

DREF operation



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Kyrgyzstan: Civil unrest

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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 emergency response. 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 171,625 (USD 154,437 or EUR 124,546) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 2600 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Interethnic tensions have resulted in a serious outbreak of violence in Osh and Jalalabat regions (oblasts) of Kyrgyzstan, starting on 10 June. The clashes which occurred in the cities of Osh, Jalalabat and Uzgen, Aravan and Karasuu districts of Osh oblast and Suzak district of Jalalabat oblast, have led to a massive population movement towards and across the Uzbekistan/ Kyrgyzstan border. As of 17 June, the reported number of people killed in the clashes is 191, while more than 1900 have been reported as injured.



Devastation in Osh. Photo: Kyrgyz Red Crescent Society

The Kyrgyz Red Crescent Society (KRCS) and International Committee of the Red Cross have provided medical supplies to six hospitals in and around Osh to help them cope with the large number of wounded people. The supplies included syringes, bandages, medical systems equipment and gloves, glucose, painkillers, stretchers, bed sheets and food components. In accordance with its mandate the ICRC has led the Movement's response, quickly scaling up its emergency operations in close collaboration with the KRCS.

Partners also agreed on the need for urgent assistance at transit-points near the border with Uzbekistan, to provide support the population fleeing from Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan with food, blankets, first aid, safe water and psychosocial support. The operation is expected to be implemented over four months and will therefore be completed by the end of October 2010. A Final Report will be done three months after the end of the operation (by end January 2011). These dates might be changed to some extent as they depend on approval of funds and official start date.

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The situation

Ethnic tensions in Kyrgyzstan have been growing following the overthrow of the previous government in early April this year. They subsequently led to an outbreak of violence that started in the southern city of Osh, Kyrgyzstan, on Thursday 10 June, and escalated rapidly in the following days. As of 17 June, a total of 191 had been reported killed and over 1900 injured, although the actual numbers may be significantly higher according to the interim government.

The Kyrgyz Government declared a State of Emergency in the city of Osh, but struggled to contain the violence which also started spreading to other areas in southern Kyrgyzstan. According to the local media, at least 12 people were killed in the other major southern city of Jalalabat where reportedly the local barracks were taken over by a crowd. Violence has also been reported in several other towns and rural areas of Osh, Jalalabat and Batken provinces.

Over the last week thousands of ethnic Uzbeks have fled into Uzbekistan which opened its border on Saturday 12 June to allow civilians passage. By 17 June the Uzbek authorities reported that some 75,000 adult refugees had been registered inside its territory, in addition to thousands more children. UNICEF and UNHCR estimate the number of refugees (in Uzbekistan) at approximately 100,000 of whom ninety per cent are women, children and the elderly as of 15 June.¹ The UNHCR estimates the number of internally displaced people (in Kyrgyzstan) at approximately 300,000 as of 17 June².

Humanitarian space remains limited with very few operational agencies on the ground whose operative potential is hampered because of the security situation.

Coordination and partnerships

The KRCS has established close coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation, and formal Movement coordination mechanisms have already been established. They also provide a platform for dialogue with partner National Societies currently present in Kyrgyzstan

In addition the headquarters of the National Society are in contact at all times with the local branches in the affected area. The National Society is also cooperating with the appropriate governmental ministries. The ICRC and the International Federation are providing advice to the national society in its coordination with governmental agencies, external partners and donors, and the media.

The International Federation's representative for Kyrgyzstan is currently in Bishkek, accompanied by a disaster manager from the Tajikistan delegation. They will be joined by a technical delegate to support this operation. The organisational development coordinator from the Europe Zone office will be deployed for a short mission to provide additional support in areas such as volunteer management, Movement cooperation and other organisational issues.

Coordination meetings with key agencies have been conducted for sector leads in the UN House in Bishkek. These meetings were very useful in terms of sharing information between partners and improving coordination mechanisms between sectors. Partners agreed to conduct meetings within their respective sectors and general round tables for discussion on further activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The KRCS responded immediately to the situation, working closely with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). On 11 June, the day after violence broke out in Osh, the KRCS South Regional Representation started conducting basic needs assessment, and the National Society provided assistance to the city hospital in Osh. The hospital was provided with food components for four days and medical supplies.

