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The situation

On 30 October 2016, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck the regions of Umbria and Marche in central Italy. The quake hit at 7:40 local time (6:40 GMT), at depth of 10 kilometres with epicentre about 70 kilometres southwest of Perugia and northwest of the town of Norcia, which had been hit by two quakes earlier on Wednesday night causing extensive damage. The quake was also felt strongly over the border in Croatia and Slovenia, as well as in Rome, where authorities suspended the metro's operation.

The Italian Civil Protection has been sending teams to assess the damage and needs, and are involved in search and rescue operations.

The earthquake caused buildings to collapse, and resulted in serious damages to the infrastructure, especially to roads in the affected area.

At least 20 people have been hurt but no deaths have been reported so far. The quake hit some areas already evacuated following earlier tremors, but the damage to buildings is considered to be extensive.

Some interruption of water and energy supplies have been reported locally. As a precautionary measure, Cascia Hospital and other medical facilities are currently being evacuated. Two advanced medical posts have been mobilized to ensure the presence of medical facilities in the affected area.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Italian Red Cross activated its Emergency Operation Centre and is coordinating and working closely with the Italian Civil Protection to assess damages and provide support to the affected population as required. The Red Cross teams are also involved in search and rescue operations, as well as providing First Aid to those in need.

The Italian Red Cross has deployed more than 50 vehicles (ambulances, heavy trucks and other specialized ones) and around 200 volunteers to the affected areas. Several specialized psychosocial support teams of the Italian Red Cross have also been sent to the field to assist the affected population. Five health care posts have



Italian Red Cross's ambulance present in the town of Norcia.
Photo: Italian Red Cross

been set up near Norcia, and one kitchen has been deployed to Ascoli Piceno, while two others are ready to be provided where needed.

Meanwhile, in Camerino, the tensile structure has been expanded and the kitchen strengthened: yesterday 1,200 meals have been distributed and today the Italian Red Cross is ready to provide up to 2,500 meals. At Visso, the local branch continues to provide accommodation to 100 people.

Many local Italian Red Cross local branches are responding to the requests of the municipalities to provide reception to the evacuated people.

All actions and activities of the Italian Red Cross are coordinated with the Italian Civil Protection Command and Control Unit (DICOMAC) based in Rieti.



Mobile kitchen of the Italian Red Cross in the affected area.
Photo: Italian Red Cross

Currently, an IFRC HEOPS is in-country supporting the search and rescue activities of the Italian Red Cross in the Mediterranean basin in the framework of the Emergency Appeal operation. The HEOPS was deployed to the Italian Red Cross's Emergency Operation Centre to support the Italian Red Cross in their response to the earthquake.

The IFRC Regional Office for Europe is in permanent contact with the Italian Red Cross to provide any necessary support to the ongoing emergency response activities.

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