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IRAQ: FLOODS

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In Brief

THIS EMERGENCY APPEAL SEEKS CHF 1,802,000 (SOME USD 1.3 MILLION OR EUR 1.1 MILLION) IN CASH, KIND, OR SERVICES TO ASSIST 5,000 FAMILIES (25,000 BENEFICIARIES) FOR 2 MONTHS

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The situation

Heavy rains in northern Iraq have caused overflowing rivers, leading to extensive flooding in the surrounding areas (please see attached map). The flooding has been compounded by the natural melting of the ice in the mountainous

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northern part of the country. The most affected governorates include Erbil, Sallahaddin, Kirkuk, Dyiala and Missan (Erbil itself reportedly received 103 millimeters of rain).

More than 7,000 families were forced to leave their houses, according to information received from the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS's) rapid assessment team (made up of staff and volunteers). The assessment revealed that a large number of those affected are women and children. Many families ran for the nearest high ground, and sought available shelter. These families are in acute need of relief assistance.

This operation provides vital support to the IRCS in its efforts to deliver emergency relief assistance to those affected by the floods, a situation that has worsened the overall vulnerability in a country already wracked by on-going conflict.

The ICRC and the Federation have strengthened the collective commitment of both institutions to ensure coordinated programme support to the IRCS in its effort to deliver emergency relief to the flood victims based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Movement components (the International Federation, IRCS, and the ICRC) in November 2005, intended to coordinate the Movement's response in Iraq. The Federation and the IRCS are working to ensure critical support to assist the most vulnerable Iraqis affected by the floods.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action taken so far

The IRCS branches and the headquarters have responded by releasing the following relief items from available stocks:

Relief items	Quantity
Blankets	10,000 units
Plastic bags	3,000 units
Kerosene stoves	1,150 units
Sugar (50 kg sacs)	60 sacks
Beans (50 kg sacs)	75 sacks
Soap (60 pieces cartons)	90 cartons
Tent of 180 pounds	270 units
Food parcels	500 units
Canned tuna fish	3,750 cans
Kitchen sets	150 units
Kerosene heaters	150 units
Jerry cans	1,450 units
Kerosene lamps	150 units
Rice (50 kg sacks)	375 sacks

The ICRC and the Federation are in close contact regarding the floods and efforts are well coordinated. The ICRC provided flood relief response in Safwan, Basrah Governate in the form of water removal, water bladders (for the IRCS camp), generators (for the IRCS camp), and food and water relief for approximately 100 families.

The ICRC provided food to 1,000 most affected families, non-food parcels, and 300 kerosene stoves for the IRCS Erbil branch who were assisting 2,000 affected families. ICRC took the opportunity to visit a distribution site in town. Food parcels, blankets and kerosene heaters were being distributed to beneficiaries. Some 500 family food parcels, 2,000 blankets and 500 kerosene heaters will be sent to ICRC/Erbil (estimated arrival next Saturday or Sunday), and off loaded in the ICRC warehouse in the event the situation worsens.

Assistance to other areas (Dohuk, Kirkuk, Suleymanieh): while information is awaited from the IRCS related to their needs and capacity to respond, it was agreed with the Erbil branch President that, if needs appear in these regions, the IRCS Erbil will send assistance to these branches. The ICRC was informed that 80 families from an

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IDP camp in Dohuk lost their food and belongings in the flood. The Erbil president immediately took action, preparing to send the needed items this afternoon or tomorrow morning (Wednesday 8 or Thursday 9 February).

The needs, and the affected population

According to the current situation and initial assessment reports carried out by the IRCS's branches in the governorates, the situation is:

- Sallahaddin Governorate: the village of Al- Ba'eije in Beiji district has been totally inundated. It was inhabited by more than (2,000) families .In Al-Alam district, 175 families are affected by the heavy rains, in Al-Rasheedia village 250 families, in Al- Bu Ajeel village 150 families, and in Al-Hai Al-Assri village 150 families.
- Erbil Governorate: 3,000 families in various places, including Kazna, Turq, and Qushaglou, and heavy losses in materials and infrastructure; roads between the main towns of the governorate are cut off as three local bridges were totally destroyed.
- Kirkuk. Governorate: 350 families are affected and some houses were destroyed at different places in the governorate (Ruzkari, Rounaki, Taza, Al-Failak and Al-Mala'b).
- D-Dyiala Governorate: 620 families are affected, including King Shaah Camp for IDP's and returnees (hosting more than 150 families in Hansen), and in Al-Mukdadyia district -- a total of about 470 families.
- Missan Governorate: 250 families who were forced to leave their houses and settle in other villages such as Al-Assayer, Al-Saada Al-Bekhat, Al-Abouss and AL-Jaiaznaa.

