

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

25 October 2001

Appeal No. 32/01

Preliminary Appeal launched on 21 September 2001 for CHF 8,765,000 for 2 months. 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

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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: 20.8 %

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 31,892,456

The current humanitarian developments in Afghanistan have raised concerns in the Federation but the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) continues to provide daily support to vulnerable people as well as liaising with the Federation. The ARCS's network of primary health clinics, community-based first aid (CBFA) volunteers, traditional birth attendants (TBAs) and mobile health teams represent a vital support for vulnerable people whose situation deteriorates on daily basis.

Operational Developments

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.

- As the sustained overnight and daytime air raids continue and reports of damage inflicted on civilians increases, there are reports about further movements of the population inside Afghanistan as well as close to the Afghan border with **Iran** and **Pakistan**. While the borders with these countries are still officially closed, a number of people or whole families have reportedly been accommodated in the IDPs camps on the Afghan side of the border with the above two countries.
- The information forwarded by the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRCS) as well as by the Federation staff in **Tajikistan** report on the number of newly-arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) varying from 150 families at the Afghan border with Tajikistan to 430 families at the Afghan border with Iran.
- Most of those crossing to **Pakistan** through the Chaman border crossing (on the road from Kandahar to Quetta) are joining their relatives or establishing themselves in refugee camps accommodating the old caseload of refugees. According to UNHCR reports, the influx from eastern Afghanistan into the North West Frontier Province has not been as large as that in the southwest.
- A number of occasions have already emphasized the issue of refugee rights i.e. fundamental rights of a vulnerable group. Humanitarian agencies have also quoted the international humanitarian law which clearly prohibits attacks on civilian targets and assaults that may have an indiscriminate impact on civilians or combatants. The ongoing air strikes are making it increasingly difficult for humanitarian agencies to remain active inside **Afghanistan**. Already displaced and reportedly without food, the civilians will be unable to survive the winter if the necessary assistance does not reach them.

Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w

- The Federation delegation has participated in the Red Cross and Red Crescent meeting organized by the ICRC in Ankara, Turkey on 18 and 19 October 2001. In line with the objective of the meeting (to build a coordinated and effective Movement response to the most urgent humanitarian needs related to the Humanitarian Crisis), an open exchange of information and discussion was achieved.
- In accordance with the coordinated approach between the ICRC and the Federation and with the agreed operating lines in Afghanistan, a meeting will take place in **Geneva** on 25 October to discuss possible future support of the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies inside Afghanistan.

Afghan Red Crescent society (ARCS) w

- The future Red Cross and Red Crescent strategy within Afghanistan is one of the issues increasing in importance as the situation continues to evolve. Within that context, the Secretary General of the Federation used the opportunity during his visit to Pakistan last week to meet with several national staff members from the Federation delegation in Afghanistan.
- The fact that the majority of Afghans chose to leave towns for villages in order to escape air raids and have not headed for Pakistan or Iran, increase the importance for the Afghan Red Crescent Society to have the capacity to assist the population in this particular situation.
- Reportedly, the network of 48 Federation-supported clinics are operational in all the provinces. Within the reporting period, the clinics in Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Ghazni and Bamyan - all in the **Kabul region** - have been contacted through a provincial ARCS officer. Four cases with air strikes-related wounds (all females) have been registered in the clinic in Kabul city. In the **region of Mazar**, the central Red Crescent clinic has been selected for round-the-clock duty with a rotating team comprising a doctor, a nurse and a pharmacist coming from other clinics in the region. A mobile team comprising an ARCS health officer and a nurse are also on duty in the city. The information from the **regions of Herat, Jalalabad and Kandahar** also report uninterrupted activities.
- In line with the agreement with the ICRC as the lead agency in Afghanistan, the support to the network of the 48 ARCS clinics is a part of the Federation humanitarian assistance based on the annual appeal no. 01.34/2001 for that country. The Afghan Red Crescent Society is the only indigenous, nationwide humanitarian organization able to work with all ethnic groups and to reach women through its services and is, therefore, extremely well placed to assist the most vulnerable in this war-ravaged country. It is active in 31 out of 32 Afghan provinces and is providing preventive and curative primary health care services including laboratory services, health education, vaccination, epidemiological data collection and minor surgery in remote areas, employing equal numbers of men and women in the medical positions and with a

