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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK): FLOODS

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In Brief

CHF 345,000 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to this operation to replenish the DP stocks distributed to the affected population. Replenishment of DREF by unearmarked contributions is welcome and needed.

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The Situation

The 3,105 families (16,093 people) whose homes were destroyed by the 30 June landslides in coal mining communities in Dokchon city, Pukchang county and Maengsan county are currently being housed with friends and relatives or in temporary public shelters. The local government has been able to meet the immediate needs for food and drinking water, while on 6 and 7 July the DPRK Red Cross, with support from the International Federation, provided those families (see table below) who have lost their homes with basic relief items:



City/County	No. of Families (3,105)
Dokchon city	992
Pukchang county	1165
Maengsan county	948

Landslides triggered by exceptionally heavy rains in DPRK's South Pyongan Province caused a reported 88 casualties and 205 injuries. Exactly one week after the landslides occurred 105 people are still reported to be missing. Additionally 1,800 families have been affected to varying lesser degrees by the floods.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on the findings of DPRK Red Cross assessments and discussions with the Federation country delegation, on Monday 4 July assistance for 3,105 families in Dokchon city, Pukchang county and Maengsan county in the form of 16,093 blankets; 3,105 kitchen sets; 3,105 plastic sheets; 3,105 jerry cans; and water purification tablets was released from the DPRK Red Cross's Disaster Preparedness centre in Huichong city.

On 6 and 7 July, DPRK Red Cross branches in Dokchon city, Pukchang county and Maengsan county distributed items to a total of 3,105 families. Each individual family member has been given one blanket, while each family has been given 1 kitchen set; 1 plastic sheet; 1 jerry can; and a sufficient ration of water purification tablets.

The Federation's logistics coordinator in DPRK and the director of the DPRK Red Cross's logistics department visited distribution sites in Pukchang and Dokchon on 6 and 7 July. In addition to distributing relief items, DPRK Red Cross staff and volunteers are helping those people who were left homeless to find shelter and recover their belongings. In Dokchon, 45 volunteers from the coal mine's Red Cross brigade were among the first to respond to the disaster, while Red Cross volunteers in Pukchang have made special efforts to help families who want to remain near the sites of their former homes to construct temporary shelters. Many of the beneficiaries earn their living working in the local coal mines, but as the landslides were limited to isolated areas the mines were not affected, and they will be able to continue to work and earn a living.



The distribution of relief items depleted the Society's available stocks by 25%, with no further surplus available to the national society. As this is only the beginning of DPRK's flood season, the Federation's country delegation and the DPRK Red Cross expressed their concern over the capacity to meet all of the needs that are expected to arise over the coming months with the current amount of available stock. In order to ensure that the DPRK Red Cross is able to maintain a sufficient supply of relief items in their DP Centres for emergency response the International Federation has released CHF 345,000 for the replenishment of stock. Some PNS have already expressed their interest in supporting the DPRK Red Cross with this replenishment and Norwegian Red Cross has offered blankets and jerry cans as in-kind contributions to the replacement of part of the DP stocks.

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