

EL SALVADOR: EARTHQUAKE

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On 12 May, the Cafetalón macro shelter was closed and the 121 remaining families were accommodated at the El Cobanal and El Chanmico sites. Construction of temporary housing with the full involvement of the communities is progressing. The relief phase of the operation is scheduled for completion by the end of June. The attached budget revision relates to longer-term support to the Salvadorean Red Cross (SRC) focusing on an integrated approach to health, disaster preparedness and organisational development, taking into account lessons learned from the earthquake operation.

The context

A major earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale occurred off the coast of El Salvador on Saturday, 13 January 2001 at 11:33 am local time. The epicenter of the earthquake was some 105 km south-south east of the capital, San Salvador. The earthquake caused major damage in the departments of San Miguel, Santa Ana, La Libertad, La Paz and San Salvador. The most heavily affected area was the neighbourhood of "Las Colinas" in the suburbs of Santa Tecla/Nueva San Salvador, where the earthquake triggered a landslide covering an estimated 400 houses entirely in mud. However, later assessments subsequently revealed a far broader impact as rural areas across the country were severely damaged, resulting in the displacement of whole communities.

One month to the day after this earthquake, an aftershock registering 6.6 on the Richter scale struck some 30 km east of San Salvador on the morning of Tuesday, 13 February at 8:22 a.m local time, reducing many rural communities to rubble, killing over 300 persons and causing major damage to water systems.

On Saturday, 17 February, at approximately 14.24 hours local time, El Salvador was shaken by a further tremor, the epicentre of which was in the south of the city of San Salvador. The quake measured 5.3 on the Richter scale, caused landslides and damaged more homes.

Latest events

Over the reporting period, seismic activity decreased, however, the rainy season is underway and the national emergency committee (COEN) recently declared a yellow alert because of the strong rains expected as a result of a tropical storm south of Honduras. The national relief department of the SRC informed all the branches, encouraging them to remain on alert to initiate any operational activity in the event of an emergency.

On 25 May, constant rainfall began towards the end of the day. The SRC received 'phone calls from the population reporting flooding, as a result of which there were two casualties and 60 families lost their homes.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Objective 1: To meet the basic needs and support the resettlement of the population of the "Cafetalón" macro-shelter.

On 12 May, the Cafetalón macro shelter was closed. The 121 families remaining in tents at the shelter were housed at two sites set up by the government and the municipality: El Cobanal and El Chanmico. A total of 724 families received kits containing food, water, bedding, kitchen, hygiene and sanitation sets. Over the four months that the Cafetalón shelter was operating, the Salvadorean Red Cross Society supported government efforts to meet the basic needs of the earthquake-affected people in the shelter. In assisting the population at the shelter, the SRC received support from the American Red Cross, the German Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Netherlands Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross. Water and sanitation support included the distribution of water as well as the provision of sanitation.

A small number of people remain at the Polideportivo shelter and in the next few days these people will be resettled in El Cobanal and Chanmico. At present, there are 350 families in Chanmico and 150 families in Cobanal, the remainder have either returned to their previous homes or are living with family members.

The distribution of temporary shelters to the earthquake affected population from El Cafetalón will take place shortly. In addition, the Salvadorean Red Cross, with support from the Federation, has coordinated with Acsur and Doctors of the World for the provision of a further 216 and 66 temporary shelters respectively.

Objective 2: To provide the basic needs and support the resettlement of 30,000 (6,600 Federation case load) families in the departments of Sonsonate, Ahuachapán, Cuscatlán, San Miguel, Santa Ana, La Paz, Usulután, San Vicente and San Salvador.

- ***Relief Distribution***

Since the beginning of the operation, relief distributions have reached more than the 6,600 caseload envisaged. Food distributions took place for 9,900 families in various parts of the country, and with the support of the Belgian Red Cross, hygiene kits have been provided to 7,100 families in the departments of Sonsonate and Cojutepeque. Therefore, relief distributions have to date benefited some 17,000 families; in addition, 500 shelters were provided in San Vicente as a result of the tremors of early May.

