

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## **REPUBLIC OF KOREA TYPHOON RUSA**

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### ***The Situation***

The government's National Disaster Prevention and Countermeasures Headquarters reported 151 people were confirmed dead and 33 remained unaccounted for in the deadliest storms in over 40 years. The total property damage was tallied at 5.46 trillion won (USD 4.21 billion) and a total of 88,625 people - 27,619 families - have been evacuated as of 16 September.

The government announced a total of 203 cities, counties, and wards in large cities were selected as special disaster areas to help them cope with damage from the Typhoon Rusa on September 13. Residents of the affected areas will get priority in receiving special rescue aid and government relief and other financial and administrative benefits.

### ***Red Cross and Red Crescent Action***

The Republic of Korea National Red Cross (KNRC) completed its 15 days' relief operation on 14 September, as the government reported the situation was under control.

Those affected appreciated the efforts of the KNRC relief workers, especially their rapid intervention and dedication in the areas of mass care and feeding, distribution of relief items, medical services and rehabilitation.

The KNRC provided CHF 2 million worth of relief items to 19,391 families through its 10 chapters in the affected areas from August 31 to September 14, 2002. The major items were rice, instant noodles, blankets, clothes, cooking utensils, gas ranges and canned gas, and hygiene sets. It also provided 65,650 meals to the disaster victims and relief workers. The total number of Red Cross people who participated in the operation was 5,321 including 4,624 volunteers and 697 staff members.

Statistics on KNRC activities from August 31 to September 8, 2002

<b>Region</b>	<b>Personnel mobilised</b>	<b>Meals provided</b>	<b>Families benefited.</b>	<b>Value of goods distributed (in CHF)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,321</b>	<b>65,650</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>1,953,791</b>
Busan	30		16	4,303
Daegu	37	650	79	22,369
Ulsan	5		4	873
Gangwon	3,170	34,370	11,399	1,100,994
Chungbuk	550	1,600	1,109	189,876
Daejon/Chungnam	95		34	13,741
Chonbuk	576	5,640	426	58,549
Gwangju/Chonnam	85		715	122,138
Gyongbuk	499	18,350	3,838	297,271
Gyongnam	274	5,040	1,771	143,679

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