

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF)

25 July 2003

Appeal No. 01.95/2003; Appeal Target: CHF 3,400,000 (USD 2,446,214 or EUR 2,336,657)

Programme Update No. 02; Period covered: May to June, 2003

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 over 180 countries.

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 31.7 %; See attached Contributions List for details¹.

Outstanding needs: CHF 2,321,238

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme Summary: Since May, the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated a total of CHF 480,000 to six operations: 1 in the Americas, 1 in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), 2 in Asia Pacific and 2 in Europe.

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2003: CHF 7'618'666 opening balance; CHF 235'372 voluntary contributions; CHF 2'322 2nd quarter interest; CHF 480,000 total allocation; CHF 220'000 total reimbursed; and CHF 7'528'311 closing balance.

2002: pending CHF 1,847,559; reimbursements CHF 8,089; waivers CHF 40,000 (carried out in April due to no funds being received in the project).

Operational developments

Since May, the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated a total of CHF 480,000 to six operations: 1 in the Americas, 1 in MENA, 2 in Asia Pacific and 2 in Europe. During the reporting period, CHF 228,098 was reimbursed from four operations bringing the total amount of reimbursements for the year to CHF 683,098. The closing balance for the period stands at CHF 7,528,311. The total amount of contributions for the reporting period stands at CHF 1,078,762 thus making the appeal coverage 31.7%.

¹ This includes only donations made against the appeal and does not include quarterly interest

Operations

Goal: the goal of the DREF is to provide immediate funding in response to major and minor disasters thereby enabling the Federation to react rapidly, effectively and efficiently.

Objective: to make DREF a secured line of credit for new emergencies

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

The DREF has provided six operations with immediate funding – out of which four have launched emergency appeals and two, namely Sri Lanka and North Korea, have fully reimbursed the Fund. Operations in Ukraine and Kazakhstan have both issued information bulletins.

The regional breakdown of the allocations is as follows:

Location	Disaster Type	Date	Requested	Approved	Reimbursed	Remaining
AMERICAS						
Argentina	Floods	01.05.03	50'000	50'000		50'000
Americas Total			50'000	50'000	0	50'000
ASIA / PACIFIC						
North Korea	SARS	05.05.03	100'000	100'000	100'000	0
Sri Lanka	Floods	19.05.03	50'000	50'000	50'000	0
Asia/Pacific Total			150'000	150'000	150'000	0
MENA						
Algeria	Earthquake	22.05.03	200'000	200'000		200'000
MENA Total			200'000	200'000	0	200'000
EUROPE						
Ukraine	Influx of Illegal Migrants	23.05.03	34'326	30'000		30'000
Kazakhstan	Earthquake	27.05.03	50'000	50'000		50'000
Europe Total			84'326	80'000	0	80'000
TOTAL (CHF)			484'326	480'000	150'000	330'000

Chronological details of the above allocations are as follows:

Argentina – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 50,000

Status: CHF 50,000 outstanding (appeal coverage 87%)

Latest operations update: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/100302.pdf



When the Salado River overflowed it blocked the freeway that joins the city of Rosario with the capital of the province. The city of Santa Fe found itself facing a serious emergency. The Santa Fe province was completely isolated when heavy rains collapsed the defensive system of the northern part of the city, cutting off the high way Rosario - Santa Fe. Over a third of the province was covered with water. All the sectors involved with service activities, municipal and provincial, the army and non-profit organizations, worked to assist some 50,000 people from Santa Fe capital and the surroundings.

The Argentina Red Cross (ARCS) sent ten tons of relief items from Buenos Aires to Santa Fe province. These goods were part of the provisions storage from the Argentina Crisis appeal. The ARCS rescued over 1,000 people stranded in their houses or on their roofs in the flooded zones. Delegates from PADRU and the Federation's Lima Regional Delegation were sent to Argentina to provide ARCS with support for relief activities.

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The DREF allocation was used for the purchase of relief supplies, particularly food and hygiene articles. At the time of writing this report the appeal was 87% covered.

North Korea – SARS

Amount Allocated: CHF 100,000

Status: fully reimbursed (appeal coverage 51.6%)

More Information: http://www.ifrc.org/where/reg_spcprep.asp?txtRegion=44

This DREF allocation was made in order to immediately commence with the intervention operation from which an emergency appeal (http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/1103.pdf) seeking CHF 2,016,000 was launched. The appeal aimed to contribute to combating the national and international spread of SARS and increase the capacity of the long-term epidemic measures of national societies.

