

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 32/01

Preliminary Appeal launched on 21 September 2001 for CHF 8,765,000 for 2 months. It was revised on 3 October 2001 and the budget increased to CHF 40,280,340 for 6 months.

DREF Allocated: CHF 600,000.

Beneficiaries: 300,000¹

Operations Update No. 02

Period covered: 11 - 12 October 2001, (last update issued: Information bulletin no. 03 dated 10 October 2001).

Please note that the Federation intends at this point to provide flash reports on Mondays and Fridays with more comprehensive overviews on Wednesdays, depending on further developments.

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 13.2%

Related Appeals: 01.62/2001 (Central Asia Region Annual Appeal); 01.34.2001 (Afghanistan Annual Appeal); 01.38/2001 (Pakistan Annual Appeal); 01.36/2001 (India Annual Appeal).

Outstanding needs: CHF 34,976,866

Cash contributions represent a priority at the moment. While the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has responded generously with in-kind contributions, the donor national societies are urged to consider cash support to the operation to cover the cost of the ongoing procurement, transport and movement of goods, local health infrastructure, water and sanitation operations, running of refugee camps and additional national staff.

Operational Developments

- While the intensive airstrikes in Afghanistan continue, no major cross-border influx or major population movements have been registered so far.

¹ While the Federation's approach is fundamentally based on an initial beneficiary figure of 300,000, given the uncertainties associated with this evolving operation, the Federation has undertaken preparations to scale-up relief activities to deliver assistance to a proposed level of 500,000 beneficiaries.

- The neighbouring countries are monitoring their borders closely, reiterating their concern over the potential massive population movement while at the same time, updating contingency plans within the regionally coordinated humanitarian effort.
- The situation in the neighbouring countries seems to be normal and calm except in Pakistan where the security situation is posing constraints and limiting the freedom of movement. The government in Pakistan is, however, determined to keep the situation under control.

Red Cross Red Crescent coordination and action w

- Information-sharing continues between the Federation and ICRC which has been assisting the Federation logistics efforts in Pakistan/Afghanistan in the reporting period.
- The Secretary General of the Federation will be visiting **Pakistan** on Sunday, 14 October.
- The President of the Federation will be visiting **Iran** on Monday, 15 October.

Health w

- Depending on the evolving situation, the **Pakistan** Red Crescent Society and the Federation will assume the responsibility for funding 10 health clinics in 10 refugee camps (5 in Baluchistan and 5 in the North Western Frontier Province). Each clinic should assist around 10,000 people.
- **In Afghanistan**, the national society-run clinics in Kabul (10) and Kandahar (1) continue with normal operations while the others are assumed to be working normally as well. They have established special medical evacuation teams to be on duty after the working hours of the clinics (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Around 948 trained community-based first aid (CBFA) volunteers in Kabul and 845 CBFA volunteers in Kandahar were put on stand-by and will be activated as required. All clinics are reported to have sufficient supplies for the moment except three clinics in Ghazni (Kabul region) which were to accessible due to security reasons.

Water-sanitation w

- Preliminary discussions with UN partners and government representatives suggest that the national society in **Pakistan** will focus their water/sanitation activities in refugee camps in Baluchistan. Efforts are being undertaken to examine possibilities for tapping ground water resources in or near the refugee camp sites in that province as in some places the primary water table is at a depth of 300 to 600 metres.
- The French Red Cross expressed their interest in contributing in this field.

Relief and Shelter w

- In **Pakistan**, the national society supported by the Federation continues building up stocks of non-food items, tents, blankets, tarpaulins, kitchen sets and jerry cans in Peshawar and Quetta. An assessment of the refugee camp sites in the border area (near Peshawar) is planned jointly by the national society and the Federation. Several attempts in setting up refugee camps have been already made by the UNHCR. Little progress has been achieved though mostly for security reasons. Only 6 of the proposed sites have been reported suitable for refugee camps. The capacity of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society for taking over food distributions in some of the refugee camps the government had selected was discussed jointly between the national society, Federation and WFP. In Peshawar, the branch has a total of 83 staff (20 work in the headquarters of the branch) and the human resources are considered satisfactory for the time being. Additional resources can be mobilized if the situation requires. In Quetta, the Federation is planning to start training of a number of the national society staff recently recruited for relief.
- Two refugee camps inside **Iran** are presently being considered for possible refugee inflow.

