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DREF Operation Update India: Jammu & Kashmir Earthquake

 International Federation
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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.

Period covered for this update: 14 May to 27 Sep 2013

CHF 258,670 has been allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries (approximately 1,000 families). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.



IRCS tents being set up in Doda district by Red Cross volunteers for earthquake affected families, Photo: Indian Red Cross Society.

Summary: An earthquake with a 5.8 magnitude struck Jammu and Kashmir state on 1 May which caused severe damage to houses and other infrastructure in Doda and Kishtwad districts. Preliminary government reports as of 5 May confirmed 11,856 damaged houses and leaving at least an equal number of families in need of temporary shelter. The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) immediately mobilized relief supplies like tent and woollen blankets from its disaster preparedness (DP) stocks from Bahadurgarh warehouse near the capital city New Delhi. This operation is to enable prompt response for the earthquake affected areas through deployment of disaster response teams, distribution cost and replenishment of the DP stocks.

While the Jammu and Kashmir earthquake relief operation was going on, another emergency of larger magnitude struck the northern state of Uttarakhand i.e. monsoon flash floods in the month of June 2013. Due to this new emergency, the IRCS had to shift its immediate focus on the Uttarakhand flood relief operation while in the same time handling the earthquake operation. The difficulties in the Uttarakhand

operation which required much more attention had caused delays in the progress in this earthquake operation.

Despite the difficulties, this earthquake operation is still aiming to be completed by 13 October 2013; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 13 January 2014).

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The situation

An earthquake with a 5.8 magnitude struck Jammu and Kashmir at around 12.27 pm on 1 May, causing severe damage to thousands of residential houses and government buildings, with many aftershocks which had further aggravated damages to the houses. A large number of families were spending nights sleeping in the open due to fear of their houses collapsing.

The district administration immediately provided tents and other relief material to the affected families. The stocks available with the authorities were exhausted since the number of people affected was very large. According to reports of the government survey teams as of 5 May, 11,856 houses were reportedly damaged and 70 persons have suffered mild to serious injuries.

Following the earthquake, the Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society visited Doda district for immediate assessment. After discussion with local government as well seeing the situation on the ground, IRCS addressed the immediate gap by mobilizing 1,000 tents and 2,000 blankets from its disaster preparedness stocks to the affected area.

Jammu and Kashmir is a traditionally earthquake prone area, and has experienced tremors of medium intensity over time. The very recent one was on 3 September 2013, when an earthquake of moderate intensity and measuring 4.4 on the Richter scale shook Kishtwar and Doda districts again triggering panic among people. However, there were no reports of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

Coordination and partnerships

IRCS Jammu and Kashmir state branch worked very closely with the local authorities in order to address locational vulnerability issues. Kishtwar district is up to 4,500 meters above sea level, and population is scattered which posed great challenge to reach the most vulnerable people. The Indian Red Cross Society has been coordinating closely with local government to optimize the use of available resources. IRCS is continually upholding the fundamental principles of the Movement as well as IFRC standards in respond to emergency in the country.

Due to security concerns, there are movement restrictions in the affected areas. Proper coordination established with the district administration and ministries helped quickened movement of relief goods with fast-track documentation processes. The communication established with the state government through the central government ministries for the prompt movement of relief goods from Delhi to Doda district also helped in expedite transporting relief supplies of 1,000 tents and 2,000 blankets.

Among government and other humanitarian organizations who responded to this earthquake operation were district police department of Doda, which under civic action programme distributed corrugated galvanized iron (CGI) sheets to the affected people. Ten State Disaster Response Teams (SDRF) with members from different technical departments and headed by a district level senior officer were dispatched to assess the damage/losses as per the guidelines of SDRF. The designated teams after surveying the affected areas/blocks prepared the list of the affected families/sufferers falling in their respective areas/blocks.

The Jammu and Kashmir state government was quite prompt in taking action after the disaster and announced a financial assistance of INR 25 crores (approx. CHF 3.6 million) for the earthquake victims. Likewise the chief minister announced the relief scheme to be the same as that provided for the flash floods affected people in Leh in 2010. Additionally, the central government expedited release of INR 334 crores (approx. CHF 48 million) funds under the state disaster relief fund. The Iranian Red Crescent Society has donated 1,500 tents to IRCS for replenishment of the Doda earthquake relief operation as well as for future stock repositioning.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: The status of 1,000 affected families is improved through timely provision of appropriate relief items within 5 months.

