

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

INDIA: Flood

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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 52,941 (USD 51,364 or EUR 34,969) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the national society in delivering immediate assistance to some 400,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The heaviest rains in more than a century has hit parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka since 29 September 2009. The Krishna River is threatening several villages with the death toll due to heavy rains and rampaging floods climbing to 286 and displacing more than two million people. Several towns and villages, particularly in Kurnool, Mahabubnagar and Krishna districts in Andhra Pradesh, have been inundated by the mighty Krishna river and its tributaries. All the reservoirs built across the Krishna River have been receiving heavy inflows; their gates have been opened to discharge water downstream.

Relief camps have been set up in schools and temples located on higher ground in the flood-affected districts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to house over 400,000 people.

More than 1,400 people have died across 19 of India's 28 states during the monsoon rains this year.

Indian Red Cross is currently providing relief and assistance to victims and also completing assessments of the situation. Assessments completed alongside the relief effort will be supported with the DREF allocation. Subsequent to the release of the DREF funding, more detailed assessments and an extensive Plan of Action will be completed.

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The situation

Andhra Pradesh

A depression in Bay of Bengal caused heavy rains and resulted in flooding, particularly affecting the districts of Kurnool, Mahabubnagar, Kharimnagar, Prakasam, Visakapatnam, Anantapur, Krishna, Kadapa, Guntur, Khamam and Nalgonda. At present, the death toll stands at 56 people. The rains have destroyed 13,980 houses; more than 40,900 people have been evacuated, and 59,983 acres of agricultural land has been damaged.

At least 1.8 million people in 400 villages of Andhra Pradesh have been affected. This number includes 180 villages in Kurnool, 89 in Mahabubnagar, 100 in Guntur and 22 in Nalgonda. Thousands of people are reported missing, with many more still stranded. Casualty figures are expected to rise.

Karnataka

With a let up in the rains, the flood situation in north Karnataka has begun to ease slightly. However, all dams in the region remain full and rivers carrying water to Andhra Pradesh remain swollen.

At least 197 people have died in the floods since 2 October. In the 15 affected districts – Belgaum, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Raichur, Dharwad, Bagalkote, Bellary, Koppal, Haveri, Bidar, Gadag, Davanagere, Karwar, Dakshina and Kannada – thousands of people remain in shelters as their homes have been destroyed. The state government's 589 relief centres currently house 177,000 people.

More than 17 villages in Bijapur district – the worst affected in the state – are marooned, with more than 10,000 people being left homeless.

The Indian Air Force is continuing to fly helicopters to rescue stranded people and drop food to the needy. Most families have no food as their stored grains and other commodities have been washed away.

The Central Government has sent a team of 144 National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) personnel with 29 boats to various districts. Additionally, a batch of 1,100 personnel of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) is on ground supporting relief operations.

The Chief Minister has announced INR 12 million (CHF 261,007, USD 252,601 or EUR 172,768) in relief aid to each affected district.

In Andhra Pradesh, the Government of India provided the following logistical support:

- 694 water rescue trained personnel of the NDRF along with 173 inflatable motorized boats have been deployed in the districts of Kurnool, Krishna and Mehboobnagar for rescue and relief operations.
- A team of 19 water rescue trained personnel and 20 inflatable boats from Palam airbase is being airlifted to Vijaywada (Krishna district).

In Karnataka, the Government of India provided the following logistical support:

- 249 water rescue trained personnel of NDRF along with 73 inflatable motorized boats have been deployed in the districts of Bagalkote, Raichur, Gadag and Bijapur for rescue and relief operations.
- 250 water rescue trained personnel and 60 inflatable boats of NDRF from Gandhinagar are set to be airlifted.

The table below shows the affected population in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka:

Population affected	4.1 mil
Human lives lost	355
Number of districts affected	50
Number of life stock lost	1659
Crops affected	282,223 ha
Estimates value of damage	INR 320 billion

In addition to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, the following states were also hit by floods:

- Maharashtra (three districts affected)
- Bihar (seven districts affected)
- Orissa (14 districts affected)
- Goa (one district affected)

Coordination and partnerships

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) national headquarters, along with the International Federation India country office, is closely monitoring the flood situation and is in regular contact with the affected state branches. The International Federation India office is closely following up with the IRCS national headquarters on the arising needs from the state branch on technical support request in carrying out the emergency assessment in the flood affected areas.

The IRCS is meeting daily to review the situation and to discuss the next steps to make. This meeting includes the head of India office, while several other technical meetings are held daily between the IRCS and International Federation to best coordinate the relief efforts and the best response to the affected area.

The International Federation country office has established twice daily meetings to discuss the most updated developments and to better coordinate the response given to the IRCS. The meetings, held at 9 am and 4 pm, are open to all Movement partners. The move has been appreciated by the partner national societies present in India.