Total affected families (summary table):

Governorate	Affected /displaced families
Sallahaddin Governorate	2,750
Erbil Governorate	3,000
Kirkuk. Governorate	350
Dyiala Governorate	1,240
Missan Governorate	250
Total	7,590 families

Please note: these numbers and figures were collected during the first field assessment and are likely to increase following further assessments. The current numbers reflect data collected from only those areas visited by the rapid assessment teams - mainly severely affected villages.

Immediate needs to respond to 5,000 affected families (25,000 beneficiaries)

The IRCS will require support to deliver assistance to 5,000 families (out of the total of 10,000 affected) by the floods. The material needs for an immediate response (at this stage) are listed below. The items will cover the needs of the affected people, and partly serve as preparedness stock for the expected increase in beneficiary numbers.

Relief items	Quantity (ration)
Blankets	20,000 units (4 per family)
Kerosene heater	5,000 units (1 per family)
Kerosene stove	5,000 units (1 per family)
Kitchen sets	5,000 units(1 per family)
Kerosene lamps	5,000 units (1 per family)
Food parcels	5,000 parcels (will be responded by partner national societies)
Tents (180 pounds)	2,500 tents
Medications /medical supplies	To cover the needs of 5,000 people (will be responded to by partner national societies).
Hygiene kits	5,000 sets
Jerry cans (for water & fuel)	10,000 units (two per family)

The proposed operation

Emergency relief (non-food items)

Objective: to ensure that 5,000 families in the northern part of the country are assisted through the distribution of non-food emergency kits, containing the most essential relief goods.

Expected results:

- 5,000 target beneficiary families have received the emergency kits.
- The vulnerability of the at-risk population is reduced through the Federation and IRCS's joint assistance program.

Coordination

Relief operations are carried out or implemented in close cooperation and coordination with other partners, particularly the following:

- ICRC: supporting the Erbil branch with relief items and assessment support.
- Federation: non-food supplies.
- Emirate Red Crescent: food/non-food supplies.
- IRCS volunteers in the branches have participated in the distribution of relief items to the affected families. The relief operations are strengthening the ties between the local communities and the IRCS. Some difficulties faced by the assessment team were the lack of communication and the current security situation where access to areas is difficult.

National Society priorities, capacities and Federation support

Established in 1932, the IRCS has a network of branches that cover all 18 administrative units (governorates). Currently, the national society is focused on strengthening its presence and services at the sub-branch and community levels. Traditionally, the branches have been engaged in the mobilization of youth and volunteers, and have maintained a line of services to the communities: linking with the most vulnerable and distributing relief supplies, involving interventions in first aid, health awareness and promotion, and Red Cross family messages. Partnership support and assistance has also been extended to public service organizations and UN agencies engaged in emergency relief and social services.

The national society's core programmes focus on relief assistance to the most vulnerable groups across the country, health and care with a special emphasis on first aid training and rehabilitation of its own health institutions network. These activities are generally in line with the Federation's Strategy 2010 and are in response to the prevailing vulnerability pattern in Iraq. In terms of organizational development, the IRCS seeks to enhance its performance at headquarters and branch levels including development of its youth and volunteer bases as the main resource of the society's interventions in disaster response, health, rehabilitation and preparedness. The recognized capacity of the IRCS in delivering humanitarian assistance has been built through its continuing involvement in the provision of assistance to victims of both natural and man-made disasters involving:

- humanitarian operations during the long Iraq-Iran war in the 1980s;
- the operation launched during the first Gulf War in 1991-1992;
- continuing assistance provided to people adversely affected during the years of sanctions;
- the ongoing operations that the society has been actively involved in since 2003, including mobilization.

With the distribution of relief assistance following recent humanitarian interventions, the society has gained public trust and confidence -- important assets that facilitate the smooth delivery of services to those affected. The IRCS has been able to demonstrate the required level of neutrality and impartiality. Today the IRCS is one of the few organizations that can deliver critical humanitarian services, under very difficult circumstances, in all parts of the country.

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The response program will be monitored by a joint team from the IRCS and Federation delegation local staff based in Baghdad. The local procurement of the relief items is carried out according to procurement procedures and guidelines of the Federation's Secretariat.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Tents: 2,500	650,000
Blankets: 20,000	237,000
Food parcels: 5,000	163,000
Medical & first aid	65,000
Hygiene kits: 5,000	130,000
Utensils & tools, heaters, stoves, kitchen sets, lamps, jerrycans	357,000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	1,602,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6.5% of total)	117,000
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	
Distribution, storage, transport, and vehicle costs	60,000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
National staff	10,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Travel & related expenses	5,000
Information expenses	3,000
Administrative & general expenses	5,000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	200,000
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	1,802,000
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	0
NET REQUEST	1,802,000