

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

15 October 2001

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. 03

Period covered: 13 - 14 October 2001, (last update issued: Operations update no. 02 dated 12 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: 20.5 %

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 32,039,212

All the Movement's components (National Societies, the Federation and the ICRC) are working together, drawing on their complementary roles and capacities to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable, emphasizing two of the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, namely independence and neutrality. The Federation continues to stress the need for verbal indications of support to be tuned into actual contributions.

Operational Developments

- After a brief interlude on Friday, 12 October, the intensive, day and night airstrikes in Afghanistan continue. There are unconfirmed reports of civilian casualties but still no major cross-border influx or major population movements have been registered. Reports have emerged indicating the arrival of 233 internally displaced persons (IDPs) to one of the planned camp sites in southern Afghanistan.

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 borders of the neighbouring countries are still sealed and the situation remains calm except in **Pakistan** where protests have increased. In response, the government has significantly increased the police and military presence on the streets of major cities.
- Some reports coming from **Turkmenistan** indicate that some families have left Herat and are looking for shelter with relatives along the border on the Afghan side. There are no indications of cross border movements.
- In **Kyrgyzstan**, the authorities continue following the developments in the region very carefully. A government coordination committee has already decided on refugee camp sites in the republic's south. Substantial material and financial assistance will be required to manage these camps if the need arises.

Red Cross Red Crescent coordination and action w

- In **Turkmenistan**, the national society has established an emergency response team lead by the vice-president. The team includes the population movement coordinator and the logistics officer.
- The **Pakistan** Red Crescent Society reiterates once again that a coordinated Federation approach and response to this humanitarian crisis is necessary in order to conform to the same standards. Bilateral relief donations are strongly discouraged as they create problems for the national society in clearing, warehousing and distributing in-kind donations which are not always in line with the fundamental principles or SPHERE standards. Additional cash donations are needed to strengthen the national society and the Federation structures and to enable them to purchase locally the items required for the operation.
- As a part of the coordinated regional approach, the **Turkish** Red Crescent Society has also prepared its contingency plan related to the current humanitarian crisis which is classified as "emergency relief" and covers an initial duration of 3 months as the first step.
- The Federation continues to work together with the **ICRC** in response to the current situation in the spirit of the "power of humanity" in action, both in the countries directly affected by the current crisis as well as further afield. In Afghanistan itself, the operational planning has been designed to give both parties a high degree of flexibility to use the same preparedness structures for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), local vulnerable people or for combinations of these.

Visits

- The visit of the Federation Secretary General to **Pakistan** scheduled for 14 October has been postponed to a later date.
- A delegation from the **Qatar** Red Crescent Society visited Pakistan and Iran during the reporting period.

Health w

- According to the latest plans, the Norwegian Red Cross emergency response referral hospital (ERU) will be deployed to **Iran** with a capacity of 80 beds. As it is considered too big for one refugee camp (camps are planned to accommodate 10,000 people each) and could be split into two: the outpatient clinic and wards with some clinical activities and a mobile clinic. The medical staff will be recruited to train the Iranian counterparts to manage the ERU.
- In Peshawar, **Pakistan**, the North West Frontier Province branch of the national society intends to begin the recruitment of medical personnel for health services in camps.

Water and Sanitation w

- The non-availability or shortage of water remains one of the main issues to be solved in connection with the location of camp sites.

Relief and Shelter w

- In **Pakistan**, the problem of the location of refugee camps remains. A large number of proposed sites are in dry, remote and insecure tribal areas along the Afghan border.
- There are confirmed information on the influx of IDPs to one of the planned camp sites on the Afghan side of the Afghan-Iranian border. The Zabol and Zahadan branches of the **Iranian** national society report that 233 IDPs sought refuge in Chahar Borjak, 8 km inside Afghanistan and that they are supported by the Iranian national society. Generally, it is reported that the regional branches (in Mashad-Horasan province and Zahedan-Sistan and Baluchistan province) of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran are ready to react to population movements towards the Iranian border. They have a 48 hours preparedness plan

and support can be extended to six identified camp sites with the maximum of 100,000 beneficiaries within that period of time. All the planning is completed, the sites have been surveyed and the supply routes identified. Flexible modular systems are in place and the size of the camps will be in line with the actual needs. It is planned that the camp management will be handed over to Afghan Red Crescent society within ten days. All refugee camp sites are on the Afghan territory. There are six camp sites which are planned to be managed by the Mashad regional branch through logistics bases in Janat Abad, Taybad, Khaff, Qaen, Birjand and Nehbandan. While the infrastructure varies on different routes depending also on the terrain, water is a big constraint on almost all camp sites and will have to be trucked on a regular basis. As regards refugee camp sites to be managed by the Zahedan regional branch, two have been confirmed with possible logistical support from Borj-e-Mingol or Zabol. The Red Cross and Red Crescent partners of the national society in Iran will have to replenish any stocks used from their substantial reserves if these are used to assist newly displaced Afghans as they are mandated by the government to maintain enough relief supplies for 20% of Iran's 70 million people at any one time and the national society will continue to fulfill that obligation during the current emergency

Logistics w

- With reference to the information given in the Federation Information Bulletin no. 03/01 dated 10 October 2001 and as the ICRC warehousing space in **Turkmenistan** is going to be custom bonded and used for the transit of goods to Afghanistan, the Federation has made a decision to look for another option for the supplies to be used in Turkmenistan. The head of the Aral Sea programme (American Red Cross) has expressed their willingness to cooperate further in connection with the humanitarian crisis and offered the programme resources and facilities if needed as well as mobilization of further resources if the need arises.
- In **Pakistan**, the arrival to Peshawar of 500 kitchen sets donated by the German Red Cross has been confirmed.
- The announced shipment of 5,000 tents from **Iran** to Pakistan by trucks is presently being re-considered. With reference to the logistics preparations going on in the Iranian city of Mashad reported in the Federation Information Bulletin no. 02/01 dated 9 October 2001, please note that the 2,000 sqm of the warehouse space and purchase of ten Scanian trucks refer to the ICRC preparedness activities and not to the Federation operations. However, it is reported that a complimentary pair of rubb halls can be erected on the site to house the Norwegian Red Cross referral hospital and sundry medical supplies for the Federation purposes if needed.
- It is reported that in **Turkey**, food and some other relief materials can be purchased locally i.e. they are available in the markets.

