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Information bulletin 2

Iran: earthquake

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Host National Society: Iranian Red Crescent Society

This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details that are currently available. The **Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS)**, has determined that considering the extent of damages caused by the disaster, **in-kind and cash voluntary contributions** for the next phases of the operation (including transitional relief, rehabilitation and recovery) are welcomed.

The situation

A magnitude 7.3 earthquake hit the western part of Iran along the northern border with Iraq on Sunday 12 November 2017 at 21:48 hours, local time, killing at least 328 people and injuring more than 3,950 up to the publication of this information bulletin.

A total of 424 aftershocks in Kermanshah have been registered since the earthquake. The biggest aftershock registered is 4.1 Richter magnitudes. The aftershocks are likely to continue according to the Iranian Seismological Centre.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Following the earthquake, the Relief and Rescue Organisation of the Iranian Red Crescent Society, deployed 16 response teams, 31 sniffer dog teams, 41 debris removing teams, 48 emergency sheltering teams and 9 emergency treatment teams to the affected cities of Qasre-Shirin, Gilane-Garb, Kermanshah, Sare-Pule-Zahab, Salase-Babajani, Dalahoo, Islamabad- E- Gharb, and Javanrood.

So far, 55,000 relief tents, 165,000 relief blankets and 350,000 canned food, 30 tons of rice, 256,000 water bottles, 5,600 heaters, 40,000 sleeping mats and 3,300 kitchen sets have been distributed to the most vulnerable affected population in the earthquake-hit areas.

Supporting the relief operations, 10 helicopters carried and transported various humanitarian consignments (55,400 kilograms) to the villages.

The emergency sheltering has been completed.

More than 1,000 IRCS operational forces, including response teams, debris removing teams, emergency sheltering teams and



emergency health teams are currently present in the affected regions, to support the relief operations.

The relief services are supported by 80 ambulances, 91 relief vehicles, 23 rescue vehicles and 106 relief trucks.

The affected people are being sheltered in the nearest area to their houses. In some cities and villages, they are sheltered in the camp. IRCS is planning to provide shelter & nutrition for 20,000 families in the affected areas.

A taskforce has been set up in Kermanshah and eight sub-taskforces have been set up in the cities and villages to support operations and distribute monthly food parcels and health kits.

The IRCS welcome in-kind and Cash voluntary contribution for the next phases of operation including longer term relief, rehabilitation and recovery. The urgent needs consist of winter relief tent, blanket, warm clothes, hygiene sets, ground sheet, tarpaulin and heating equipment.

Further information about the operation can be found on the IRCS website: <http://en.rcs.ir>

To support the IRCS, please note of the following account numbers for international cash donations.

- Mellat Bank
 - For cash donation in USD
 - Account holder: Iranian Red Crescent Society
 - Account Number: 1404440
 - IBAN: IR2201208011000000001404440
 - Swift Code: BKMTIRTH015
 - For cash donation in EURO
 - Account holder: Iranian Red Crescent Society
 - Account Number: 999999
 - IBAN: IR470120805100000000999999
 - Swift Code: BKMTIRTH015

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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.