Logistics w

- The border point of Dogharun in eastern **Iran** has been designated by the government as the entry point to Afghanistan for all relief consignments coming by air or land. However, the Federation has received assurances from the government that all shipments will be free to transit in Khorasan (Mashad) and Baluchistan (Zahadan) provinces when on the way to Afghanistan or Pakistan.
- It has been confirmed that a shipment of 9,990 blankets and 900 tents donated by the German Red Cross have reached Peshawar in **Pakistan**. The arrival to Peshawar of 50 medical kits for the national society health clinics in Afghanistan has been also confirmed. These supplies will be distributed within Afghanistan

with assistance and support of ICRC along the agreed operating lines between the Federation and ICRC for Afghanistan.

Telecommunications w

- **In Pakistan.**, clearance for the importation of telecommunication equipment into Pakistan continues to be a constraint.
- **In Iran**, the Federation equipment will be made operational through the national society.

Federation Delegation - Delegates w

- The head of the Federation's delegation in **Afghanistan** is now in Islamabad seeking ways to restart the activities inside Afghanistan as soon as the security situation allows. Contacts of the Federation Secretariat with the national staff in the delegation in Kabul continue on a daily basis.
- The Federation delegation in **Pakistan** functions normally although delegates' movements are restricted. Three delegates are presently in Peshawar and two in Quetta. The administration and health delegates seconded by the Japanese Red Cross as well as logistics and finance delegates arrived to Islamabad today. The head of the Federation regional delegation for South Asia is handing over the operation to the newly arrived team leader/relief coordinator.
- Relief delegate bound for **Uzbekistan** has been granted visa today while the visa for the relief delegate going to **Turkmenistan** is still awaited.

Communications and Advocacy w

- One information delegate accompanied by the Federation photographer arrived in Peshawar in order to ensure first-hand information and photo coverage from the field.
- The following media have been covered in English - the Financial Times/The Daily Mirror (UK), AFP, BBC World Service, Canal 7 from Argentina, Radio Noti Hoy from Ecuador.
- The following media have been covered in Spanish - Tele Nova TV, Radio Manresa, La Manana.com radio, Ultima Hora Radio, Radio Exterior de Espana, Localia TV.

Coordination

The following inter-agency meetings organized by UN took place in the reporting period:

- The meeting held in **Kazakhstan** on the inter-agency contingency plan agreed that the contingency planning exercise should not be considered as a predictive one but as a "what if" exercise whereby all possible scenarios should be duly considered even if they do not appear realistic at the time of the exercise.
- The inter-agency meeting on contingency planning held in **Turkey** focused on different possible scenarios, roles and resources of the agencies and coordination mechanisms. The role of Turkey as a procurement and supply transit country in the event of emergencies in neighbouring countries was also discussed. It was also agreed that UNHCR would lead the emergency preparedness and response exercise of the inter-agency group.
- The inter-agency contingency planning meeting in **Tajikistan** focused on cross-border issues and the winter factor, emphasizing that cross-border operations will be impossible during the winter. An inter-agency assessment mission is also planned.
- There are daily Afghan Refugee Task Force meetings in **Pakistan** attended by different humanitarian agencies and Pakistani government. So far, 38 possible refugee camp sites have been identified, 5 in Baluchistan and 33 in North Western Frontier Province although it is not clear if and when the government will open the borders. The meeting was informed that the Pakistan Commissioner for Afghan Refugees will be in charge of food distribution to refugees while donor humanitarian organizations will be authorized to monitor the situation twice a month. At a meeting with WHO, possible health situation of refugees has been discussed. A need for immediate vaccination campaign (TB, polio) is anticipated.

