

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Global Appeal No. 01.63/2002

Appeal Target: CHF 2,684,042; budget was revised to CHF 2,373,587 (see Programme Update no. 1)

Programme Update No. 02; Period covered: June and July 2002

"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 49.1 %

Outstanding needs: CHF 1,148,511

Operational developments

Work continued on firm interlinking between preparedness and response activities including immediate support and coordination in sudden emergencies; engagement in slow onset and forgotten disasters; capacity building of the national societies and advocacy in favour of disaster preparedness.

Within the operational disaster management, the Disaster management and coordination division (DMC) coordinated the launch of all Federation emergency appeals together with regional departments. The following particular operations were coordinated, managed or supported:

Emergency	Country	Emergency appeal no.	DMC action
Dam collapse/flooding	Syria	15/2002	DREF* allocation
Flash floods	China	16/2002	DREF allocation
Earthquake	Iran	17/2002	
Drought 2002	Sri Lanka	18/2002	DREF allocation
Drought	Iran	19/2002	
Floods in Northern Caucasus and South of Russia	Russian Federation	20/2002	DREF allocation

* Disaster Relief Emergency Fund

As DREF is an integral part of disaster management and an essential disaster response tool, it is worth mentioning that, in addition to the above, seven minor emergencies were supported by allocations from this emergency Fund including floods in Chile, Moldova and in the Russian Federation, landslides in the Federated States of Micronesia, snow storms in Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. Two assessment missions, to Angola and Ethiopia, were also supported.

The DMC has been a driving force behind another major operation not included into the above table. In coordination with the Federation regional department and based on further and thorough assessments in the

region of Southern Africa, the Food Insecurity appeal no. 12/2002 launched in May was revised in July 2002. The name of the appeal was changed into Food Aid and Humanitarian Assistance to reflect the changes in the approach and to better summarise the Federation's overall strategy in addressing this crisis. In cooperation with the World Food Programme, the Federation will concentrate on providing relief and humanitarian assistance to 750,000 direct beneficiaries living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The Federation will distribute 61,213 MT of food assistance. Hygiene items, seeds and fertilizers will also be distributed as part of the programme. Operations will provide relief and health assistance to vulnerable communities by Red Cross Societies in Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. In addition, the South African Red Cross Society is getting prepared for potential population movements that could result from the food crisis.

Disaster preparedness and response

Apart from the above emergencies, summer months are usually slower in activities and, therefore, this programme update includes a varying list and mostly the highlights.

Objective 1 *Emergency response units (ERUs) are effectively used as a tool for rapid response to disasters.*

- Work continued on the standardisation of the health ERU in the Red Cross Relief Items Catalogue (see also under Objective 6).

Objective 2 *Field Assessment and Coordination Team concept is further expanded to ensure rapid and relevant response to disasters.*

- Intensified refresher training and support mechanisms for FACT team leaders have to be available to make the best possible use of the FACT roster and to increase the general mission availability. Thus, the first refresher workshop was organised in June with 30 participants with FACT deployment experience.

The objectives of the workshop were: to bring all members to a common level of understanding of the evolution of FACT methodology; to improve FACT methodology by reviewing recent missions, by identifying lessons learned and by proposing corrective actions; to ensure that members are updated on most recent organisational changes in the Secretariat; to improve performance by increasing practical skills and, to improve team coherence by building effective work relationships between members who had attended training courses at different times. Lessons learned from the workshop will be used in future missions as well as in further training.

- A revised FACT page was launched in the Disaster management information system (DMIS).
- The first draft version of "the FACT core documents" was prepared. The documents, when finalised, will be available on a CD.
- Preparations for the FACT workshop in Panama scheduled for 16 to 27 September have started and a concept for the FACT team leader course (to take place later this year) was created.

With reference to the outstanding needed of CHF 309,182 reported in the Programme Update no. 01, a reallocation of CHF 20,000 was effected from the disaster management, coordination and training project to boost the balance of the FACT project and fully cover the refresher workshop. No contributions to this project have been registered.