- ***Water and Sanitation***

As the Cafetalón shelter is now closed, water supply activities supported by the American Red Cross (40,000 litres per day in support of 700 families) have been halted, and the two month emergency hygiene promotion project in 25 communities has been concluded. Nevertheless, water and sanitation activities continue with the remaining four tanks: 2 in Sonsonate and 2 in Cojutepeque, together with the rain water project, as well as branch development and hygiene promotion for children.

As the rainy season intensifies in most parts of the country, it will be impossible to reach many rural villages, including those currently benefiting from the tanker water distribution. Therefore, as a solution, the rain water project seeks to provide the population of these remote communities with drinking water by collecting rain water, and obtaining water from large roofs such as those of schools and churches. Currently, procurement of pipes is taking place, following which installation will begin in two communities.

As for the development of hygiene promotion for children, through the Cojutepeque youth branch, conversations have been held with CARE in view of potential collaboration.

Activities aimed at strengthening branch capacity have been initiated and the first water and sanitation training session for volunteers was held during the reporting period. Training took place near the border with Honduras and 19 participants attended; 15 from Izalco, Armenia and Juyapa (Sonsonate), and 4 from Cojutepeque, Cuscatlán. The facilitators were two Sonsonate branch volunteers, supported by the Federation, together with financial support support from Oxfam and the Spanish Red Cross.

Objective 3: To prevent the outbreak of epidemics by providing primary and preventative health care for targeted displaced populations.

The health brigades working in the department of La Paz carried out preventive health care in addition to fulfilling the initial objective of improving the health of communities affected by the disaster. As a result, gynaecological assistance and capacity building in health prevention was provided, including dissemination of information on first aid, dengue fever and diarrhoeal diseases.

Objective 4: To provide psycho-social support to the affected population and volunteers.

The activities of the psycho-social support programme promoted by two participating national societies are being consolidated with the inclusion of two psycho-social support delegates in the delegations of both the American and Italian Red Cross Societies. The American Red Cross will support a SRC “crisis hotline”, a disaster mental health training programme at the University of El Salvador, and will assist three departments: San Vicente, Usulután and La Paz with health brigades specialising in psycho-social support.

The French Red Cross (FRC) is scaling down its activities, but will maintain psycho-social support as an essential component of health projects. To date, 919 families, 4,595 adults and 7,695 children have already benefited from the activities of the FRC/SRC psycho-social support brigades; 1,357 persons have been trained in “psychological first aid” including teachers, community leaders and Red Cross staff.

The conclusions of the second regional disaster preparedness conference which took place recently in San Salvador, resulted in the commitment of all national societies in the region to promote psycho-social support programmes for staff and vulnerable communities. The importance of improving skills of volunteers and aid workers in order to provide quality assistance to those in need and to improve psychological well being was recognised by members of organisations which attended the event.

Objective 5: To improve the health of communities affected by the disaster through the development of community health brigades.

The health brigade working in the department of La Paz with Salvadorean Red Cross volunteers and with the support of the Japanese Red Cross, completed its work in mid May assisting the communities of El Roble Viroleño, San José Costa Rica and La Concepción Lourdes. The total population assisted was of 3,000 people, mostly children. The most frequent pathologies encountered by the brigade included parasites, headaches and acute respiratory infection in Concepción Lourdes and El Roble Viroleño, and anxiety syndrome in San José Costa Rica.

Objective 6: To ensure the capacity of the National Society to deliver effective disaster response services in the immediate and medium term future.

The SRC continues its activities to disseminate its contingency plan; 6 branches have been covered so far. Dissemination activities are to take place shortly in the central area of the country and the remaining areas to be covered are: San Salvador, Guazapa, Chalatenango, Tonacatepeque, Morazán, Cabañas, Axcatecoluca, Quezaltepeque and La Libertad. Branches are now working on their individual local contingency plans, and with the beginning of the rainy season, this has helped to improve the internal and external communications of the National Society.

The National Society contingency plan aims to assist communities in case of flooding and landslides in areas previously identified through field assessments and outlined in risk maps. This plan was supported by the Federation both in its design, as well as through internal and external dissemination.

Objective 7: To strengthen the disaster response capacity and preparedness of the SRC and of communities to explore and implement appropriate mitigation measures at the local level and to strengthen the links between National Society branches and vulnerable communities.

