

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

22 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. 06

Period covered: 20 - 22 October 2001. Last update issued: Operations update no. 05 dated 19 October 2001).

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

"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 20.6 %

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 31,998,373

Due to the security situation in the affected region, especially along the border with Pakistan and Iran, it is important to note that all figures in operations updates related to the number of refugees arriving in Pakistan and Iran are provisional and are updated/revised as the information becomes available. Numbers are often based on first-hand accounts and free estimates of newly-arrived people, national staff of different international organizations still working in Afghanistan as well as on assessments of governments and international organizations.

Operational Developments

- According to the latest estimates, thousands of people have been on the move towards the border or have crossed the border at Chaman border crossing between Afghanistan and **Pakistan** (on the route Kandahar - Quetta) within one week. As reported by UNHCR, some of these people find refuge in new corners of the

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.

refugee camps used for refugees in the past. The reports also suggest that the general physical condition of new arrivals, mostly women and children, is visibly deteriorating.

- According to the latest UN information from within **Afghanistan**, there may be as many as 180,000 people recently displaced inside the country. This information, however, refers to the provinces around Kabul, i.e. Laghman, Konar, Nangahar, Paktia. Another report points out that night temperatures in the central highlands and Hazarajat are already below zero across all high altitude areas.
- It is also stated that in the province of Sistan and Baluchestan in **Iran**, the number of IDPs increased dramatically from Friday, 19 October and the number of sudden arrivals rose to over 1,000 families waiting to be registered and get shelter.

Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w

- A joint workshop with the ICRC on disaster and conflict preparedness is planned to take place in **Kyrgyzstan** on 25 - 27 October for the national society headquarters technical staff and disaster preparedness officers from the branches. The national society prepared the draft contingency plan which will be discussed during the workshop.
- The Jordanian National Red Crescent Society is organizing the first meeting on the improvement of the “coordination methods between the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and civil defense authorities” in disaster response. The meeting will be held on 27 - 30 October in Amman, **Jordan** with the participation of a number of national societies from the Middle East and North Africa. A Federation representative has been also invited. Although the meeting was planned before 11 September, it coincides with the current humanitarian crisis giving it additional significance.
- The secretary general of the Federation is currently visiting the **Pakistan** Red Crescent Society.
- The president of the Federation concluded her visit to the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of **Iran**. While praising the preparedness capacities of the Iranian national society, she expressed grave concern for the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, as well as in the neighbouring countries where a massive influx of Afghan refugees is still considered a possibility.

Health w

- A Federation report on possible health programmes in Baluchistan province in **Pakistan** includes the following:
 - a. Monitoring on the border, namely first aid to sick people, selection of patients needing special treatment, transport to a referral hospital and assessment of nutritional state of children below 5 years of age.
 - b. Basic health units in the camps, namely tented outpatient clinics designed to cover 10,000 for 6 months.
 - c. Ambulance service for patients needing special treatment in referral hospital.
 - d. Assistance to referral hospitals in Baluchistan province. There are 2 provincial hospitals and 4 district hospitals in need of medicines and medical equipment.
 - e. Mobile clinic service for Afghan refugees not accommodated in camps. This service should cover large areas where beneficiaries are scattered in small numbers. This function could be maintained with two to three mobile basic health clinics.
- The Norwegian, Austrian and German Red Cross societies are deploying a small advance ERU team to **Iran** in order to facilitate the preparation of more detailed plans for deployment of the Norwegian Red Cross referral hospital in the border area. Meanwhile, the Norwegian Red Cross maintains the basic preparedness level of the emergency response referral hospital which allows deployment within 48 hours. The Austrian and German Red Cross teams with their support function i.e. provision of water/sanitation facilities for the hospital remain put at the same level of preparedness.

Water and Sanitation w

- Three inter-agency water/sanitation meetings (UNHCR, Oxfam, MSF and the Federation) were held in **Pakistan**, as UNHCR resumed work on water systems in the Darra and Roghani sites (Baluchistan province) in order to repair and extend the traditional underground water systems. Within the overall emergency water/sanitation activities in that area, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society/Federation action plan will include the following:

- a. Five camp sites comprising 10,000 refugees which will be established by UNHCR. The sites are at Darra (2), Rhogani (2) and Tor Tangi (initially 1).
 - b. While Oxfam will start with tanking of water and MSF with emergency sanitation, the Federation will take over (within two weeks) the tanking of the water for two camps from Oxfam and start with the first phase of latrine construction also in two camps.
 - c. The planning includes provision of safe water, storage capacity and latrines. Drainage and garbage collection and bathing facilities will be also organized.
 - d. Within four weeks, medium and long term activities will include the establishment of a distribution system with 60 taps and increased storage facilities at one camp site.
 - e. UNHCR will be in charge of all bore holes. Survey and drilling will be contracted to the Ministry of Agriculture, the only organization with heavy duty drilling rigs capable of drilling 400 metres in granite. The drilling should be concluded within 3 months.
- It is reported that the Austrian Red Cross consignment of water/sanitation equipment which arrived in **Pakistan** as one of the first registered donations has been shipped from Islamabad to Quetta for the operational use in the Baluchistan province.
 - A UNHCR sponsored health and sanitation trip to Mary and Charjou in **Turkmenistan** will take place on 1 November. The Federation relief delegate will take part in this trip along with two national society representatives.

