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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued to provide an update of the situation and the needs of the on-going relief operation.

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve 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.

Summary

The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) and authorities are continuing the assessment while providing emergency relief assistance to the quake victims. A team from the Federation's Iran Delegation based in Boroujerd is working closely with the IRCS, the task force, UN and other agencies involved in the relief operation and assessment and sending daily reports to the Federation.

While the IRCS does not call for any international appeal, it would welcome voluntary contributions or donations for immediate supply of group tents and mobile showers and toilets.

External cash or in-kind donations are being made to support the on-going relief operation in the quake-affected areas.

Some 190 group tents from the Federation and Turkish Red Crescent are due to arrive in Kermanshah, a neighbouring province of Lorestan, on 11 April. The Federation's Iran Delegation, in consultation with the IRCS, has identified priority relief items to be procured with the grant from OPEC Fund for International Development.

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For longer-term programmes in this or other countries or regions, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for national society profiles, please also access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The Situation



Many villages on Silakhor Plain were badly damaged in the earthquakes.



Buildings in Shirvan village were also reduced to rubble.

Through continuous assessment, field visits and meetings with local authorities and other agencies concerned, the field team of the Federation's Iran Delegation has collected more information about the damage caused by the earthquakes. Please see Information Bulletin No. 5 for details of damage to respective sectors and estimated costs.

The earthquakes have had a very negative impact on the livelihood of people living in the affected villages as they heavily depend on irrigation and raising livestock. Almost 30 per cent of the population in the province work in agriculture and livestock breeding. Most of their activities are carried out on a plain called Silakhor Plain, which is on the major fault line called Silakhor. A total of 31,080 houses were damaged to varying degrees in the affected villages. Serious damage was also made to stored family foods and livestock, as well as to various income sources such as seeds, farming tools, machinery, stables and food for livestock and to the water sources.

With the destruction of many water sources in the affected villages and the loss of seeds and farming tools, agricultural activities will decrease considerably unless rehabilitation or recovery plans are made to prevent this. Without agriculture, villagers will not be able to get food for feeding animals or themselves. Finding meat and dairy products for family use, as well as for income, will be a great challenge for affected families. This adds further urgency to preparing integrated and comprehensive recovery plans, as without them, it will be difficult for people in affected villages to make a living in the months to come.

Main income sources need to be reconstructed, recovered or even provided to maintain an income chain for villagers. A possible integrated recovery programme would need to include some of the following:

- Repairing or rehabilitating damaged water sources
- Providing seeds for the coming farming season
- Providing farming tools or machinery
- Providing food for livestock

- Providing some emergency food stuff for the affected families (IRCS is distributing food portions to beneficiaries in 244 affected villages, but it needs to be continued for some time as emergency and income support)
- Repairing stables; currently many livestock are protected in very simple fenced areas. These are of poor quality and animals are sometimes put in danger by raiding wolves
- Reconstructing safe homes in places away from dangerous places and rivers. Emergency sheltering has been provided by the IRCS, but more tents are needed. Before the arrival of the next cold season, safe homes need to be provided to the villagers.

The Federation team based in Boroujerd is closely working with IRCS, UN and other national and international agencies to share information concerning both needs and damage assessment. The Federation team has also met UNDP Field Coordinator, UN Disaster Information Management Officer and ACH Head of Mission in Khorramabad and shared information regarding the Federation's intervention in the quake affected areas of Lorestan.

Iranian Ministry of Health has made a contract with the Ministry of Defence, according to which it has purchased mobile showers and toilets to install in the affected villages. There is a great need for group tents to replace the damaged health buildings and health treatment centres.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action



IRCS' camp at Azad University in Borujerd.

The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) has set up and is running the following camps in Borujerd:

- Camp No.1 (Stadium Camp), capacity for 150 families, now occupied by 1,000 people,
- Camp No.2 (Azad University Camp) for university students, capacity for 80 families, fully occupied,
- Camp No.3 (Zolfaghar), capacity for 175 families, fully occupied,
- Camp No.4 (Stadium), capacity for 400 families, now occupied by 330 families,
- One more camp to be established for families in a military camp,

There is only one camp in Doroud with capacity for 40 families, which is now fully occupied. One camp will be established in Oshtorinan Town with a capacity for 400 families on 7 April.

The IRCS has distributed the following relief items to beneficiaries as of 8 April 2006:

No	Description of Items	Unit	Quantity
1	Family tents	Piece	40,432
2	Moquettes	Piece	7,422
3	Blankets	Piece	58,177
4	Plastic Sheets	Piece	306,342
5	Food Basket	Set	13,071
6	Sugar	Kilo	60,304
7	Cooking Oil	Kilo	30,152
8	Rice	Kilo	24,180
9	Canned Food	Can	169,855
10	Kerosene heaters	Piece	7,783

11	Lanterns	Piece	600
12	Hygiene Sets	Set	5,100
13	Kitchen Sets	Set	2,000
14	Mineral Water	Bottle	46,920
15	Tea	Kilo	11,951
16	Group Tents	Set	40
17	Bread	Piece	31,000

While the IRCS does not call for an international appeal, it would welcome voluntary contributions or donations for immediate supply of group tents, mobile showers and toilets. Group tents will be used as public tents for accommodating those people who prefer to sleep outdoors. Mobile showers and toilets are also urgently needed as these facilities are not available in affected areas.

National Societies and donor agencies that wish to contribute to supporting the on-going relief operation are kindly requested to directly contact the Federation Secretariat or the IRCS for more details.

A total of 190 group tents of different sizes are expected to arrive in Kermanshah, a neighbouring province of Lorestan on 11 April. The IRCS requested the Federation to procure 2,600 family tents, 5,100 blankets and 2,000 kitchen sets for replenishment purposes, with the grant from OPEC Fund for International Development.

A team from the Federation's Iran Delegation continues to be based in Boroujerd, assessing the situation and reporting on the emergency relief operation and the needs of the affected people.

Federation's Iran Delegation Acting Head of Delegation is also in the quake affected area to personally assess the situation and have meetings with IRCS Provincial Branch staff and other local governmental authorities as well as UN assessment teams present in the field.

Interventions by International Organizations

As per the data available, there are some UN agencies, including UNICEF and UNDP functioning in the affected areas. UNESCO has already begun its operation on 80 historical monuments which were damaged in the earthquakes.

UNICEF is currently involved in distributing the most urgently required relief items. It has already distributed more than 300 tents, 10,000 blankets and tents to be used for educational purposes. UNICEF is also going to distribute toys and other essential commodities for children.

WHO with its team have supported the government by providing one Emergency Health Kit, which can be used for 30,000 households for a period of two months. It is also expecting to get the go-ahead from the Ministry of Health to offer further support in managing health issues.

Based on the constraints raised by UN Rapid Assessment Team, UNDP has asked for, and received, approval from the Provincial Government to set up a dynamic Information Management and Coordination system. UNDP has already started mobilizing funds to set up these Regional Information Centres at Khorramabad, Boroujerd, Doroud and other villages to provide timely and effective information to all agencies, Government and the general public on a regular basis.

Apart from UN agencies, there are other international agencies functioning in the field, including MSF, Caritas Italy, Operation Mercy, ACH Spain and ACT Netherlands.

ACH team is conducting an assessment in four areas of nutrition, food security, water/sanitation and health. It will develop some recovery programmes in the area.