Outputs:

- Deploy national disaster response team to coordinate on ground.
- In coordination with the district authorities, select the most affected families for assistance.
- Distribute relief tents and blankets to the identified beneficiaries.
- Replenishment of 500 family tents and 2,000 blankets.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Progress towards outcome:

- Shortly after the earthquake, the IRCS NHQ deployed a response team with emergency relief and health background to the field to work closely with the district authorities for distribution of relief supplies.
- IRCS has distributed 1000 tents from their prepositioned stock, of which 500 tents are being replenished by this DREF. Replenishment of 500 tents and 2,000 blankets has been completed through IFRC Zone Logistics Unit and via local procurement respectively. The consignment of blankets has reached the IRCS Bahadurgarh warehouse in early July 2013, whereas tents has been received at Kolkata port and has been delivered to the IRCS regional warehouse in Kolkata in mid-August 2013. The Indian Railways has issued an order which enables IRCS to transport the relief supplies within the country free of charge for this operation, and IRCS used this facility to save cost for replenishing their goods to their warehouse in Bahadurgarh.
- In coordination with the district authorities, the most vulnerable families – including those houses fully or partially collapsed, and those vulnerable groups like disabled persons, elderly, etc - were selected for assistance. On another note, most of the blankets had been distributed while some are still on their way to the beneficiaries, mostly situated in the remote areas where logistics is the most challenging. All distribution will be completed before winter.
- IRCS branches will consolidate and verify detailed distribution report, which will be reflected in the Final Report in 13 January 2014.

Emergency shelter

Outcome: 1,000 earthquake affected families have temporary shelter within 5 months.

Outputs:

- Orient community volunteers and district administration staff on site selection and installation of tents.

Progress towards outcome:

- IRCS NHQ sent two trained personnel to Doda district to train several batches of local volunteers and government officials on the installation of tents. Being in a difficult terrain and with limited manpower from IRCS in the earthquake affected areas, IRCS used logistics capacities of the district administration and the human resource to distribute relief supplies and installation of the tents. The operation was done in collaboration with the district administration.

Logistics

Outcome: Relief supplies are delivered to the distribution point.

Outputs:

- Hire trucks for transportation of relief supplies.
- Replenish distributed 500 tents and 2,000 blankets using IFRC standard procurement procedures

Progress towards outcome:

- IRCS hired 9 trucks to transport relief supplies from IRCS HQ warehouse in Bahadurgarh (Delhi) to Doda. Altogether, IRCS dispatched 1,000 tents and 2,000 blankets to Doda district on 7 and 8 May 2013 by road.

- On 7 May 2013, the IRCS Chairman flagged off relief supplies at the national headquarters for the earthquake affected people in Jammu and Kashmir state.
- These relief supplies of 1,000 tents and 2,000 blankets reached Doda district on 11 May 2013.
- As for the replenishment of the relief supplies, the procurement of 500 tents has been completed and they have reached Kolkata warehouse. The same will further be sent to Bahadurgarh by free rail transport facility available with IRCS. The procurement of 2,000 blankets has been completed (refer to Relief Distributions section in this report).

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All IFRC 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 IFRC'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.

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The IFRC'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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Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRIN011 - India - Jammu

Timeframe: 13 May 13 to 13 Oct 13

Appeal Launch Date: 13 May 13

Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2013/5-2013/10	Programme	MDRIN011
Budget Timeframe	2013/5-2013/10	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		258,670				258,670	
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
Income							
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		258,670				258,670	
C4. Other Income		258,670				258,670	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		258,670				258,670	
D. Total Funding = B + C		258,670				258,670	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance		0				0	
C. Income		258,670				258,670	
E. Expenditure		-187,649				-187,649	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		71,021				71,021	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Expenditure						TOTAL	Variance
	Budget	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			258,670			258,670		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	200,593		158,125			158,125	42,468	
Clothing & Textiles	10,000		9,457			9,457	543	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	210,593		167,582			167,582	43,011	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	349		34			34	315	
Logistics Services	8,721		8,312			8,312	410	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	9,070		8,345			8,345	725	
Personnel								
Volunteers	20						20	
Total Personnel	20						20	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	3,838						3,838	
Total Workshops & Training	3,838						3,838	
General Expenditure								
Travel	18,402						18,402	
Information & Public Relations	436		209			209	227	
Office Costs	174						174	
Communications	349		27			27	321	
Financial Charges			32			32	-32	
Total General Expenditure	19,362		269			269	19,093	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recove	15,787		11,453			11,453	4,335	
Total Indirect Costs	15,787		11,453			11,453	4,335	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	258,670		187,649			187,649	71,021	
VARIANCE (C - D)			71,021			71,021		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	258,670	0	258,670	258,670	187,649	71,021	
Subtotal BL2	258,670	0	258,670	258,670	187,649	71,021	
GRAND TOTAL	258,670	0	258,670	258,670	187,649	71,021	