Objective 3 *Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) application is consolidated in order to ensure relevance in addressing the complexity of information exchange in the humanitarian community and contribute to strengthening efficient disaster preparedness and response.*

- Efforts continued in creating appropriate conditions for the effective use of DMIS at national society, delegation and Federation headquarters level. The number of DMIS users increased from 550 in April to 807 in July. The users include national societies (49%), delegations (27%) and the Federation secretariat staff (24%) based in 119 different countries, across all continents.

- An interactive “ongoing operational traffic” page and a special focus section were created for the food security operation in Southern Africa .
- During the International conference on AIDS held in Barcelona in July, a new feature tracking the funds related to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and received by national societies was launched. HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria are carefully considered in most emergencies. Therefore, it was crucial to establish a mapping tool providing comprehensive information on funds disbursement including comparative analysis, successful proposals, lesson learnt and regional trends. It will also serve as a platform for updates on resource management of national societies and implementation of some of the programmes.
- The page on disaster trend reports included 36 new reports.
- The FACT section was relaunched with information and useful checklists related to the whole FACT process including the training material.
- A new section on the logistics project DAAN was launched with background information and regular updates on the project progress. The new logistics software, once operational, will support national societies and the Federation in logistics activities during operations.
- A section on the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) is being developed.
- Briefings and debriefings of approximately 40 delegates and heads of delegations took place during this period. Information on DMIS and its features was disseminated at the annual meeting of Heads of Federation delegations, at the meeting of donor national societies, in the induction course for new delegates, in the FACT refresher workshop and the ERU workshop.
- A separate online training module was developed for online training in FACT, ERU and logistics.
- Maintenance of DMIS as an up-to-date platform for information on other disaster management tools such as FACT, ERU and DREF continues.

In the reporting period, this project received a hard pledge from the Swedish Red Cross to SEK 100,000 i.e. CHF 16,100. Having in mind, however, the outstanding needs of CHF 124,232 reported in the previous programme update, additional funds amounting to CHF 108,132 are sought.

Objective 4 *The security and safety of the Red Cross and Red Crescent operations field staff, volunteers and beneficiaries are improved through application and implementation of the security management system, staff training and increased monitoring of the security environment.*

The security activities during June and July included the following:

- Two security workshops and one field security training course were held in Finland.
- The Federation security management training workshop was organised in Turkey.
- Security assessment missions took place in Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.
- Security procedures and contingency planning were reviewed in five delegations.
- Briefing and debriefing sessions were organised for 33 delegates.

Financially, this project is in the most unfavourable position. With the balance of CHF 1,125 a contribution of CHF 157,380 is needed to cover the projected expenditure related to the activities planned for the remainder of the year.

Objective 5 *Consolidated logistics systems and supply chain management training contributed to the improved overall Federation emergency response capacity.*

- In collaboration with the Fritz Institute, work continued on Disaster Aid Application Network (DAAN) project related to development of the supply chain management software. Functional areas analysis covering Federation's Logistics processes was carried out. This document covers the broad spectrum of major processes as they exist today. This analysis will be followed shortly by a Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document detailing the final Humanitarian Logistics Software needs and only than the programming will start.

Logistics represents one of the most important support functions in every emergency and harmonised procedures, standards and training are considered essential. An unsolicited pledge to EUR 25,000 i.e. CHF 36,563 has been recently received for this project as well as a hard pledge from the Swedish Red Cross to SEK 100,000 i.e. CHF 16,100. This income slightly improved the funding situation of this project. However, the outstanding needs are still around CHF 260,000.

Objective 6 *The overall Federation emergency response capacity is improved through the completion of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Relief Items Catalogue.*

- In a joint project with ICRC, the Federation finalised in June the so-called Red Cross Relief Items Catalogue which lists generic technical specifications for each selected item. It includes administration, radio and telecom, engineering, water and sanitation, transport, housing, food, economic rehabilitation, medical kits, modules and sets, drugs, renewable medical items, equipment medical items, prosthetic technology, medical forms, emergency response units (ERUs). The Catalogue is presently available in hard copy and on CD ROM and will be shortly available also on the Federation and ICRC web sites.

