

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Montenegro: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 62,578 (USD 55,973 or € 37,926) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the national society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,086 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: This operation is to support the Red Cross of Montenegro in providing immediate food and hygiene assistance to the population in six municipalities in Montenegro where houses have been damaged by the recent floods. The intervention is to meet their needs for food,

fresh water and shelter until the damage made to their property can be repaired.



The main street in Rozaje

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by early March 2008; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by May 2008).

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The situation

Severe flooding affected the area of Kolašin in central Montenegro on 26 November 2007, mostly in the upper stretches of the river Tara. In Kolasin municipality, the river broke one part of the dam at Bečova bara. Rescue teams were trying to prevent further water overflow near the urban settlement of Lug all day on 26 November. The gravest situation was in the villages under the mountain of Kom in Mataševo and Skrbuša, but also in one part of Kolašin, Trebaljevo and Sjerogošt.

The floods continued in the following days, affecting the municipalities of Andrijevica, Berane, Rozaje, Plav, Mojkovac, Bijelo Polje and Podgorica as well. The situation was the gravest in Rozaje, where more than a hundred families were evacuated from their flooded homes. The towns of Berane and Andrijevica also suffered great damage; around 40 more households were severely affected. In Andrijevica, the floods

damaged three bridges on the river Krastica in the following villages: Prljanija, Oblo brdo and Obzovik. Local roads between Djulice-Kuti, Andrijevica-Kuti, Djulice-Josanica and the main road between Andrijevica – Berane were severely damaged. In the basin of the Sekularska river the waterworks were damaged (waterpipes were damaged over a distance of more than 100m), leaving the local population with no access to drinking water. In Berane, the water from public waterworks cannot be used for drinking either. Smaller scale damage was also reported in the remaining municipalities and 50 more households needed assistance. It is still raining in the north of Montenegro on 3 December, so further deterioration in the situation can be expected.

Coordination and partnerships

All the actions are coordinated by the municipality crisis headquarters, and the Red Cross local branches have their representatives in these bodies. These crisis headquarters coordinate the activities of all the stakeholders participating in the alleviation of the impact of the disaster. The Red Cross local branches also played an important role in the needs assessment together with other parties.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

All the local Red Cross branches participated, together with the police and rescue services, in the immediate rescue and evacuation operations, and they have conducted an initial needs and situation assessment. In the Secretariat of the Red Cross of Montenegro, an operational body was formed sending and receiving information from the affected areas every six hours. In addition a national disaster response team was put on standby.

The local Red Cross of Berane has distributed some basic items:

Hygiene items	156
Baby sets	26
Clothes and shoes	For 104 people

The needs

The proposed operation is to provide immediate assistance to the affected population, as well as extended assistance to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable through the next two months. According to an assessment by the Red Cross of Montenegro, in cooperation with the local crisis headquarters, there is an estimated 1,086 people/ 179 families in need of assistance throughout all the municipalities. Their needs are mainly for food and hygiene items, as well as for temporary accommodation. Some immediate needs have already been met since the beginning of the flooding, therefore part of the requested allocation is to replenish the disaster response stocks of the Red Cross of Montenegro.

The results of the needs assessment are as follows:

Municipality	Flooded houses	Affected families	Affected people	Evacuated families
Berane	26	26	194	
Andrijevica	8	8	200	
Rozaje	120	120	600	120
Mojkovac	20	20	82	
Podgorica	5	5	10	
Kolasin	Ongoing assessment			
Total	179	179	1086	120

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective 1: 179 families affected by the floods across six municipalities are provided with canned food to assist them through the first several days of coping with the damage done to their households, until they are able to prepare their own food again.

Objective 2: 120 evacuated families are provided with 360 sets of blankets, mattresses and bed linen, responding to their needs for accommodation outside their own houses, until the damage to their houses is mitigated and they can move back in.

Activities planned:

- Assessment of needs;
- Creation of beneficiary lists;
- Distribution of food and non-food items;
- Monitoring.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, through the use of water tanks and jerry cans, as well as hygiene promotion, until the existing water infrastructure is safe to use again.

Activities planned:

- Assessment of needs;
- Provision of potable water and hygiene promotion for 179 families in the affected area.

The following table presents the needs and the proposed budget of the operation in Swiss francs:

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	TOTAL
Supplies				
Blankets	360	Piece	30.53	10,989
Mattresses	360	Piece	24.75	8,910
Jerry Cans (15 litres, plastic, foldable with screw cap)	90	Piece	18.14	1,633
Rubber Boots	200	Piece	13.20	2,640
Plastic Sheet	400	Piece	5.78	2,310
Canned Food	200	Parcel	55.44	11,088
Hygiene Parcel	200	Parcel	17.16	3,432
Disinfectant	200	Piece	10.73	2,145
Bed Sheet	360	Piece	26.40	9,504
Sub-Total				52,651
Transport & Distribution				
Packing (Material & Human Resources)				975
Loading / Unloading				660
Distribution (Local Branch)				1,749
Monitoring (IFRC coordination in the field)				2,475
Geneva Costs				
Program Management Support (6.5%)				4,068
TOTAL CHF				62,578

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities 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 number 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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