The second regional disaster preparedness conference took place in El Salvador on 16 - 18 May with 140 national society participants from North and Central America, as well as 15 participants from NGOs and the private sector. This conference was brought about with the support of the SRC, the host National Society, as well as the American Red Cross and the Federation. Issues debated include: disaster preparedness and community education; volunteers; gender and human resources; organizational development; communication; coordination and strategic alliances; relief; community brigades and psycho-social support. To conclude the conference, each National Society met to analyse the recommendations put forward and determined an action plan based on priorities for each recommendation. A committee was set up to follow up these action plans until the staging of the next conference in a year's time.

Objective 8: To increase the social well being of the affected population through increased respect for the rights of the most vulnerable - including children and the elderly - and a reduction of family violence.

“Techos”(temporary housing) activities, supported by the Japanese Red Cross, are continuing at a faster pace and constructions are underway. Families prepare the land where the temporary shelter will be constructed themselves, instruction and a demonstration by SRC volunteers of the construction of one “techo” takes place, materials are delivered, and then the basic structure is put up. Currently, material for 357 “techos” has been delivered to Tacuba, from which 302 houses have already been built (including the communities of La Montaña, Pandadura Nispero and Cincuyo) and 500 “techos” are already standing in El Congo (Caserio de Presa, El Casco, El Pezote, Laguna, Rodeo, Jenjibre, Monte Vista, Las Flores, San José de Las Flores, Brisas and Congo area). The future sites include Santa Ana and Sonsonate, which will receive 500 “techos” each.

Objective 9: To strengthen the National Society branches and to increase their ability to address the needs of the most vulnerable through sustained and effective programming and service delivery .

The SRC national development plan has been finalised and will be an important tool for Federation support to the National Society, particularly as a result of its focus on branch development.

As a follow up to internal Federation delegation meetings, brainstorming on long term planning has been carried out. The Federation's El Salvador delegation has drawn up its long term plan in terms of strategy, programmes and delegation structure.

Activities for rehabilitation of the branches have begun and the Salvadorean Red Cross is supported by the Federation and the Netherlands Red Cross. The branches to be rehabilitated with this support are those situated in Santa Ana, Santiago de Maria, Guazapa and Tamanique.

Objective 10: To promote a coherent Red Cross image.

The seminar for journalists scheduled from 8 - 10 June has taken place. The seminar was carried out with support from the American Red Cross and the Federation. Participants included the Salvadorean Red Cross, the Federation, the national emergency committee, the World Lutheran Federation and a

number of journalists. The SRC information department aims to create a network of journalists able to deal with the flow of information during a disaster, to promote coverage of Red Cross activities, to create awareness of the importance of information during disasters, and to strengthen Red Cross media relations.

Outstanding needs

The government has requested that the SRC undertake to provide an additional 1,500 family temporary shelter kits in San Martin and San Vicente where the SRC has identified beneficiary families. The revised budget includes these additional kits and also provides for rehabilitation work to repair schools. The budget also reflects increased focus on branch development, including basic infrastructure as mentioned in objective 9 and greater emphasis on integrated disaster preparedness and health projects through expansion of the health brigades for primary and preventive assistance.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details. Following the budget revision, the appeal coverage now stands at 89 per cent. Donors are encouraged to contribute to meet the outstanding needs in order to promote longer term development of the Salvadorean Red Cross Society.