This is, however, just the first edition. It is planned to start work on the second edition in September or October 2002, the latest. The second edition will include a complete and standardised section on Health Emergency Response Units. Around CHF 130,435 are still needed and further contributions to this important effort are strongly encouraged.

Objective 7 *Disaster management including planning, management and implementation of relief activities of national societies as well as regional disaster management capacities are improved through training, promotion of standard operating guidelines and all inclusive policies, procedures and coordination mechanisms.*

- As mentioned under Operational developments above, support continued to be extended to national societies in their role of complementing their national response and preparedness mechanisms. As the main focus has been on Southern Africa Food Aid and Humanitarian Assistance, a number of concepts has been tested and tried first hand. Relief pre-agreements were prepared with national societies of all five affected countries including Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Lesotho and Swaziland as well as for South Africa. These agreements are supposed to further facilitate timely and efficient relief activities in these countries. In the spirit of good coordination in disaster response, close links were kept with other Federation secretariat services and departments relevant for this operation and the implementation of planned relief activities, namely with health, logistics, DMIS, water/sanitation and population movement. All decisions related to the revised Southern Africa Food Aid and Humanitarian Assistance appeal were made in close cooperation with the operating national societies in the affected region as well as with donor and potential donor national societies.
- A meeting was held in Bangkok with ten national societies in South East Asia in order to further clarify the concept of regional disaster response teams (RDRT) and the objective of disaster management workshops supporting this concept.

- Another disaster management workshop was held in Panama in July with 30 participants from national societies and Federation delegations in the region of Americas. Although they can be found under the name of Regional Intervention Teams in that region, they are based on the same concept and are included into the overall disaster management training plan.

The disaster management, coordination and training project is presently the best covered project within the disaster management programme. A hard pledge from the Swedish Red Cross to SEK 350,000 or CHF 56,350 was received in the reporting period. However, the funding of the project is still quite low resulting in the outstanding needs of CHF 183,382. Further contributions to this project are needed in order to facilitate full implementation of the planned activities

Cooperation and management

Having noticed a general slow response of donors to the 2002-2003 Disaster management appeal, the involved managers took the initiative to participate more actively in fund-raising efforts and more frequent information-sharing on their activities through an increased number of Programme Updates.

Outstanding needs

With the revision of the appeal budget in the Programme Update no.01, the total requested decreased to CHF 2,373,587. The total outstanding needs presently stand at CHF 1,148,511. Additional funds have been pledged for the remainder of the year by the British Red Cross/DFID (CHF 100,000) for disaster management training.

As already mentioned in the text, contributions were received from the Swedish Red Cross/SIDA for disaster management training, DMIS and Logistics Systems. In an attempt to disburse the funds more equally, contributions to disaster management programme as a whole rather than to individual projects are strongly encouraged. This approach will enable additional flexibility and facilitate equal opportunities for projects within the integrated disaster management programme.

Please refer to Annex 1 for the List of Contributions.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

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Disaster management						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.63/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				02.08.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2'373'587		TOTAL COVERAGE 49.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				898'310		
AMERICAN - RC		25'000	USD	41'975	01.01.2002	RELIEF ITEMS CATALOGUE
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				100'000	19.02.2002	DISASTER MGT TRAINING
NETHERLANDS - PRIVATE DONOR		25'000	EUR	36'563	31.05.2002	IMPROVING LOGISTIC SYST.
SWEDISH - GOVT		550'000	SEK	88'550	20.06.2002	DISASTER MGT/INFO SYSTEM & TRAINING, IMPROVING LOGISTICS SYSTEMS
PRIVATE DONORS		160	EUR	235	28.06.2002	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'165'633	CHF	49.1%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	