains in the southern tip of Sri Lanka, the crop harvest expectations were described as the worst in 50 years. The Sri Lanka Red Cross (SLRC) carried out an assessment and identified 10,000 of the most vulnerable families in the four most disaster affected Divisions (Tissamaharamaya, Lumugamvehera, Hambantota and Sooriyavewa). CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to support the SLRC's efforts to provide food assistance in the form of rice, wheat flour, dal and sugar to the most vulnerable identified.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 8 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued August, 2001; Emergency Appeal 25/2001
launched 14 August 2001, Operation Update issued 13 September 2001.
Appeal Coverage: 14.3%

TAJIKISTAN - DROUGHT w

Tajikistan is affected by the second consecutive year of drought. A Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team FACT was deployed to Tajikistan (29 July - 7 August) in order to assess the needs and the coping mechanism of the people affected by the ongoing drought. The team recommended the launching of an Emergency Appeal to improve the access of vulnerable groups to food. The operation was designed to assist a selected part of the most vulnerable population in urgent food needs, and also include a focussed health promotion campaign and distribution of clothes to children attending school. CHF 150,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to enable to operation to start immediately.

Allocated: CHF 150,000
Date: 13 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Emergency Appeal 26/2001 launched 21 August 2001
Appeal Coverage: 5.2%

CHAD - CHOLERA w

A cholera epidemic broke out in Chad 25 June 2001, with N'Djamena and several other towns in the province affected, in particular the localities of Bol (Lake Chad), Massakory, Mao, Moundou and Bongor. By 7 August, the number of registered cases of cholera had reached 1,500, with 46 confirmed dead. One hundred and fifty Chad Red Cross volunteers were mobilized in the affected zones to teach the population to put bleach in their drinking water and increasing people's awareness on hygiene and the environment. CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the operation which includes a cholera treatment camp in Mandelia to care for 200-300 sick persons, environment cleaning campaign and chlorination of wells.

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 17 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin 1 and 2 issued respectively 27 July and 15 August, 2001; Emergency Appeal 28/01 launched 31 August 2001; Operation Update issued 27 September 2001
Appeal Coverage: 67%

ECUADOR - VOLCANO w

Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano, located 5,020 meters above sea level in the Andean highlands has been in the process of intermittent eruption since 1999, sending persistent rain of ash, causing destruction of crops and affecting some 20,000 people living nearby. Since October, Tungurahua has been on "yellow alert" indicating that an eruption is imminent. The Government of Ecuador declared a state of emergency on 14 August in seven communities threatened by the volcano. CHF 75,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to assist the Ecuador Red Cross in the delivery of food and medical assistance in the most affected areas.

Allocated: CHF 75,000
Date: 17 August, 2001

Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin 1 issued 20 August, 2001

COLOMBIA - STORMS w

Heavy rains affected northern Columbia, with strong winds which particularly struck the province of Atlántico causing rivers and streams to overflow. Eight poor neighbourhoods in the provincial capital Barranquilla and the municipality of Soledad were affected, with 200 people injured. Approximately 400 houses were completely destroyed and 450 were heavily damaged. CHF 35,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to support the Colombia Red Cross in the implementation of a relief operation to assist 4,223 persons affected by the storms with relief items such as blankets, personal hygiene kits, kitchen sets and clothes.

Allocated: CHF 35,500
Date: 24 August, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin 1 and 2 issued respectively 7 June and 27 August, 2001

CROATIA - FLOODING w

Storms and heavy rainfall caused serious flooding in the area of Slavonija, north east Croatia. An assessment carried out by the Croatia Red Cross revealed that 1,200 people were directly affected by the flooding. CHF 27,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to support Croatia Red Cross in the purchase and distribution of needed relief items such as used clothes, shoes and blankets as well as disinfectant and chemicals to clean wells.

Allocated: CHF 27,000
Date: 12 September, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin issued 24 September 2001

EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA - DROUGHT w

With many rural areas of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua suffering from the third consecutive year of acute shortage of rainfall resulting in food deficits and subsistence crops to fail, the World Food Programme estimated that some 1.5 million people are currently affected by the drought, of whom 695,000 are facing critical food security problems. CHF 100,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to start food distribution to 9,500 of the most affected families in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 18 September, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Preliminary Emergency Appeal 31/2001 launched 19 September 2001
Appeal Coverage: 0%

COTE D'IVOIRE - YELLOW FEVER w

Yellow fever is An acute infectious disease caused by the yellow fever virus which is transmitted by mosquitoes. The first case of yellow fever outbreak in Cote d'Ivoire was reported in March 2001, resulting in 143 cases reported, with 72 confirmed and 16 deaths from the disease. The epidemic prompted the establishment of a crisis committee on 5 September with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, WHO, MSF and the Federation. Pending the launch of an Emergency Appeal, CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to the Red Cross operation supporting mass vaccination and social mobilization..

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 18 September, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Emergency Appeal 30/2001 launched 18 September 2001
Appeal Coverage: 101.4%

LESOTHO - STORM w

A tornado struck Lesotho and particularly affected the districts of Mohale and Quthing. The government requested assistance from the Lesotho Red Cross to coordinate the relief operation. CHF 25,000 was allocated

from the Federation's DREF to support the Lesotho Red Cross response. The funds were intended for the provision of family tents and tarpaulin to replace damaged houses.

Allocated: CHF 25,000
Date: 20 September, 2001
Status: Ongoing

AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, IRAN, TURKMENISTAN, TAJIKISTAN & UZBEKISTAN - HUMANITARIAN CRISIS w

In the aftermath of the 11 September, 2001 tragedy in the US, thousand of Afghans, fearing an expected military response, were anticipated to seek safety, protection, and assistance in neighbouring countries. With the support of the Federation, Nationals Societies in Pakistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan immediately began to reinforced preparedness measures. Pending the preparation and launch of an Emergency Appeal, CHF 600,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to begin the purchase of emergency preparedness stocks and the contingency planning process.