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Central America / El Salvador, earthquake						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 02/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED				14.06.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				9'385'698		TOTAL COVERAGE 89.0%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD						
AMERICAN - PRIVATES				8'626	24.01.01	
AMERICAN - 2 PRIVATES				2'688	02.02.01.	
AMERICAN - PRIVATES		5'400	USD	8'791	15.02.01	
ANDORRAN - RC				31'976	02.02.01	
ARGENTINIAN - RC		1'896	ARS	3'087	16.03.01	
AUSTRIAN - RC		1'000'000	ATS	111'799	15.01.01	
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		100'000	AUD	91'330	23.01.01	FOOD, MEDICINES, SHELTER MATERIALS AND BLANKETS
AUSTRALIAN - RC		65'000	AUD	58'429	14.02.01	
AUSTRALIAN - RC		33'595	AUD	30'199	06.04.01	
BELGIUM - GOVT/RC		5'437'402	BEF	207'355	22.01.01	PURCHASE OF 7'172 HYGIENE KITS
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		98'039	GBP	242'156	16.01.01	EARMARKING TO BE SPECIFIED
BRITISH - RC				170'000	12.02.01	REIMBURSEMENT DREF
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		55'792	GBP	134'459	19.02.01	2X WATER TANKERS (MAX. 6 MONTHS)
BRITISH - RC		90'000	GBP	216'900	02.03.01	
BRITISH - PRIVATE		100'000	GBP	241'000	15.03.01	
BRITISH - PRIVATE				126	29.01.01	
CANADIAN - RC		70'000	CAD	77'112	16.01.01	
CANADIAN - GOVT		150'000	CAD	165'240	17.01.01	CANNOT BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD ITEMS
CANADIAN - RC		150'000	CAD	162'375	02.02.01	WATER & SANITATION TRAINING & DP
CANADIAN - RC		150'000	CAD	162'375	16.02.01	HEALTH CLINICS & WATER SANITATION
CANADIAN - RC		300'000	CAD	324'750	19.02.01	CANNOT BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD ITEMS
CANADIAN - RC		200'000	CAD	216'500	19.02.01	HEALTH & CAPACITY BUILDING
CHILEAN - RC		11'000	USD	17'908	20.02.01	
CYPRUS - RC				5'270	14.02.01	
DANISH - RC		92'500	DKK	18'657	19.01.01	
DANISH -RC		185'000	DKK	38'110	15.02.01	
FINNISH - RC		43'729	EUR	65'773	15.01.01	
FINNISH GOVT		159'778	EUR	245'802	02.03.01	
HONG KONG - RC				57'631	26.02.01	
ICELANDIC - RC		1'000'000	ISK	19'411	15.01.01	
IRANIAN - RC		20'000	USD	34'264	17.04.01	
IRISH - RC		20'000	IEP	38'190	16.01.01	
IRISH - GOVT		200'000	IEP	381'900	15.01.01	
IRISH - RC				136'710	20.03.01	
ITALIAN - RC		100'000'000	ITL	77'700	18.01.01	EMERGENCY SHELTER MATERIALS & FOOD
ITALIAN - PRIVATE				335	02.02.01	

