

Programme Update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

China

Appeal No. MAACN001

6 May 2010



In response to the earthquake in Qinghai province, the Red Cross Society of China emergency medical unit set up a first-aid and surgery booth in Gyegu town to attend to those affected. RCSC.

In brief

Summary:

An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale hit northwest China's Qinghai province 14 April 2010, with its epicentre calculated to be about 50km away from Gyegu town (previously translated as Jiegu township), the government headquarters of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, and about 800km away from Xining, the Qinghai provincial capital. The death toll has reached 2,220, with more than 12,000 injured and 70 still missing, with an estimated 100,000 people affected.

While the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) has not sought international aid through an emergency appeal, the National Society welcomes cash contributions from partners to support its effort in the earthquake response and recovery either bilaterally, or through IFRC's annual plan and budget for 2010 for China.

This programme update details the revised 2010 disaster management programme plan and budget with the additional component of disaster response.

A full programme update on all Federation-supported activities carried out by RCSC will be made available by 30 June 2010.

Financial situation: The 2010 disaster management programme budget was increased from CHF 111,925 to CHF 1,176,452. The overall 2010 plan and budget was revised upwards from CHF 523,850 to CHF 1,588,377.

[Click here to go directly to the attached budget summary of the plan.](#)

Context

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) launched the 2010-2011 plan and budget for CHF 523,850 (USD 0.5 million or EUR 0.34 million) in support of the Red Cross Society of China's programmes in October 2009. Since then, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale hit northwest China's Qinghai province at 07:49 local time on 14 April 2010 (23:49 GMT on 13 April 2010). Its epicentre is calculated to be about 50km away from Gyegu town (previous translated as Jiegu township), the government headquarters of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, and about 800km away from Xining, the Qinghai provincial capital.

Qinghai is located on the northeastern part of the Tibetan Plateau. The death toll has reached 2,220, with more than 12,000 injured and 70 still missing, with an estimated 100,000 people affected.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) immediately released relief supplies from their regional warehouse and funds for procurement of food and non-food items locally in Qinghai. Based on initial assessments of the immediate needs, the National Society launched a national appeal and as of 26 April, RCSC and its branches have received cash donations amounting to CNY 695 million (CHF 110 million) and donations-in-kind of CNY 244 million (CHF 38.7 million). The RCSC had already released CNY 45 million (CHF 7.13 million) in cash relief and CNY 190 million (CHF 30.13 million) worth of relief materials.

The RCSC also mobilized a water emergency response team (ERT) and sanitation emergency response team to the area. The water ERT from RCSC's Hunan branch has been operating since 25 April to provide potable water to 30,000 people, while the sanitation ERT has installed 34 environmentally friendly portable latrines out of the 100 planned. Meanwhile, Taiwan Red Cross Organization's 20-member medical team arrived on 18 April with one metric tonne of medicines and medical equipment to assist in treating the injured.

While RCSC has not sought international aid through an appeal, the National Society welcomes cash contributions from partners to support its effort in the earthquake response and recovery either bilaterally, or through IFRC's annual plan and budget.

This programme update details the revised disaster management programme plan with the additional component of disaster response. The 2010 budget was subsequently increased by approximately CHF 1.06 million, from CHF 523,850 to CHF 1,588,377. Click [here](#) for the original 2010-2011 plan.

A full programme update on all Federation-supported activities carried out by RCSC will be made available by 30 June 2010.

For further details on RCSC's ongoing response to the Qinghai earthquake, click [here](#) for the latest information bulletins.

Secretariat supported programmes in 2010-2011

Disaster management

a) The purpose and components of the programme

Programme purpose: Reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters
Through technical support and capacity building activities to improve Red Cross Society of China competency in disaster response and prevention, on both institutional level and implementing practice, especially aiming to reduce damage by big scale, multi-hazard and complex disasters such as earthquakes, regional floods and cyclones.