Moreover in cooperation with ICRC the KRCS has provided medical supplies to six hospitals in and around Osh to help them cope with the high number of wounded people. The supplies included food, non-food and medical items from KRCS stock as follows

¹ http://www.unicef.org/media/media_53985.html

² <http://www.unhcr.org/4c1a2f669.html>

Item	Quantity
Macaroni	14 kg
Sugar	13 kg
Rice	13kg
Buckwheat	6 kg
Beans	5 kg
Vegetable Oil	10 kg
Tea	12 kg
Powdered milk	12kg
Syringe	4150 pcs
Bandage	37 pcs
Surgical masks	150 pcs
Medical equipment	40 pcs
Surgical gloves	420 pcs
Stretchers	10 pcs
Bed sheets	20 pcs

KRCS staff is currently involved in the assessment of most immediate needs and priorities, in spite of the difficult operational challenges and tense security situation. A Joint Team from RCSK HQ was deployed to Osh city on 14 June 2010. The main objective is to assist the local branch staff in conducting the needs assessment in Osh and Jalalabat regions and also in the places near the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border where large numbers of people are temporarily amassed. According to some sources, there are several thousands of displaced people waiting for the opportunity to cross the border – according to the The UN High Commissioner for Refugees there are 300,000 displaced people in this area as of 17 June.

In response to the existing situation, the KRCS will support affected population through the Federation DREF (Disaster Relief Emergency Fund). It is planned for families who are trying to pass the border and who have lost their houses and properties be provided with food and non-food items including biscuits, canned food, drinking water, blankets and hygiene kits. For these purposes RCSK will set up 8 tents in four transit-points on the border between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. These tents will be used as operational points to provide First Aid and Psychosocial Support.

The needs

Due to the very unstable situation, potential for violence and the ongoing security concerns in Osh and Jalalabat regions, the KRCS focuses its activities on supporting the most affected people, mainly displaced people who are leaving Kyrgyzstan to enter Uzbekistan but also the ones travelling from Uzbekistan to Kyrgyzstan. More than 350 families, mainly of the Kyrgyz nationality passed the border from Uzbekistan to Kyrgyzstan as of 16 June. The rapid assessment of needs shows that many of these families stay at or near the border and there is need for food, drinking water, blankets, hygiene kits and psychosocial support.

Since it is not possible at the moment to reach all the affected people in the region due to the chaos and lack of security, the National Society will focus its efforts around the key transit-points at the border.

The proposed operation

The DREF supported operation will respond to needs resulting from population movement in line with the KRCS strategy and mandate, and with a geographic focus on eight regions. The proposed activities include the training of staff and volunteers, the distribution of essential relief goods, and the provision of psychosocial support to internally displaced people near the main transit points. The International Federation will deploy an experienced disaster manager to provide technical and operational support to the KRCS initially for a two month period.

The situation is still evolving rapidly, and any major change in context or priorities will be communicated through operational updates as usual. The Movement partners are also discussing medium and long term needs, and will agree on a coordinated approach to address these.

Relief distributions (basic food and non-food items)

Objective: 513 families (2565 people) have been assisted with basic non-food items (including blankets and jerry cans) and food items (including biscuits and canned food)

Activities planned:

- Procure 2565 blankets
- Procure and prepare food parcels
- Deliver food parcels and blankets to transit points
- Distribute the blankets and food to the people in biggest need

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion

Activities planned:

- Deploy 20 trained staff and volunteers
- Set up the operational and First Aid points in borders, near transit-points
- Identify immediate needs and capacities as well as key actors in water and sanitation
- Develop beneficiary registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Procure and deliver Hygiene kits to operational points in the border
- Provide safe drinking water to the population passing border

Psycho-social support

Objective: Affected population passing the border benefited from psychosocial support to recover from the effects of the conflict shocks.

Activities planned:

- Select 20 KRCS staff and volunteers to be trained in provision of psychosocial support during a conflict situation
- Identify most urgent needs and provide psychosocial support at main transit points
- Develop community and beneficiary targeting strategy in coordination with other responding agencies.
- Prioritize beneficiaries according to the needs

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	31,700	31,700
Food	24,000	24,000
Water & Sanitation	45,000	45,000
Medical & First Aid	2,500	2,500
Teaching Materials	1,500	1,500
Ustensils & Tools	6,600	6,600
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements		0
Total Supplies	111,300	111,300
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Dsitribution & Monitoring	4,350	4,350
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,500	4,500
Total Transport & Storage	8,850	8,850
International Staff	2,500	2,500
Regionally Deployed Staff	15,000	15,000
National Society Staff	1,500	1,500
Other Staff benefits	3,200	3,200

Consultants	3,000	3,000
Total Personnel	25,200	25,200
Workshops & Training	4,200	4,200
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Travel	4,900	4,900
Information & Public Relation	2,000	2,000
Office Costs	1,000	1,000
Communications	2,400	2,400
Financial Charges	300	300
Other General Expenses	1,000	1,000
Total General Expenditure	11,600	11,600
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	10,475	10,475
Total Programme Support	10,475	10,475
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	171,625	171,625