The IRCS has done various local assessments with help of state and disaster response teams and has been receiving active information from the field on the ongoing situation. The government has been supporting the Red Cross operation in both the states and vice versa, and the Red Cross branches have been assisting the government in their various relief operations, to the extent that the government has gone public in declaring that IRCS is officially nominated as a partner in collecting in-kind donation for the government.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The IRCS national headquarters, along with its state branches, is closely monitoring the situation. Family packs amounting to INR 11.88 million (CHF 262,478) has been released; INR 5,000 (CHF 110) to Andhra Pradesh, including 2,500 stoves, and 2,000 blankets and kitchen sets to Karnataka state branch.

IRCS (NHQ) immediate response to Andhra Pradesh state branch

Sl.No	Item	Total Quantity Released
1	Mosquito nets	5,000 pcs
2	Gents dhotis	5,000 pcs
3	Tarpaulin sheets	5,000 pcs
4	Bed sheets	5,000 pcs
5	Cotton blankets	5,000 pcs
6	Towels	5,000 pcs
7	Saree	5,000 pcs
8	Kitchen sets	5,000 pcs
9	Plastic buckets	5,000 pcs
10	Vicky stove	2,500 pcs

Regular situation updates are being received from state branches which are analyzed and circulated to all Movement partners.

Trained state disaster response team (SDRT) members, along with volunteers, are involved in relief operations as well as reporting. Prepositioned stocks of relief supplies, such as kitchen sets and mosquito nets, will be deployed to the affected areas, in addition to the already deployed relief items from the state branches.

The IRCS national headquarters will also deploy water and sanitation units that are capable of producing 5,000 litres of water each hour for drinking and hygiene purposes. Trained Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers will be leading health education discussions in temporary camps to help reduce the risk of disease among those displaced.

The IRCS held a Movement emergency flood meeting to review the situation and to discuss the next steps. This meeting included all Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners. Several other technical meetings are being held between the IRCS and International Federation to coordinate relief efforts. The IRCS Control Room (Flood Operations) has been activated to receive and consolidate information from the disaster areas.

Andhra Pradesh state branch action

The Andhra Pradesh state branch activated staff and volunteers who have collected information from all affected districts branches and started dispatching the relief items.

Nellore and Anantpur district branches have mobilized volunteers to provide relief. Some 10 to 15 volunteers from Nellore district branch will move to the affected areas along with the following relief supplies: 500 water packets; 100 sarees; 100 blankets; 100 kitchen sets; milk powder; and bread.

Food packets have been distributed by IRCS Kurnool district branch. Two IRCS State branch staff were sent with relief supplies to Kurnool. Because of a damaged bridge, however, relief could not get through. These supplies were diverted to Mahbubnagar district. The state branch has prepositioned stocks of blankets and sarees. The branch has ordered 1,000 kitchen sets.

Karnataka state branch action

The Karnataka state branch is in constant communication with the sub-branches where emergency teams have made a needs assessment. The state branch has distributed bed sheets and blankets to the affected districts. Red Cross members and volunteers, community health workers, and first aiders are working in coordination with the district authority. The branch is supplementing government action.

The Karnataka state branch and local civil administration has started relief support to the affected populations. The branch indicates that the immediate needs include water purification tablets and family packs/kitchen sets, including clothing, cooking utensils, buckets and jerry cans.

The needs

As per various assessment reports and the recommendations submitted by the IRCS Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka state branch to the national headquarters, and based on assessment information received from other organizations, the needs, the targeted beneficiaries and the areas were identified.

It was agreed that the International Federation Secretariat and partner national societies will support the IRCS in a needs assessment. Secretariat support will come from the International Federation country and regional offices in Delhi. An evaluation of the current and mid-term needs will also take place. It was agreed that the team would comprise of IRCS-trained state disaster response team and disaster management-trained people, together with International Federation and/or partner national society-trained staff.

The proposed operation

The teams comprising out of IRCS, International Federation and partner national society-trained national disaster response team (NDRT) staff members will travel to the affected areas in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa, to assess the situation and prepare a detailed report, which will be used for a local appeal issued by the IRCS.

Objective One: To assess situations in affected states to better understand the varying short- and medium-term needs.

Provide technical support in conducting assessments, resource mobilization, information dissemination, reporting, relief distribution and community empowerment.

Objective Two: To provide necessary human capacity to support the Indian Red Cross Society and the International Federation to make appropriate short- and medium-term responses to the floods situation.

To mobilize the state and national disaster response teams to support the national society with coordination and response operation, and build and/or replenish national society relief stock.

Action Plan

A plan of action will be produced after the assessment mission in the different states. The aim is to provide support in rehabilitating the affected communities in the states. The state branches had pre-positioned stock, which was immediately made available to the affected people. The state branches now requested the IRCS national headquarters to further support them in serving the affected population, by catering to the immediate needs which include shelter, household items, basic healthcare and hygiene.

