



SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO/KOSOVO: FLOODS

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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 185 countries.

In Brief

Period covered by this Final Report: 27 February to 24 April, 2006.

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

- CHF 131,250 allocated from the Federations DREF on 27 February 2006 to respond to the needs of this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population.
- This operation was expected to be implemented in two months, and completed by 24 April 2006. In line with Federation reporting standards, the DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) was due 90 days after the end of the operation (by 24 July 2006).

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 Summary



The flooding, caused by melting snow and heavy rains, caused damage to houses and personal belongings, agricultural land and equipment, and the power system

Melting snow and heavy rains in February and March 2006 caused flooding in at least fourteen municipalities across Kosovo. The increased water levels in the rivers broke the banks/dams and flooded the surrounding areas. The flooding caused damage to houses and personal belongings, agricultural land and equipment, and the power system. Some villages in the rural and poorer part of the province were inaccessible for several days. An estimated 200 families (approx. 1,200 people) had to be evacuated from the affected areas and sheltered in neighbouring villages.

The flooding was worst in the rural areas where the social problems of the province are affecting the highest number of people - a fragile economy, high unemployment, and a wide spectrum of social groups in need of special assistance are just some of the pressing issues for Kosovo's institutions. With about 10% of the resident population receiving the low social assistance benefits and many more families not eligible for such

assistance due to highly restrictive criteria, the needs in the social sector are extremely high. These flooding thus had a further deteriorating effect on the social situation of the province as the majority of affected people already belong to the poorest of the province who were not in a position to cope with the situation on their own.



The relief items - including blankets, mattresses, hygiene kits, rubber boots, drinking water, food parcels, wood stoves and firewood - were distributed on a needs basis by the local Red Cross volunteers

The allocated Minor Emergency funds from DREF were used to procure the following relief items: 1,500 blankets, 800 mattresses, 677 hygiene kits (standard family), 1200 pairs of rubber boots, 6,000 packs of drinking water (bottled, 9 litres per pack), 323 food parcels (family food parcel for one month), 500 jerry cans, 98 wood stoves, 230 m³ firewood (2 m³ per family).

The situation was assessed by the branches and beneficiary lists were produced in close coordination with the local emergency departments and municipal authorities. The relief items were distributed on a needs basis by the local Red Cross volunteers.

All activities related to this minor emergency were implemented according to plan. The remaining emergency goods were used to replenish and improve the emergency buffer stocks of the local RC organisations.

Coordination

The Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement was the only organisation responding to the humanitarian needs of the Minor Emergency. The Federation, both Red Cross organizations in Kosovo and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) closely cooperated in this emergency, which was coordinated in the field by the branch secretaries and on central level by the disaster management (DM) Coordinators. All activities were in coordination with the central and local emergency departments, Kosovo Police Service and the social welfare authorities.

Analysis of the operation

Achievements and Impact

The branches of both Red Cross organizations in Kosovo, with the support of the Federation and the ICRC, immediately responded to the Minor Emergency and assisted the affected population within 48 hours of the first wave of flooding. Initially they provided relief goods from their own (very limited) buffer stocks.

In total, *277 families (1,624 people) were assisted* and the following number of items were distributed:

| Item | Number distributed |
|---|------------------------|
| Blankets | 596 |
| Mattresses | 252 |
| Hygiene kits | 277 |
| Rubber boots | 720 pairs |
| Drinking water | 3340 (= 30,060 litres) |
| Food parcels | 323 |
| Jerry cans | 0 |
| Wood stoves | 31 |
| Firewood (2 m ³ per household) | 230 m ³ |

The provision of drinking water was particularly important as many of the affected families get their water from unprotected household wells, which were contaminated by the flooding.

As both local RC organisations have only very limited emergency buffer stocks, the remaining relief items were used to replenish and increase the emergency buffer stocks. Thus, the following items were added to the buffer stocks of both organisations:

| Item | No. added to RCK buffer stock | No. added to RCKM buffer stock |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blankets | 724 | 180 |
| Mattresses | 448 | 100 |
| Rubber boots (pairs) | 380 | 100 |
| Hygiene parcels | 320 | 80 |
| Drinking water (packs) | 1660 | 1000 |
| Wood stoves | 54 | 13 |
| Jerry cans | 400 | 100 |

Constraints

Despite the initial assessment by the branches that jerry cans would be required, it became evident during the operation that there was no specific need for this item at the time. Thus, no jerry cans were distributed and the items were put into the buffer stock of the local RC organisations.

Financial Information

In total, CHF 131,250 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) for the assistance. However, as the amount of CHF 121,463 was enough to implement the planned activities, the remaining CHF 9,786 was returned back to DREF.

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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 | | 131'250 | | | | 131'250 |
| B. Opening Balance | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal) | | | | | | |
| DREF | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 |
| C3. Reallocations (within appeal) | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 |
| C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6) | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 |
| D. Total Funding = B + C | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 |

II. Balance of Funds

| | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| B. Opening Balance | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| C. Income | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 |
| E. Expenditure | | -121'463 | | | | -121'463 |
| F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E) | | 0 | | | | 0 |

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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) | | 131'250 | | | | | 131'250 | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing & textiles | 36'400 | | 38'191 | | | | 38'191 | -1'791 |
| Food | 5'400 | | 6'215 | | | | 6'215 | -815 |
| Water & Sanitation | 18'000 | | 13'908 | | | | 13'908 | 4'092 |
| Utensils & Tools | 22'230 | | 22'458 | | | | 22'458 | -228 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 26'420 | | 18'513 | | | | 18'513 | 7'907 |
| Total Supplies | 108'450 | | 99'285 | | | | 99'285 | 9'165 |
| Transport & Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Storage | | | 118 | | | | 118 | -118 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 2'612 | | 2'656 | | | | 2'656 | -44 |
| Total Transport & Storage | 2'612 | | 2'775 | | | | 2'775 | -163 |
| Personnel Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| National Staff | | | 8'054 | | | | 8'054 | -8'054 |
| National Society Staff | 8'551 | | 379 | | | | 379 | 8'172 |
| Total Personnel Expenditures | 8'551 | | 8'433 | | | | 8'433 | 118 |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Information & Public Relation | 1'550 | | 1'478 | | | | 1'478 | 72 |
| Office Costs | 945 | | 944 | | | | 944 | 1 |
| Communications | 611 | | 654 | | | | 654 | -43 |
| Total General Expenditure | 3'106 | | 3'075 | | | | 3'075 | 30 |
| Program Support | | | | | | | | |
| Program Support | 8'531 | | 7'895 | | | | 7'895 | 636 |
| Total Program Support | 8'531 | | 7'895 | | | | 7'895 | 636 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D) | 131'250 | | 121'463 | | | | 121'463 | 9'786 |
| VARIANCE (C - D) | | | 9'786 | | | | 9'786 | |