Outstanding needs

Cash contributions represent the most immediate need at the moment. Apart from most generous in-kind commitments (see Annex 2 - updated Mobilization Table for Humanitarian Crisis), the donor Red Cross and Red

Crescent national societies are encouraged to provide further cash support to the operation (see Annex 1 - List of Contributions - for present coverage). The coverage of the costs of import and local purchases, movement of goods, local health infrastructure, water and sanitation operations, running of refugee camps and additional national staff is the priority at the moment.

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Donors providing in-kind relief in response to large-scale emergencies are urged to contact 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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Humanitarian crisis						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 32/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED				12.10.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		TOTAL COVERAGE 13.2%
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		273'088	GBP	658'142	04.10.2001	
CANADIAN - RC		50'000	CAD	54'470	21.09.2001	
CHINA - RC		30'000	USD	48'990	10.10.2001	PAKISTAN
FINNISH - RC		67'275	EUR	102'190	26.09.2001	
IRISH - GOVT		250'000	IEP	477'375	08.10.2001	
KUWAIT - RC		250'000	USD	408'250	09.10.2001	IRAN & PAKISTAN
LIBYA - RC				5'000	29.09.2001	
MONACO - RC		200'000	FRF	45'860	21.09.2001	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		771'750	NOK	144'452	21.09.2001	PAKISTAN
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		6'500'000	SEK	1'017'250	10.10.2001	
SWISS - GOVT				55'500	26.09.2001	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3'017'479	CHF	7.5%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AUSTRIAN - RC		87'210	EUR	131'173	10.10.2001	WATER SANITATION MATERIAL
AUSTRIAN - RC				15'000	10.10.2001	TELECOM DELEGATE, 3 MONTHS
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		627'884	GBP	1'513'200	04.10.2002	TENTS, BLANKETS, KITCHEN SETS, TARPULINS FOR TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN AND PAKISTAN
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		18'900	GBP	45'000	04.10.2001	RELIEF DELGATE & LOGISTICS DELEGATE FOR TURKMENISTAN, RELIEF DELEGATE FOR UZBEKISTAN
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1'935'000	NOK	362'185	21.09.2001	PAKISTAN: JERRY CANS AND DELEGATE BOXES
SWISS - GOVT				129'245	26.09.2001	6'000 BLANKETS, 1'200 KITCHEN SETS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			5'585		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE(S)			16'427		
SWISS - GOVT				68'180	26.09.2001	3 DELEGATES, 3 MONTHS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				2'285'995	CHF	5.7%

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES
LOGISTICS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT
MOBILIZATION TABLE FOR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS - Appeal 32/2001

Commodity	Total Quantity needed	Unit	Quantity needed per each destination						Donors
			Pakistan (PK)	Turkmenistan (TM)	Tajikistan (TJ)	Uzbekistan (UZ)	Abu Dhabi (AE)	Iran (IR)	
			150'000	15'000	15'000	15'000	5'000	100'000	
SHELTER/RELIEF									
Plastic sheeting	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
			10000						American RC
			9000	4500			4500		American RC
			4500						Spanish RC
			4000						British RC
						600			British RC
Outstanding	12'900		-2500	-2000	2500	1900	-3700	16700	
Blankets	200'000	pce	100000	10000	10000	10000	3300	66700	
			10000						American RC
				3000					British RC
						3000			British RC
			20000						British RC
			6000						Swiss RC
			9900						German RC
			12000						TBC /Pakistan stock
Outstanding	136'100		42100	7000	10000	7000	3300	66700	
Tents	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
			500						American RC
			250						Spanish RC
			4000						British RC
				600					British RC
						600			British RC
			900						German RC
			1000						TBC /Pakistan stock
Outstanding	42'150		18350	1900	2500	1900	800	16700	
Kitchen sets	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
			5000						American RC
			5000						Austrian RC
			1001						Spanish RC
			4000						British RC
				600					British RC
						600			British RC
			1300						Swiss RC
			500						German RC
Outstanding	31'999		8199	1900	2500	1900	800	16700	
Stoves	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
Outstanding	50'000		25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
Lamps	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
Outstanding	50'000		25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
MEDICAL									
New Emergency Health Kits	37	kit	20	0	3	3	8	3	
			5						American RC
			2						Norwegian RC
Outstanding	30		13	0	3	3	8	3	
Medical Items		Lot							
Outstanding	0								
WATSAN									
Various wat-san equipment (See additional table for details)		Lot	1						Austrian RC
Outstanding	0								
FOOD									
High Protein biscuit	40	ton							
			5						Spanish RC
Outstanding	35		35						
TELECOM									
Telecom Equipment		Lot							
Outstanding	0								
LOGISTICS									
Rubb Halls	10	units	6	1	1	1		1	
Outstanding	10		6	1	1	1	0	1	
Vehicles 4X4	40	units	20	5	5	5		5	
			1						Spanish RC
			6						Japanese RC
Outstanding	33		13	5	5	5	0	5	
OTHER ITEMS									
Delegate kits	20	kit							Norwegian RC
Outstanding	0								
Administration kits	3	kit							
Outstanding	0								
DONATION NOT IN THE APPEAL									
Mobile phones		units	12		4			4	Ericsson Co.
Rice		tone	200						UAE RC
Outstanding									