The items will be distributed by the IRCS state branch staff and volunteers, in close consultation and cooperation with the state authorities

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 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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DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

India: Flood

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GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	46,833
Office running costs	2,667

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total)	3,441
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Total Operational Needs	52,941
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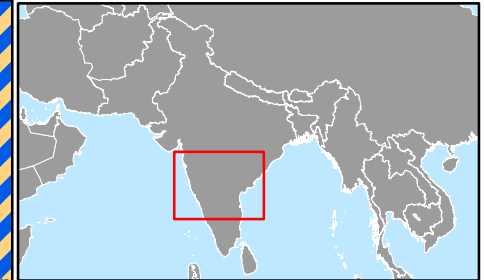
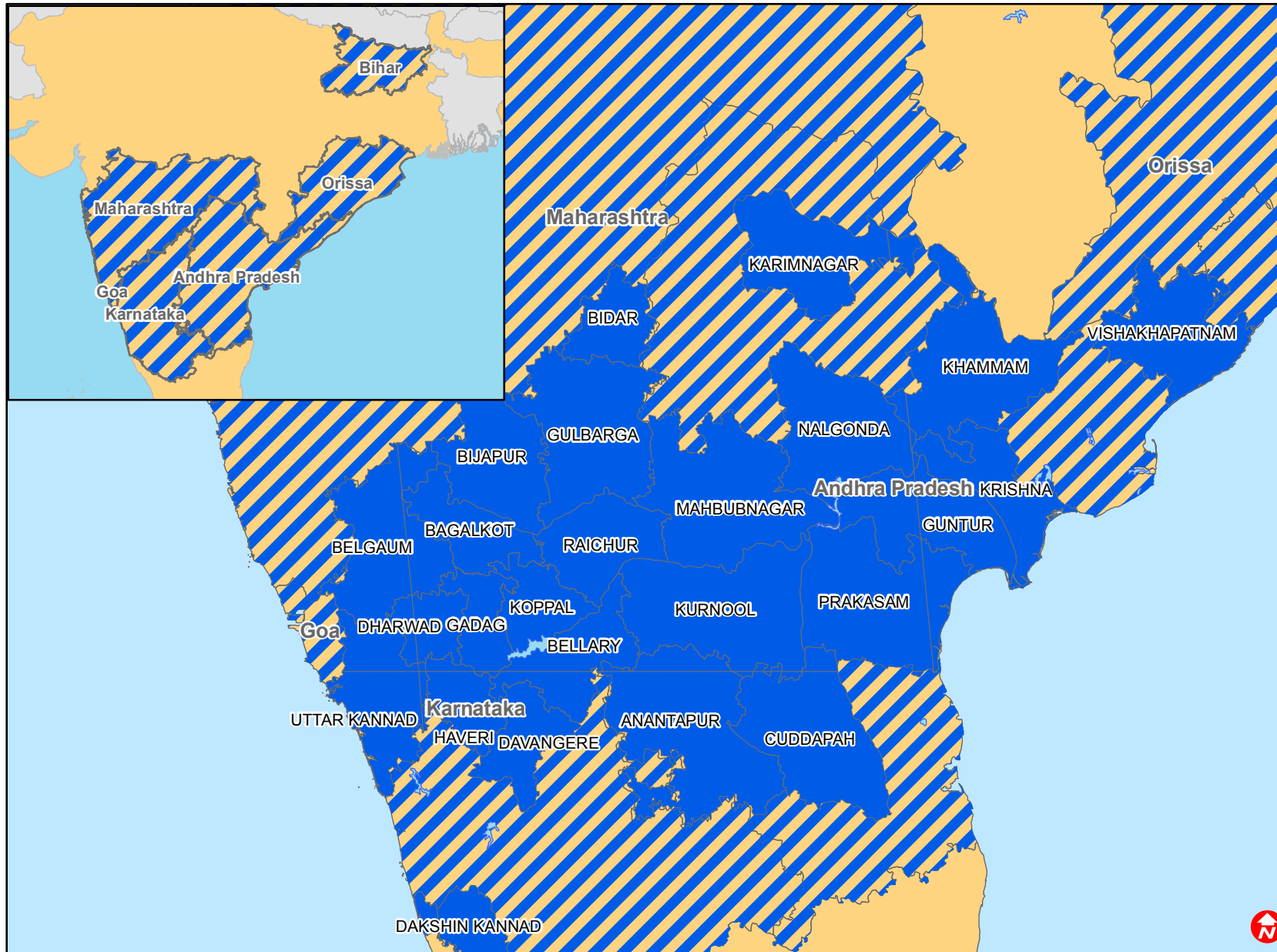
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	52,941
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Less Available Resources	0
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Net Request	52,941
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India: Floods



 Most Affected districts
 Affected areas

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 Estimates Value of damage 320 bil INR