The DREF was used to respond rapidly and flexibly to the National Society's proposals, and to commence procurement of hygiene and barrier care supplies. The allocation has been fully reimbursed although to date the appeal is only covered by slightly over 51%.

Sri Lanka – Floods

Amount Allocated: CHF 50,000

Status: fully reimbursed (appeal coverage 99.3%)

Latest Operations Update: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/130303revised.pdf

Floods from monsoon rainstorms wreaked havoc in Sri Lanka, while the landslides that occurred in certain parts of the country intensified the situation. Over 146,000 families were affected, and 250 people killed. Ratnapura and Galle, in the central areas of Sri Lanka, received over three metres of water and were unreachable and power supplies were disrupted. Highways were also cut off. Heavy rains and cyclonic winds south of Sri Lanka left many people displaced, and a massive trail of destruction, bringing down hundreds of trees and houses.

Many of the survivors however, lost all their belongings, as approximately 10,000 houses were completely destroyed and another 30,000 severely damaged. The DREF allocation was used to provide immediate relief assistance and is fully reimbursed.

Algeria – Earthquake

Amount Allocated: CHF 200,000

Status: CHF 200,000 outstanding (appeal 100.3% covered)

More Information: <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=16>

At least 260 people were killed and more than 1,800 injured in a powerful earthquake that struck northern Algerianear the capital Algiers on 21 May 2003. The government radio issued urgent appeals for medical staff and blood donors to ease the plight of those wounded.



The greatest number of fatalities was in the town of Rouiba where at least 61 people died and in Boumerdes where the death toll was at least 50. The epicentre of the quake, measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale, was located at Thenia, about 60km east of Algiers. The main quake lasted about five minutes, with aftershocks felt faintly for half an hour following the main tremor.

The Algerian government swiftly set up a crisis unit to coordinate the rescue efforts. The DREF allocation was used to cover initial response needs. The appeal, supporting Algerian Red Crescent relief activities, is at the time of writing this report fully covered (see contributions list on http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/1-2-3%20-%20Ap1403.pdf).

Ukraine – Influx of Illegal Migrants

Amount Allocated: CHF 30,000

Status: CHF 30,000 outstanding (no appeal launched)

Latest information Bulletin: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts03/ukrainemigrants03a1.pdf

The Zakarpattya Regional Ukraine Red Cross Society (URCS) issued an alert that 320 illegal migrants were detected in Pavshino of which 167 of them were Chinese citizens. Since the beginning of the year 609 migrants have been detained in Zakarpattya, which is considered a staging post for undocumented migrants and consequently a high-risk zone for different disease outbreaks. In the detention centres, as a result of suspicion of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) amongst the Chinese citizens, strict quarantine and sanitary rules were applied.

There is no a common approach or action to respond to this problem mainly because of the lack of funds. Border troops near the detention centres are not in a position to provide those detained with even the most necessary things such as food, hygiene items, and bedding. Therefore the Red Cross is considered the only organization capable of caring for these people who entered Ukraine illegally and who will be detained 2-3 months or more in extremely poorly maintained detention centres.

The DREF allocation was used to procure food items, hygiene items and disinfectants.

Kazakhstan – Earthquake

Amount Allocated: CHF 50,000

Status: CHF 50,000 outstanding (no appeal launched)

Latest information Bulletin: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts03/kazakearth03a1.pdf

On 23 May 2003, an earthquake, with a magnitude of almost 7 on the Richter scale, hit Zhambyl province. This was followed by seven aftershocks almost every hour. Continuous rains poured for a period of two days when the earthquake occurred. Over 10,800 people survived but found themselves with no shelter, food or clothing and temperatures dropping by 7-10 °C.

Six out of twenty affected villages were the hardest hit. At the time the DREF allocation was made three people were killed, 26 severely injured and approximately 600 with light injuries. 10,800 people were homeless and all food stock was lost. 3,120 were evacuated and accommodated by a combination of local authorities, private individuals and KRCS.

The DREF was used for the immediate procurement of emergency relief items.

Impact

The Fund continues to demonstrate its value when immediate action is required at the onset of a disaster. Procurement takes place and services are provided in minimal time thereby providing immediate relief to the most vulnerable. DREF allocations made during this period were to those operations, which were mainly a result of sudden onset disasters with the exception of that of influx of illegal migrants in the Ukraine.

