

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

INDIA FLOODS 2001

28 December 2001

Appeal No. 21/2001

Launched on 25.07.01 for CHF 1,220,225 for three months. Operation extended through January 2002 to meet additional needs.

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: CHF 0

Beneficiaries: 156,000 (plus a further 70,000 in the wake of further disasters)

Operations Update No. 7 Period covered: 31 October -18 December (last Ops Update issued: November 2001); Final Report expected January/February 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 110.5%

Related Appeals: South Asia regional programmes 01.33/01; India 01.36/01

Outstanding needs: Covered

The Disaster/Situation: The India floods 2001 relief operation has been extended by three months through January 2002 in response to outstanding needs for assistance created by flooding in September in Bihar State and the cyclonic storm and heavy rains that struck Andhra Pradesh during the second week of October. The operation will close by the end of January 2002.

Operational Developments:

On 25 July a request for assistance (Federation Appeal 21/2001) was issued on behalf of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies seeking CHF 1,220,225 in cash, kind and services to assist 156,000 beneficiaries throughout India's anticipated monsoon season of three months. IRCS flood relief operations commenced during July in response to severe floods in Orissa state affecting close to 8.2 million people.

Following initial distributions made by the IRCS in co-operation with the government and the Spanish Red Cross (SRC) and interim relief operations in Puri and Kalahnadi districts, the IRCS with the support of the Federation and the SRC launched a relief operation to assist some 26,000 families with relief and health related activities. The IRCS and the Federation completed distributions of relief items to 14,000 families by 6 October exceeding

the original goal of delivering relief items to 11,000 families. In addition the IRCS with the assistance of the Federation distributed essential health items and established two mobile medical teams with the capacity of treating up to 400 patients per day. Relief activities in Orissa were followed up with evaluation workshops for the operation's volunteers and staff facilitated by IRCS Orissa State Branch and Federation relief, health and disaster response delegates.

During the second week of September the IRCS and the Federation conducted an assessment of Orissa's neighbouring state Bihar where, according to the government, flooding that started in July had affected 2,828,000 people in 16 districts.

Following an initial distribution of items donated by IRCS National Headquarters during the first week of September, the IRCS Bihar branch in cooperation with the Federation commenced an operation to distribute relief items to 10,000 families. Although procurement activities began by early October administrative setbacks delayed the distribution of relief items to November. To date distributions have been made to some 4,000 families in four districts. Distributions to some 12,000 families are expected to be finalised by the end of December.

On 16 October a cyclonic storm crossed into Andhra Pradesh, south east India killing more than 153 people and affecting around 50,000 households. Subsequently, the IRCS in agreement with the Federation elected to use the remaining funds from the India Floods 2001 operation to provide relief items to some 2,000 families in four districts in Andhra Pradesh.

Activities in other flood-affected states besides Orissa were described in the initial appeal document launched in July. However additional needs have resulted in this work being extended beyond the originally envisaged timeframe. It is anticipated that all relief distributions will be completed by early January and that the India floods 2001 relief operation will be closed later in the month and a final report produced.

Relief distributions w

Orissa

Objective 1: To distribute emergency rations, BP5 high-energy biscuits, to marooned and unassisted communities within the next two weeks (By early August.)

The rapid response to the flooding in July by the Orissa State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society in cooperation with IRCS headquarters, the Spanish Red Cross and the Federation enabled the distribution of emergency rations to flood-affected families in the Puri, Kalhadi and Nayagarh districts .

Objective 2: To provide 11,000 families with relief packages.

By 6 October, 14,000 families in Jajpur District's Bari Block received a relief package from the IRCS and the Federation containing: 15kg rice; 2.5kg dal; 1 litre oil; half kg salt; 1 packet BP5 high energy biscuits; 1 tarpaulin; 1 sarhee (women's clothing); and 1 doti.

Objective 3: To prepare for a potential response to floods in other states.

Andhra Pradesh

The operation to distribute relief items to just over 2,000 families (8,000 individuals) in four districts in Andhra Pradesh was completed by early November. The distributions were made by IRCS Andhra Pradesh branch volunteers and members of the youth Red Cross.

Each family received one household kit containing the following items: 2 bed sheets; 1 sarhee, 1 lungie (men's sarong); 1 kitchen set; and, 1 set of children's clothing. Original plans to distribute rice were changed so as not to duplicate distributions made by the government.

Bihar State

Ten of the State's districts have been designated to receive assistance, and according to the latest figures distributions of relief items including rice, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and clothing have been made to 4,000 beneficiary families in the following districts during the final weeks of November;

- West Champaran 1,500
- Chapra 500
- Muzaffarpur 1,000
- Sitamarhi 1,000

National Society Capacity Building

Objective: *To develop capacity of IRCS in disaster relief operations*

The Federation will replenish stocks of certain IRCS disaster preparedness (DP) items distributed in response to the 2001 floods relief operation, as well as providing additional buffer DP stocks, which will be allocated to IRCS warehouses strategically located in disaster prone areas.

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Donors providing in-kind relief in response to large-scale emergencies are urged to contact Birgitte Stalder-Olsen on 41 22 730 4245 in the Federation's Logistics and Resource Mobilization Department to avoid any unnecessary delays in the clearance and delivery of emergency relief assistance.

All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

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| Request for assistance - India floods 2001 | | | | | | ANNEX 1 |
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| No.21 /2001 | | PLEDGES RECEIVED | | | 28.12.2001 | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| CASH | | | | | | |
| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | | | | 1'220'225 | | TOTAL COVERAGE 110.5% |
| Reallocations | | | | 601'145 | 31.07.2001 | |
| FINNISH - RC | | 42'047 | EUR | 63'554 | 26.07.2001 | |
| FRENCH - RC | | 200'000 | EUR | 302'300 | 01.08.2001 | |
| JAPANESE - RC | | | | 61'000 | 12.02.2258 | |
| LIECHTENSTEIN - RC | | | | 10'000 | 01.08.2001 | |
| NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC | | 1'500'000 | NOK | 285'098 | 25.07.2001 | |
| PRIVATE ON LINE | | | | 257 | 11.09.2001 | |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | | 1'323'354 | CHF | 108.5% |
| KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL) | | | | | | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| Germany | Delegate(s) | | | 11'006 | | |
| Great Britain | Delegate(s) | | | 14'456 | | |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES | | | | 25'462 | CHF | 2.1% |