The disaster management programme budget for 2010 is CHF 1,176,452. In the original 2010-2011 plan there are two components in the disaster management programme, mainly:

1. Disaster management planning and organizational preparedness
2. Community preparedness/ disaster risk reduction

A third component has now been added:

Programme component 3: Disaster response
Outcome: RCSC's capacity to respond to disasters in 2010 is increased.
Key activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support RCSC to distribute relief items, both food and non-food, to people affected by natural disasters within China2. Support RCSC to deploy emergency response teams to disaster affected areas.3. Support RCSC in reconstruction and recovery programming in disaster affected areas.

The RCSC is positioned and has a mandate to respond to disasters throughout the nation as they occur. While mega disasters such as the 2008 Sichuan earthquake are not frequent, smaller scale disasters affecting millions of people occur annually, causing economic losses in the billions of US dollars each year, not to mention a significant loss of lives.

Within the scope of the 2008 earthquake recovery operation supported by IFRC, the RCSC has strengthened their capacity to establish emergency response teams ready to be deployed with emergency response equipment to disaster affected areas. As part of the RCSC's preparedness planning, emergency response equipment has been prepositioned with branches located in disaster prone regions. Work is ongoing with these branches regarding the development of operating procedures and the technical skills of branch staff and volunteers for the operation of the equipment within China.

Through this component of the annual plan, IFRC seeks funding to provide the RCSC support towards deployment expenses of these emergency response teams in times of disasters during the year, including the response to the Qinghai earthquake. This support will further strengthen the capacity of the RCSC in gaining valuable experience and cover expenditures of the deployment and refurbishing of equipment.

Furthermore, this component may provide support for relief goods and recovery programmes, as deemed appropriate by the RCSC for any given disaster response during the year.

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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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:

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.

Contact information

For further information specifically related to this report, please contact:

- Red Cross Society of China: Mr. Wang Xiaohua, director of external relations department; email: rcsc@chineseredcross.org; phone: +86.10.6404.8366, fax +86.10.6402.9928.
- International Federation East Asia regional office in Beijing: phone: +86 10 65327162, fax: +86 10 65327166
 - Mr. Carl Naucler, Head of regional office, email: carl.naucler@ifrc.org
 - Ms. Nicole LaFleur, regional programme coordinator, email: nicolle.lafleur@ifrc.org
 - Mr. Gu Qinghui, regional disaster management delegate, email: qinghui.gu@ifrc.org
 - Ms. Amgaa Oyungerel, regional health delegate, email: amgaa.oyungerel@ifrc.org
- International Federation Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur: phone: + 60 3 9207 5700, fax: +60 3 2161 0670
 - Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Head of operations, email: jagan.chapagain@ifrc.org
 - Ms. Penny Elghady, Resource mobilization and planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) coordinator, email: penny.elghady@ifrc.org

Please send pledges of funding to zonerm.asiapacific@ifrc.org

[<revised budget below; click here to return to title page>](#)

MAACN001 - China

Budget 2010 - 2011

Budget 2010

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	Total
Supplies	1,000,000					1,000,000
Land, vehicles & equipment						
Transport & Storage						
Personnel		13,500	24,000			37,500
Workshops & Training	80,000	215,000	80,000			375,000
General Expenditure	24,650	25,450	27,200			77,300
Depreciation						
Contributions & Transfers						
Programme Support	71,802	17,654	9,121			98,577
Services						
Contingency						
Total Budget 2010	1,176,452	271,604	140,321			1,588,377

Budget 2011

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	Total
Supplies						
Land, vehicles & equipment						
Transport & Storage						
Personnel		10,000	24,000			34,000
Workshops & Training	80,000	239,000	80,000			399,000
General Expenditure	24,650	26,950	27,200			78,800
Depreciation						
Contributions & Transfers						
Programme Support	7,275	19,184	9,121			35,580
Services						
Contingency						
Total Budget 2011	111,925	295,134	140,321			547,380