Relief and Shelter w

- The refugee/IDPs camp sites on the **Afghanistan/Iran** border have been pushed closer to the border line.
- Related to the information received from **Pakistan** on first charter flights with donations in food, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society/Federation is strongly encouraging coordination with the national society and the Federation. At the same time, it is pointed out that WFP is overall responsible for food operation for Afghanistan and coordination with this agency is imperative.

Logistics w

- While no changes have been registered in the Federation Mobilization table for Humanitarian Crisis (see Annex 2) over the reporting period, the arrival of 500 tents donated by the American Red Cross to Peshawar, **Pakistan** has been confirmed.
- The second camp management training course was organized by the Federation in Mary, **Turkmenistan**, for 25 participants from Mary and Turkmenabad.
- In **Uzbekistan**, appropriate warehousing space identification as well as verification and confirmation of shipping instructions for the supplies intended for that country are ongoing.

Coordination

- During a meeting between the Federation representatives and the Leader of the Government Commission, the government of **Turkmenistan** has expressed assurances related to safe transit of goods, customs clearances and visa procedures.

The following information has been shared at the latest **inter-agency meetings**:

- The UN agencies, namely **WFP and FAO** have revised their plans for the regional emergency operation “Emergency Food Assistance to Refugees and Vulnerable Population in Afghanistan”. The new planning figure is 7.5 million people including 6 million inside Afghanistan and 1.5 million who may move into the surrounding countries. Increased hardship, insecurity and widening military conflict are the underlying rationale for the increase.
- **WFP** has identified special humanitarian assistance activities, which will support a flexible regional response capability, including a joint logistics centre, air operations support, telecommunications and transportation.
- The importance of working with the Afghan people, including national aid workers, in delivery of humanitarian assistance and in the pursuit of solutions to the crisis was pointed out.
- Normal mine action activities have ceased because of the security situation within **Afghanistan**. There are concerns that this situation will continue to cause additional mine and unexploded ordnance (UXOs) victims. The priority will be to strengthen existing mine awareness capacities and campaigns to cover wider areas and populations including a regional response.

Outstanding needs

- No changes have been registered in the Mobilization Table for Humanitarian Crisis (see Annex 2) during the reporting period while only slight increase has been reported in the List of Contributions (see Annex 1).
- As the latest developments in the field indicate further deterioration of the humanitarian situation, the donors are encouraged to consider further commitments/donations to this regional crisis.

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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			22.10.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		TOTAL COVERAGE 20.6%
AUSTRIAN - RC		4'106	EUR	6'071	10.10.2001	
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
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
PRIVATE DONORS				4'768	03.10.2001	
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				5'828'505	CHF	14.5%
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		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
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			30'000		
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				2'453'462	CHF	6.1%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
TURKISH - RC					03.10.2001	5'000 BLANKETS, 2 PORTABLE KITCHENS, 2'500 PLASMA UNITS, BASIC FOOD SUPPLIES
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES					10.10.2001	UNITS OF TENTS FOR 40'000 REFUGEES
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
			10000						The Thai RC
			12000						TBC /Pakistan stock
			9334						Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	116'766		22766	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
									German RC
			900						German RC
			1000						TBC /Pakistan stock
			200						Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	41'950		18150	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							
			1						Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	0								
WATSAN									
Various wat-san equipment (See additional table for details)		Lot	1						Austrian RC
Outstanding	0								French RC
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	
			3						Norwegian RC
Outstanding	7		3	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.

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	
			1				French RC
Outstanding	6		1	2	1	2	
Bladder Tank, 5000 litre,with accessor	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
			4				Austrian RC
			4				French RC
Outstanding	102		32	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	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	66		26	20	0	20	
Oxfam type Tank, 95000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	16		4	4	4	4	
WATSAN							
Oxfam type Tank, 70000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	16		4	4	4	4	
Tap Stand with hoses and couplings Red Cross standard for bladder tank	510	pce	200	140	30	140	
			8				Austrian RC
			30				French RC
Outstanding	472		162	140	30	140	
Atalanta Pumps, diesel type, 2", 30m fl	18	pce	8	4	2	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	14		4	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
Additional WATSAN equipment							French RC