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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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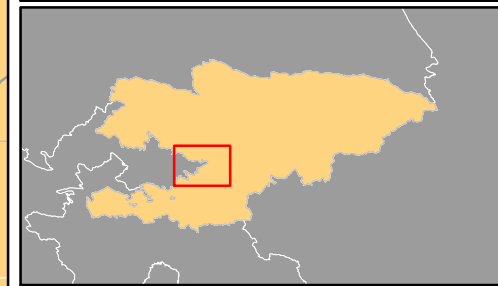
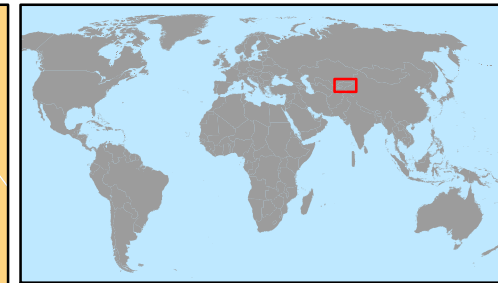
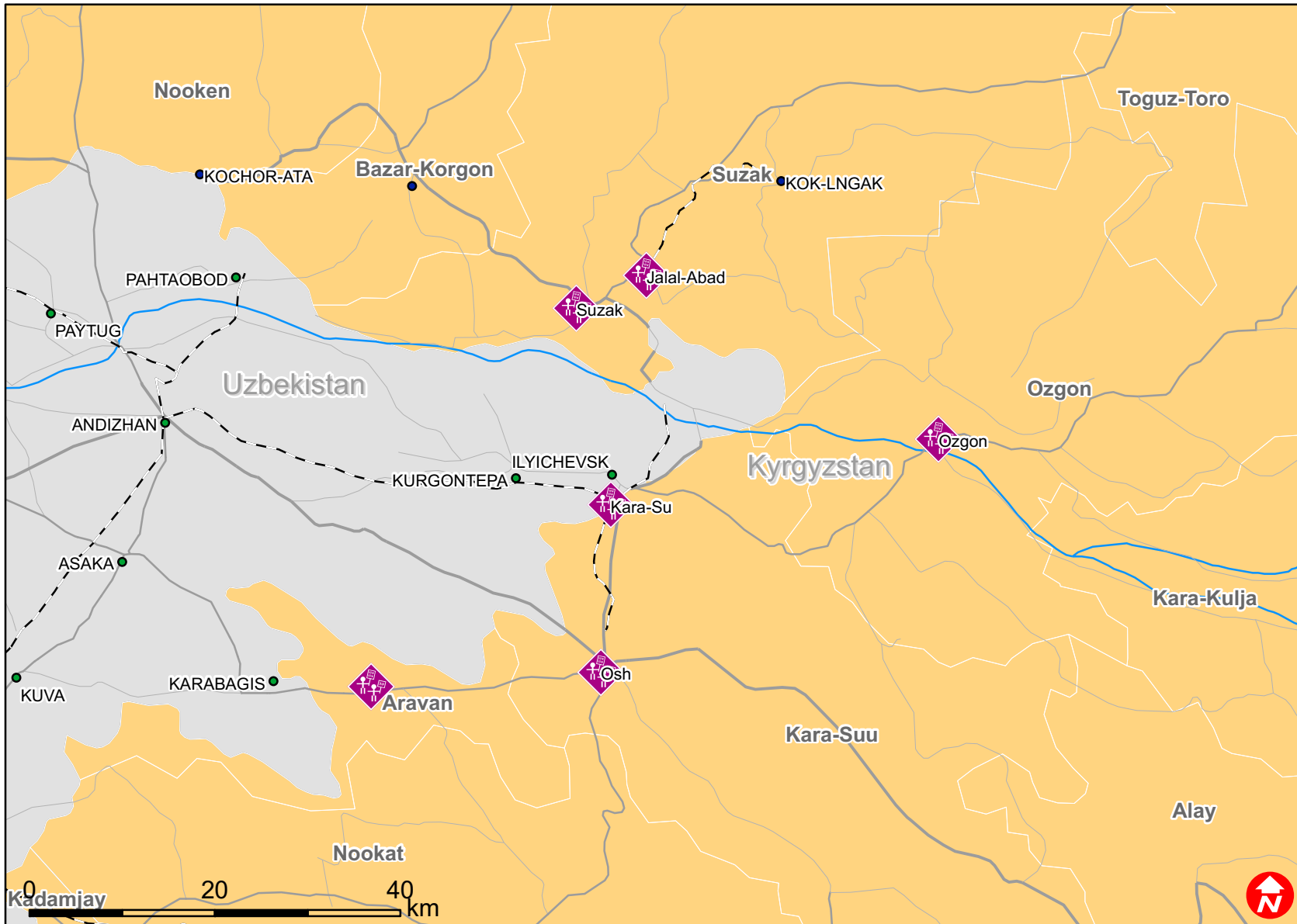
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