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES							
LOGISTICS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT							
MOBILIZATION TABLE FOR WATSAN MATERIAL FOR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS - A							
Commodity	Total Quantity needed	Unit	Quantity needed per each destination				Donors
			Pakistan (PK)	Turkmenistan (TM)	Tajikistan (TJ)	Abu Dhabi (AE)	
WATSAN							
Jerry Can, 20 litre, collapsible LDPE 55mm handscrew cap, built in handle	130'000	pce	50000	30000	20000	30000	
			50000				Norwegian RC
			4000				TBC /Pakistan stock
			10200				Austrian RC
Outstanding	65'800		-14200	30000	20000	30000	
Del'Agua Water Testing Kit, plus extra Consumables Test Kit	7	pce	2	2	1	2	
Outstanding	7		2	2	1	2	
Bladder Tank, 5000 litre,with accessories	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
			4				Austrian RC
Outstanding	106		36	30	10	30	
Bladder Tank, 10000 litre, with accessories	78	pce	30	20	8	20	
Outstanding	78		30	20	8	20	
Bladder Tank, 15000 litre, with accessories	70	pce	30	20	0	20	
Outstanding	70		30	20	0	20	
Oxfam type Tank, 95000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
Outstanding	20		8	4	4	4	
WATSAN							
Oxfam type Tank, 70000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
Outstanding	20		8	4	4	4	
Tap Stand with hoses and couplings Red Cross standard for bladder tank	510	pce	200	140	30	140	
			8				Austrian RC
Outstanding	502		192	140	30	140	
Atalanta Pumps, diesel type, 2", 30m ft	18	pce	8	4	2	4	
Outstanding	18		8	4	2	4	
Water Purification Tablet, 1 tab=20litre	4'400'000	ea	2000000	1200000	0	1200000	
			990000				Austrian RC
Outstanding	3'410'000		1010000	1200000	0	1200000	
Water Purification Powder 100gm/pack =10,000 litre	4	MT	0	2	0	2	
Outstanding	4		0	2	0	2	
WATSAN							
Water Purification Tablet, 1 tab=1 litre	800'000	ea	0	0	800000	0	
Outstanding	800'000		0	0	800000	0	
SanPlat Latrine Mould Kit	15	kit	6	4	1	4	
Outstanding	15		6	4	1	4	
Squatting Plates	1'500	pce	1000	0	500	0	
			500				Austrian RC
Outstanding	1'000		500	0	500	0	
Back Pack Sprayers, 15 litre	90	pce	50	15	10	15	
Outstanding	90		50	15	10	15	
Chlorine	12	MT	5	2	3	2	
Outstanding	12		5	2	3	2	
Aluminium Sulphate	33	MT	15	5	8	5	
Outstanding	33		15	5	8	5	
Lime	12	MT	5	2	3	2	
Outstanding	12		5	2	3	2	
DONATION NOT IN THE APPEAL							
Soap, 250 gr		pce	10200				Austrian RC