Allocated: CHF 600,000
Date: 21 September, 2001
Status: Ongoing
Report: Preliminary Emergency Appeal 32/2001 launched 21 September 2001;
 Emergency Appeal 32/2001 launched 03 October 2000

Outstanding needs and Contributions

The attached table provides a detailed account of the DREF. To ensure future support to new emergencies further funding is required.

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The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund					
<small>The Reserve Fund for Relief Operations of The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies</small>					
DREF STATUS					CHF
Opening balance as of 01.01.2001					3'475'825
Contributions					3'467'410
Refunds					1'412'780
Interest July-December 2000					33'993
Interest January-July 2001					48'606
Allocations granted					-3'878'176
DREF Balance as of 30.09.2001					4'560'437
List of grants made in 2001					
Location	Disaster type	EA N°	Project	Date	Amount
China	Inner Mongolia blizzards	AP03/2001	PCN521	10.01.2001	100'000
El Salvador	Earthquake	AP02/2001	PSV507	14.01.2001	161'950
India	Earthquake	AP04/2001	PI514	26.01.2001	200'000
Bolivia	Floods	AP05/2001	PBO508	26.01.2001	150'000
Sudan	Food security	AP11/2001	PSD501	30.01.2001	29'000
Guinea Conakry	Refugee	AP01.03/2001	PGN506	15.02.2001	150'000
Kenya	Refugees		PKE530	23.02.2001	50'000
Cameroon	Meningitis		PCM513	27.02.2001	20'500
Malawi	Floods	AP09/2001	PMW503	28.02.2001	100'000
Ethiopia	Meningitis	AP12/2001	PET514	01.03.2001	200'000
Ukraine	Floods	AP13/2001	PAU519	09.03.2001	50'000
Romania	Floods	AP13/2001	PRO503	09.03.2001	50'000
Hungary	Floods	AP13/2001	PHU505	09.03.2001	50'000
Palestine	Health	AP15/2001	PPS502	19.03.2001	167'000
FYR Macedonia	Emergency preparedness		PMK502	20.03.2001	15'000
West/Central Africa	Meningitis	AP14/2001	P61504	24.04.2001	200'000
Ukraine	Mine Explosion		PUA524	08.05.2001	15'000
Peru	Floods		PPE504	09.05.2001	84'000
Bangladesh	Cyclon		PBD527	14.05.2001	39'000
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Kazakhstan	Floods	AP17/2001	PKZ509	24/04/2001	50'000
Eastern Siberia	Floods	AP16/2001	PRU517	18.05.2001	50'000
Niger	Drought		P61160	19.05.2001	40'000
Myanmar	Floods		PMM503	16.06.2001	56'180
Bosnia	Floods	AP 19/2001	PBA518	22.06.2001	75'000
Peru	Earthquake	Ap 18/2001	PPE505	25.06.2001	200'000
Cameroon	Floods		PCM514	29.06.2001	20'000
Tajikistan/Uzbekistan	Drought	AP26/2001	PTJ530	20.07.2001	35'000
Pakistan	Floods			25.07.2001	55'500
Poland	Floods	AP23/2001	PPL504	31.07.2001	50'000
Georgia	Refugees Population		PGE506	01.08.2001	70'000
Philippines	Volcano	AP22/2001	PPH503	02.08.2001	75'000
Sudan	Floods	AP24/2001	SD530	07.08.2001	50'000
Sri Lanka	Drought	AP25/2001	LK506	07.08.2001	100'000
Tajikistan	Food Shortage		TJ530	13.08.2001	150'000
Chad	Cholera	AP28/2001	TD513	17.08.2001	50'000
Ecuador	Volcano		EC504	17.08.2001	75'000
Colombia	Flooding		CO505	24.08.2001	35'500
Croatia	Storms		HR517	12.09.2001	27'000
Central America	Drought	AP31/2001	GT507	18.09.2001	100'000
Cote D'Ivoire	Yellow Fever	AP30/2001	CI503	18.09.2001	50'000
Pakistan, Iran, etc.	Humanitarian Crisis	AP32/2001	P30522	21.09.2001	600'000
Lesotho	Tornado		PLS502	20.09.2001	25'000
Total					3'878'176
List of Income - 2001					
Swedish RC				06.01.2001	198'472
Swedish Govt via Swedish RC				06.01.2001	22'052
Canadian RC				10.01.2001	32'225
British RC				03.02.2001	144'120
Private Donor US				20.02.2001	1'436
Luxembourg RC				27.02.2001	50'000
British Govt - DFID				27.02.2001	600'000
Private Donor US				23.03.2001	1'602
American Govt				18.04.2001	352'360
Private Donor US				21.05.2001	1'370
Private Netherland				07.06.2001	30'397
Norwegian RC				19.06.2001	41'532
Norwegian Govt via Norwegian RC				19.06.2001	373'786
Private Donor US				29.06.2001	1'602
New Zealand RC				05.07.2001	41'284
Danish RC				10.07.2001	7'546
Danish RC				10.07.2001	193'759
Private Donor US				21.08.2001	1'370
British Govt - DFID				30.08.2001	387'786
Private Donor US				24.09.2001	1'602
Private Donor US				03.10.2001	170
Swedish RC pledge				26.09.2001	952'940
Luxembourg RC pledge				09.10.2001	30'000
Total Income - 2001					3'467'410