JAPANESE - RC				37'000	16.01.01	
JAPANESE - GOVT		498'870	USD	812'160	16.02.01	TEMPORARY DWELLINGS (2'500 KITS
JAPANESE - RC				142'000	16.02.01	COSTS OF DELEGATE TO BE CHARGED
JAPANESE - RC		347'933	USD	566'435	16.02.01	MOBILE COMMUNITY HEALTH BRIGADES PROGRAMME (3 BRIGADES/ 3 MONTHS)
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				30'000	17.01.01	
KUWAIT - RC		50'000	USD	83'950	28.02.01	
LIECHTENSTEIN - RC				53'150	13.02.01	
LIECHTENSTEIN - RC				42'650	17.04.01	HEALTH AND WATER
LIECHTENSTEIN - PRIVATE				15'000	27.02.01	
MALTESE - RC				29'725	16.02.01	
MONACO - RC		200'000	FRF	46'900	14.01.01	
NETHERLANDS - GOVT		504'490	NLG	352'176	01.02.01	FOR PURCHASE OF HYGINE KITS, INDUSTRIAL KITCHENS, BED KITS, MANAGEMENT / OPERATION SUPPORT
NETHERLANDS - GOVT/RC		66'800	NLG	46'632	01.03.01	
NEW ZEALAND - GOVT		100'000	NZD	71'770	16.01.01	
NEW ZEALAND - RC		36'439	NZD	25'285	12.04.2001	
NEW ZEALAND - RC		8'621	NZD	6'277	28.05.2001	
NORWEGIAN - RC		250'000	NOK	46'350	18.01.01	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT		2'060'000	NOK	385'410	24.01.01	
OPEC		200'000	USD	335'000	18.01.01	EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES
PHARMACIA & UPJOHN FOUNDATION		25'000	USD	40'700	29.01.01	RELIEF ITEMS
SHELL INTERNATIONAL		25'000	USD	40'700	24.01.01	
SINGAPORE - RC				23'000	22.01.01	
SINGAPORE - RC				2'918	14.02.01	
SPANISH - PRIVATE				1'000	27.02.01	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		600'000	SEK	104'580	15.01.01	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		1'045'000	SEK	181'517	21.02.01	
SWEDISH - RC		502'895	SEK	87'353	19.04.01	
SWISS - PRIVATES				200	16.01.01	
SWISS - 10 PRIVATES				2'765	14.02.01	
SWISS - PRIVATE				300	26.02.01	
SWISS - PRIVATE				2'500	05.03.01	
SWISS - PRIVATE		679	USD	1'180	23.03.01	
SWISS - PRIVATE				1'500	15.02.2001	
TURKISH - RC				50'000	17.01.01	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		10'000	AED	4'433	05.02.01	
UNHCR STAFF				4'248	19.02.01	
VENEZUELA - PRIVATE		36'518'000	VEB	85'087	15.02.01	
WHO STAFF				2'000	22.01.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS		415	USD	687	30.01.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS				5'315	22.02.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS				11'865	26.02.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS				5'928	08.03.01	
SUNDRY INCOME - PRIVATES				188	27.02.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS				2'318	20.03.01	
ONLINE DONATIONS				6'808	10.04.01	
PRIVATE DONOR		3'000	USD	4'974	13.03.001	
PRIVATES				1'892	23.05.2001	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				7'608'760	CHF	81.1%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
BRITISH - RC		7'487	GBP	18'044	27.02.01	MDPE PIPE, PUMPS, TAPS, SUCTION HOSE, TRANSPORTATION
ERICSSON		36'506	USD	59'432	15.01.01	SEE PMN FOR DETAILS
FINNISH - RC		6'500	EUR	10'000	15.01.01	FACT TEAM MEMBER COSTS
FRENCH - RC		223'430	EUR	343'725	21.02.01	160 TENTS 27 M2, 600 FAMILY TENTS 12M2
NETHERLANDS - RC		411'122	NLG	286'997	16.01.01	EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS, GENERATORS, DISPENSARY TENTS, FAMILY TENTS, REINF. PLASTIC SHEETING, JERRY CANS, KITCHEN SETS
Canada	Delegate(s)			14'620		
Great Britain	Delegate(s)			14'620		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				747'438	CHF	8.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:						
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			ANNEX 1
<u>REVISED BUDGET SUMMARY</u>	APPEAL No. 2/2001		
El Salvador - Earthquake	Revised on 24/01/01 and 14/06/01		
TYPE	Revision 1	Revision 2	Variances
RELIEF NEEDS			
Shelter & constructions	1'210'731	1'876'231	665'500
Plastic Sheeting	332'760	332'760	
Clothing & textiles	7'862	7'862	
Food kits	643'608	643'608	
Water kits for 6,600 families	144'706	144'706	
Water tankers	200'000	200'000	
Medical & first aid	36'036	36'036	
Teaching materials	18'018	50'518	32'500
Utensils, tools, kitchen kits	506'275	506'275	
Other relief supplies: hygiene kits, sanitation kits, bed kits	1'037'477	1'037'477	
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	4'137'473	4'835'473	698'000
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT			
Vehicles: 2 trucks, 13 landcruisers	585'311	585'311	
Computers	37'674	37'674	
Telecom. equipment	14'414	14'414	
Office furniture & equipment	8'190	8'190	
Other equipment: industrial kitchens, water equipment	221'293	221'293	
PROGRAMME SUPPORT			
Programme management	515'549	632'878	117'328
Technical support	154'328	189'450	35'122
Professional services	171'149	210'099	38'950
TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS	468'087	468'087	
PERSONNEL			
Expatriate staff	456'814	696'814	240'000
National staff	318'412	543'012	224'600
Personnel (Training)	8'190	28'190	20'000
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES			
Travel & related expenses	49'674	49'674	
Information expenses	23'517	23'517	
Administrative & general expenses	291'000	457'000	166'000
External workshops & seminars	184'622	384'622	200'000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	3'508'225	4'550'225	1'042'000
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	7'645'698	9'385'698	1'740'000
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)		8'356'198	
NET REQUEST	7'645'698	1'029'500	