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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 185 countries.

In Brief

Period covered by this update: 30 December 2006 to 3 January 2007.

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

- CHF 100,000 allocated from the Federation's DREF on 29 December, 2006 to respond to the needs of this operation.
- This operation is expected to be implemented over one month, and will be completed by the end of January, 2007; a DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

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

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Background and current situation

The earthquake with a magnitude of 5.7 degrees on the Richter scale occurred in Kyrgyzstan on 26 December 2006 at 0200 local time. The epicentre was located in the Teskey Alatau ridge close to the border of Issyk-Kul and Naryn provinces and 140 km east from the capital city of Bishkek. Tremors were also felt in Almaty in neighbouring Kazakhstan, with a magnitude of around 3.5-4 degrees on the Richter scale but there has been no damage registered.



Cracks in this building of a local school are 5 cm wide

Based on early assessments of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MoE), local administrative bodies and Red Crescent provincial branch 5,910 people have been affected by the earthquake; there have been no casualties. The government indicated mainly damage to housing, electricity lines and communications. Most of the people left homeless have been accommodated with their relatives.

The situation on the emergency site is worsened by harsh winter conditions with low temperatures and heavy snow falls that captured the country during the first days of the new year.

The UN assessment team visited Kochkor rayon on 29-30 December. Based on the findings the UN plans to provide construction materials worth of USD 10,000 to repair five obstetric centres and two school buildings with moderate and/or

average damage in Kochkor, Akkyia, Kumdebe, Semizbel and Sarybulak localities. This will be arranged through the UNDP; construction materials will be procured and supplied to the sites and contraction work will be arranged by the MoE.

Specified information on damaged houses as of 31 December is as follows:

№	Category	Quantity
1	Totally destroyed	20
2	Severely damaged	1,312
3	Average damage	2,392
4	Moderately damaged	3,159
	Total	6,883

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

On 28 December Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent distributed blankets, bedding, kitchen utensils and hygiene means to 60 affected families of Isakeevo village.

Later, an amount of CHF 100,000 was released from Federation's DREF on request from the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent to render assistance to 400 most affected families in villages of Kochkor rayon. The humanitarian aid will include relief items (blankets, mattresses, bedding, hygiene kits, kitchen sets) and food parcels (rice, sugar, flour, oil).

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The National Society procured the first lot of 220 parcels planned for distribution in Semizbel locality on 30 December 2006 and transported them to the site. However, the distribution has been postponed until 4 January 2007 due to tensions among affected population related to aid operations. In the affected region 86 per cent of the local population had been living below the poverty line before the disaster struck. Now people are frightened by the earthquake; the loss of houses and scarce belongings made them even more vulnerable and desperate. By 4 January remaining 180 food parcels will be supplied so that the Red Crescent Society can cover all 400 families included in the beneficiary lists at once. Also, in order to release tensions, the National Society is considering distributing relief non-food items not to the same – as the initial plan was – but to other 400 families thus increasing the coverage to 800. These items will be procured by Red Crescent in the near future and their distribution is scheduled for next week.

The National Society plans to carry out another assessment on 4 January to specify further needs for an Emergency Appeal, looking for possibilities to expand the coverage.

The Red Crescent is coordinating its response operation with the local response headquarters set up in Kochkor rayon. Kyrgyzstan National Society is also a member of the interagency commission that was established to monitor the situation developments on the disaster site.



Affected children in Isakeevo village also received New Year gifts and warm clothes from RC



First distribution took place on 28 December as an immediate response by Red Crescent

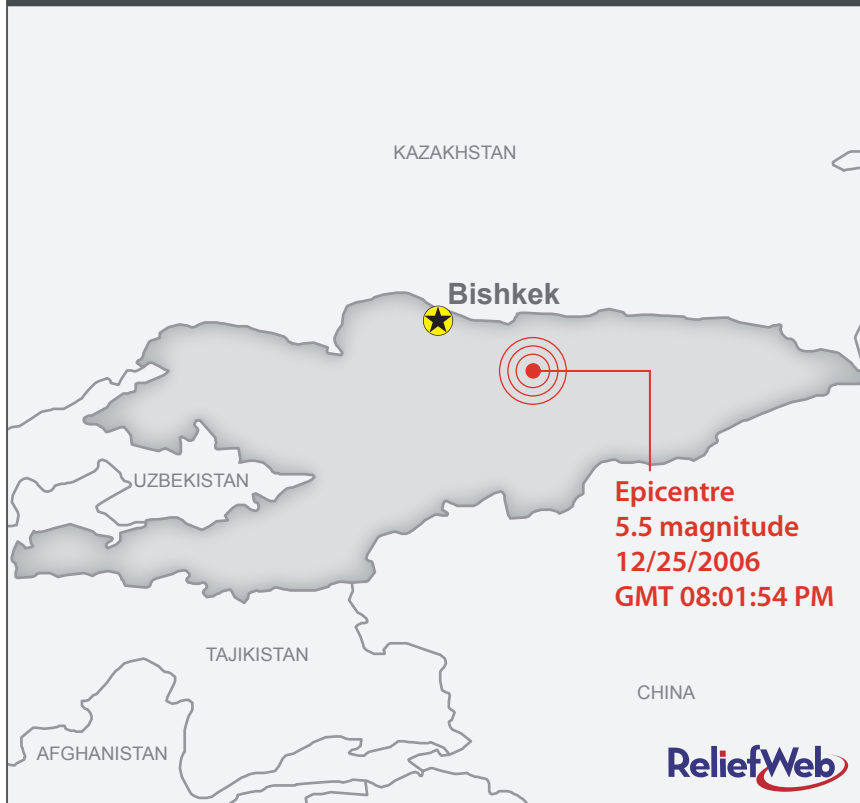
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At 2 a.m. local time on 26 Dec 2006, an earthquake struck Kochkor area, Naryn region, some 140 km south-east of Bishkek. The earthquake was also felt in neighboring Kazakhstan.

- OCHA Situation Report No. 1, 27 Dec 2006

KYRGYZSTAN - Earthquake



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