



DPRK: FLOODS

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In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: July 2005 to April 2006

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 345,000 allocated from the Federation's DREF on 6 July 2005 to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population by the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- Norwegian Red Cross provided quilts and collapsible water containers valued at CHF 56,673.
- The Republic of Korea Red Cross contributed 3,000 emergency kits valued at CHF 265,600. Each emergency kit contained 2 blankets, 1 pair of trousers, 2 t-shirts and a set of daily necessities.
- A minor balance from DREF allocation remains at end of the project, which will be refunded to DREF.

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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.

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Background and Summary

From July to August 2005, the International Federation supported the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK Red Cross) with two emergency relief operations in response to floods and landslides.

The first operation was carried out during the first week of July, in response to severe landslides triggered on 30 June by heavy floods in South Pyongan Province. The landslides led to a reported 88 deaths and 205 injuries. Some 3,105 families (comprising a total of 16,093 people) living in coal mining communities in Dokchon city, Pukchang county and Mængsan county, were left homeless after their homes were destroyed. By 7 July, within one week of the disaster, the DPRK Red Cross with support from the International Federation provided assistance to all the affected families in the form of: 16,093 blankets; 3,105 kitchen sets; 3,105 plastic sheets; 3,105 jerry cans; and water purification tablets.. The relief items were released from the DPRK Red Cross's Disaster Preparedness centre in Huichong city. The distribution took place in close coordination with the local government, which distributed food and drinking water to the affected communities.

One month later, two days of heavy rains reaching 240 mm from 4 to 5 August 2005 caused floods which affected some 2,602 families. Many parts of South Pyongan province were subjected to severe downpours. 1,215 families in Eusan, 1,067 families in Sunchon city, and 320 families in Pyongson city were severely affected by this second wave of severe floods. From 9 to 10 August, again in close coordination with the local government, the DPRK Red Cross, with support from the Federation, provided families which have lost their homes with: blankets; kitchen sets; plastic sheeting; water containers; and water purification tablets.

In addition, in-kind contributions of 4,000 quilts and 3,500 collapsible water containers valued at CHF 56,673 were made by the Norwegian Red Cross while the Republic of Korea Red Cross contributed 3,000 emergency kits valued at CHF 265,600. Each emergency kit contains 2 blankets, 1 pair of trousers, 2 t-shirts and a set of daily necessities (2 bars of soap, 2 towels, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 sponge, 2 boxes of tissues, 2 undergarments, 1 pair of rubber gloves).

A minor balance from the DREF allocation remains at end of the project, which will be refunded to DREF.

Coordination

The DPRK Red Cross at the national level maintained close contact with the Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee (FDRC) as well as the local authorities in the affected areas. At the time, the FDRC, which has since been dismantled, requested assistance from the national society to meet the needs of those people who were most severely affected by the floods. Additionally, the local DPRK Red Cross branch is a member of the local emergency committee which covers the affected areas. The branch played an active role in evacuating communities, assessing the extent of the flood damage, and evaluating the needs of flood-affected communities.

Analysis of the operation – achievements and impact

July

On 6 and 7 July, DPRK Red Cross branches in Dokchon city, Pukchang county and Maengsan county with support from the Federation provided much-needed relief to a total of 3,105 families. Each individual family member received one blanket, while each family was given: 1 kitchen set; 1 plastic sheet; 1 jerry can; and a sufficient ration of water purification tablets. This initial distribution of relief items depleted the Society's available stocks by 25%, with no further surplus available to the national society

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 worked to help 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 workers from the local community were able to continue to work and earn a living.

As July was only the beginning of DPRK's flood season, the Federation's country delegation and the DPRK Red Cross expressed concern over their capacity to meet the needs which could arise over the subsequent months with available stock. In order to ensure that the DPRK Red Cross was able to maintain a sufficient supply of relief items in their DP Centres, the International Federation released CHF 345,000 for the replenishment of stock.

August

In all, from 9 to 10 August, the DPRK Red Cross with support from the Federation, provided families which lost their homes with: 3,590 blankets; 798 kitchen sets; 798 sheets of plastic sheeting; 798 water containers; and 215,400 water purification tablets.

Restocking

It is critical that national societies maintain a sufficient level of preparedness stocks in place to ensure a quick response to emergencies/disasters. In order to support the DPRK Red Cross with this capacity, emergency funds released by the Federation in response to floods were used to procure: 3,500 kitchen sets, 5,000 plastic sheets, and 12,100 quilts to replace contingency stocks distributed in response to the floods during July and August, while 'gift in kind' donations from the Norwegian Red Cross enabled replenishment of an additional 4,000 quilts and 3,500 jerry cans.

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2005/1-2006/4
Appeal	M05me040
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		345'000				345'000
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Cash contributions						
Norwegian Red Cross		3'115				3'115
C1. Cash contributions		3'115				3'115
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Norwegian Red Cross		0				0
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		0				0
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
DREF		262'444				262'444
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)		262'444				262'444
Inkind Goods & Transport						
Norwegian Red Cross		50'558				50'558
C4. Inkind Goods & Transport		50'558				50'558
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		316'117				316'117
D. Total Funding = B + C		316'117				316'117

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		316'117				316'117
E. Expenditure		-316'117				-316'117
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		0				0

III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		345'000					345'000	
Supplies								
Shelter	71'400		70'656			70'656	744	
Clothing & textiles	128'800		112'833			112'833	15'967	
Utensils & Tools	92'050		96'851			96'851	-4'801	
Total Supplies	292'250		280'339			280'339	11'911	
Transport & Storage								
Storage			217			217	-217	
Distribution & Monitoring	30'491		15'388			15'388	15'104	
Total Transport & Storage	30'491		15'604			15'604	14'887	
Program Support								
Program Support	22'259		20'174			20'174	2'085	
Total Program Support	22'259		20'174			20'174	2'085	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	345'000		316'117			316'117	28'883	
VARIANCE (C - D)			28'883			28'883		