Telecommunications w

- An exercise to use the satellite phone was organized for the national society staff in **Turkmenistan** and will continue for additional staff.
- Training will be organized this week in **Geneva** for 2 national staff members from Tajikistan delegation, for 1 from Uzbekistan delegation and 1 person seconded from Ericsson joining the Federation delegation in Pakistan.

Federation Delegation - Delegates w

As well developed structures in national societies as well as in Federation delegations are necessary for the size of the operation expected in the region, recruitment of delegates is continuing.

- The logistics and relief delegates going to **Turkmenistan** have been granted their visas and are expected to arrive in the region during the week.
- Due to the security situation, it has been reiterated that all delegates seconded by national societies to delegations in the region at all times must abide by the Federation security rules and regulations.
- Strong assurances were given by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** in Geneva that visas for their country will be issued to delegates also on short notice if the situation requires.

Communications and Advocacy w

- The Secretary General of the Federation has addressed all national societies with a letter representing a summary of the activities undertaken so far by national societies and the Federation as well as the perspectives in response to the current humanitarian crisis. Stating that the world and the Red Cross and Red

Crescent Movement is facing enormous challenges, the Secretary General pointed out the particular importance of effective communication. Referring to operational planning, action to reduce discrimination and violence in the community as well as long term implications of what is happening, the Secretary General pointed out in his letter the valued cooperation with other partners, i.e. governments, the UN system and non-governmental organizations but emphasized at the same time the principle of independence which is a vital strength which must be respected and understood.

- Three information delegates in Pakistan continue to proactively brief the international (English, French and Spanish speaking) media about the humanitarian crisis and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society and Federation activities as well as giving a number of interviews on various worldwide media outlets. The information delegates also met with the ICRC communication delegate in order to ensure a consistent, common approach on information dissemination.

Coordination

- The 7th inter-agency teleconference on contingency planning - Afghanistan, focused on the following issues: poor access to the border between Turkmenistan and Afghanistan; necessity for humanitarian principles to guide humanitarian assistance which should be carried out by civilians; establishment of a Humanitarian Information Centre which is underway in Islamabad; the Joint Logistics Cell efforts.
- Another inter-agency meeting was held in **Iran** during the reporting period focusing on the issues of water and sanitation and health. All participants will prepare a summary of their available resources in these particular fields.
- The Federation Secretariat in **Geneva** takes the opportunity to exchange views and concerns with Permanent Missions of the countries in the affected region and stresses the importance of their governments' support to their own national societies. Lately, the Permanent Missions of Iran, Turkey and Russia have been visited. Support in matters related to visas, movement of goods and similar practicalities in case of a need for a rapid action has been also requested.

Outstanding needs

The Federation continues stressing the need for pledges to be translated into actual contributions. See Annex 1 for List of Contributions and Annex 2 for the updated Mobilization Table for Humanitarian Crisis.

As already mentioned under Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action, bilateral relief donations are strongly discouraged by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society as they create problems for the national society in clearing, warehousing and distributing in-kind donations which are not always in line with the fundamental principles or SPHERE standards. Additional cash donations are needed to strengthen the national society and the Federation structures and to enable them to purchase locally the items required for the operation.

All relief goods received so far are currently being stocked as a preparedness measure. Once the relief assistance starts, the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies will need to keep a flexible enough approach to meet the precise needs of the population as additional information reveals requirements. It is currently estimated that huge needs will arise in coming weeks, thus the preparations for action are continuing with a steady pace.

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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		15.10.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		TOTAL COVERAGE 20.5%
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		273088	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
DANISH - RC		7'312'500	DKK	1'455'188	11.10.2001	
EGYPTIAN - RC		70'000	USD	113'155	11.10.2001	
FINNISH - RC		67'275	EUR	102'190	26.09.2001	
IRISH - GOVT		250'000	IEP	477'375	08.10.2001	
IRISH - RC		50'000	IEP	95'475	08.10.2001	
JAPANESE - RC		30'000'000	JPY	406'950	11.10.2001	EARMARKED FOR 6 VEHICLES
JAPANESE - RC		35'200'000	JPY	477'488	11.10.2001	EARMARKED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES
JAPANESE - RC		28'200'000	JPY	382'533	11.10.2001	
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		775'891	NOK	13'850	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				5'817'666	CHF	14.4%
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		2'737'820	NOK	499'652	21.09.2001	PAKISTAN: JERRY CANS , DELEGATE BOXES, 2 NEW EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS
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				2'423'462	CHF	6.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	

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									
Hign 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.
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	130'000	pce	50000	30000	20000	30000	
55mm handscrew cap, built in handle			50000				Norwegian RC
			4000				TBC /Pakistan stock
			10200				Austrian RC
Outstanding	65'800		-14200	30000	20000	30000	
DelAgua 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 accessor	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
			4				Austrian RC
Outstanding	106		36	30	10	30	
Bladder Tank, 10000 litre, with access	78	pce	30	20	8	20	
Outstanding	78		30	20	8	20	
Bladder Tank, 15000 litre, with access	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 f	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

