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CHINA: EARTHQUAKE IN YUNNAN PROVINCE

The emergency phase of the earthquake relief operation in Yunnan Province has come to a close. The Yunnan Province Red Cross staff and volunteers gave first aid to more than 17,000 affected by the disaster and its aftermath. Official casualty figures list 3,925 deaths, 3,925 seriously injured, and around 13,000 slightly injured. Approximately 900,000 houses sustained damage and 358,000 were destroyed (Note: In Chinese a house signifies 1 room). Economic losses are estimated to be 4 billion Chinese Yuan.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) dispatched 26 medical teams (447 people) to assist victims. Staff and volunteers remain busy in Kunming but have been pulled back from the disaster area. Rehabilitation work has begun.

Cash and in-kind contributions to the RCSC totalled more than 38,000,000 Chinese Yuan. Contributions were received from National Societies, international NGOs, Governments, and the people of China, in addition to funds allocated by the RCSC itself.

This will be the final bulletin on this disaster unless important new information becomes available. Please note that in Information Bulletin No. 6, the number of aftershocks was mistakenly recorded. The actual number should have been 1,500.

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