Constraints

The main constraint, which faces the Fund, is reimbursements of allocations, mainly from those operations, which have not launched appeals. Reimbursements from 2002 are still being dealt with and the status of these reimbursements is attached in annex 2. Some operations have had to have their reimbursements waived as there were no funds and the operations had to be closed.

Coordination

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

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

25.07.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	3'400'000	TOTAL COVERAGE 31.7%
AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR	2'000	USD 2'781 29.01.2003
AUSTRIAN - RC	50'000	EUR 77'150 27.06.03
BANGLADESH - PRIVATE DONOR	100'000	BDT 2'331 19.02.03 DIRECTLY TO THE DELEGATION
BANGLADESH - PRIVATE DONORS	50'000	BDT 1'125 13.01.03 DIRECTLY TO THE DELEGATION
BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR	2'500	USD 3'476 17.01.2003
BRITISH - PRIV. DONOR (PACE MICRO TECHN.)	2'000	GBP 4'362 19.02.03
BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR		5'705 09.01.03
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)		500'000 24.02.03
DANISH - GOVT	950'000	DKK 194'750 27.06.03
GERMAN - RC		10'000 12.02.03 BANGLADESH COLD WAVE
ICELANDIC - RC		75'150 04.06.03
JAPANESE - RC	124'771	USD 160'643 18.06.03
LUXEMBOURG - RC	10'000	EUR 14'555 13.01.2003
PRIVATE DONORS		3'906 09.01.2003
PRIVATE DONOR	500	GBP 1'074 03.06.03
SWISS - RC		21'300 21.01.2003 BANGLADESH COLD WAVE
SWISS - PRIVATE DONORS		454 11.06.03
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH		1'078'762 CHF 31.7%

OUTSTANDING REIMBURSEMENTS 2002

Location	Disaster Type	Date	Approved	Reimbursed	Remaining
AFRICA					
Angola	Assessment mission	03.07.2002	70'000		70'000
Mozambique	Preparedness	19.08.2002	393'750		393'750
Cote d'Ivoire	Post Conflict and internal displacement support	23.09.2002	10'000		10'000
Senegal and Gambia	Ferry boat disaster	03.10.2002	10'000		10'000
Cote d'Ivoire	Post Conflict and internal displacement support	07.10.2002	30'000		30'000
DRC	Cholera	28.10.2002	10'000		10'000
Central Africa Republic	Military Conflict	18.12.2002	45'000		45'000
Angola	Humanitarian assistance	12.09.2002	150'000		150'000
TOTAL			718'750		718'750
ASIA / PACIFIC					
India	Communal unrest	08.03.2002	56'180	20'000	36'180
Bangladesh	Tropical storms	30.04.2002	102'346	2'915	99'431
Federated States of Micronesia	Landslides	04.07.2002	30'000	15'188	14'812
TOTAL			188'526	38'103	150'423
EUROPE					
Moldova	Heavy rainfall and floods	24.06.2002	34'724	58	34'666
Ukraine	Plane Crash	31.10.2002	7'411		7'411
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Winter Humanitarian Needs	23.12.2002	50'000		50'000
TOTAL			92'135	58	92'077
MENA					
Egypt	Train disaster	20.02.2002	30'000		30'000
Palestine Red Crescent Soc.	Recovery programme	23.05.2002	190'000		190'000
Syria	Dam collapse/flooding	06.06.2002	200'000		200'000
Morocco	Flash Floods	29.11.2002	40'000		40'000
TOTAL			460'000		460'000
AMERICAS					
PADRU	Preparedness	18.01.2002	50'000		50'000
Bolivia	Floods	25.02.2002	30'000	1'749	28'251
Costa Rica and Panama	Floods	10.05.2002	25'000		25'000
Chile	Floods	06.06.2002	60'000		60'000
Mexico	Hurricane Isidore	26.09.2002	88'000		88'000
Cuba	Hurricane Isidore and Lili	03.10.2002	30'000		30'000
Paraguay	Drought Assessment	10.10.2002	70'000		70'000
Panama	Floods	28.11.2002	40'000		40'000
Costa Rica, Panama	Floods	10.12.2002	40'000		40'000
TOTAL			433'000		431'251
GRAND TOTAL					1'852'501