developing mother and child health component. Through a community based first aid programme, it recruits and trains volunteers in the villages, town neighbourhoods and schools. Since the inception of the community based first aid programme, the ARCS has established a strong network of 6,325 volunteers covering over 6,300 villages (average 300 persons per village) in 74 districts of 13 provinces. Many of these trained volunteers as well as the ARCS clinics are scattered throughout the territory of Afghanistan and as earlier reported are already on stand-by (see under Health in Operations Update no.04).

- The Health Review that took place in March 1999 confirmed that the clinics play an essential role in providing primary health care to the needy in Afghanistan and that the motivation of the staff is high. Each clinic provides health care services to more than 14,000 beneficiaries annually. In total, more than 1,000,000 visits were reported in 2000. Long-term financial sustainability of ARCS activities is not likely to be achieved before the peace and normal economic activities return to the country, therefore, adequate funding is essential to avoid additional suffering of the population.

Health w

- The Federation health delegate in **Pakistan** is currently in Peshawar in order to discuss the provincial branch capacities in the health sector. There are 10 clinics in the North West Frontier Province which have not recorded any increase in the number of patients so far.

Water and Sanitation w

- During the ongoing joint assessment mission of the Federation and Oxfam, the team visited the Chaman border area in **Pakistan** and reported 600 new arrivals. The Spanish Red Cross ERU leader will be visiting Pakistan shortly in order to discuss and assess possibilities for deployment of a water and sanitation emergency response unit as well as ERU management training for the national society staff.

Relief and Shelter w

- The Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** (IRCS) has reported that 129 Afghan displaced families (over 560 persons) are presently accommodated in the camp "Mile 46" and over 430 families (3,300 persons) in the camp "Makaki". Both camps are situated on the Afghani side of the southern stretch of the border line between Afghanistan and Iran and to the south and north of Zaranj in Afghanistan, respectively. On the basis of an agreement on the cross-border assistance, around 150 Iranian Red Crescent volunteers and relief workers have reportedly been working on providing basic assistance to new arrivals, including the provision of proper registration, medical examination, daily food rations, blankets, kitchen utensils, tents, water. The IRCS officials have stated that preparations for establishment of a third camp in the area are well underway as the number of new arrivals is likely to grow to 100 internally displaced persons per day.
- With reference to the Mobilization Table for Humanitarian Crisis (Annex 2), further efforts must be exerted in providing a more balanced pre-positioned stock of supplies (e.g. a number of donors have pledged blankets but no lamps or stoves have been registered thus far).

Logistics w

- Although certain improvements have been noticed in coordination of contributions of non-traditional donors to **Pakistan**, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society has forwarded a letter to the Federation Secretary General related to the food donations stating that ".....food items are not required by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society. As this does not constitute our mandate nor does PRCS have the relevant human resources or support infrastructure and warehousing facilities for the same. As per the decision of the government of Pakistan, all such foodstuffs should be donated to the World Food Programme as they have been entrusted with the responsibility for food storage and distribution within refugee camps.."

Telecommunications w

- The training course taking place in Geneva for the telecom staff working in **Uzbekistan, Tajikistan** and **Pakistan** has been successfully concluded. The participants are already on the way back to their respective countries where they will continue improving the Federation capacities in this sector.

Federation Delegation - Delegates w

- The information delegates who have been covering the Humanitarian Crisis from **Pakistan** (for English, French and Spanish media) are finishing their assignments during the week and new arrangements are being made. Interim period will be covered from the pool of the existing field resources by an information delegate from another region who already arrived in Islamabad.

Communications and Advocacy w

- Although not as numerous as last week, contacts with local and international media continued. The Federation Secretary General was interviewed live by BBC and a press briefing was organized together with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society counterpart.
- Media contacts included Onda Cero radio station, Spain - Radio Aspen, Argentina - Radio La Plata, Argentina - Radio Euskadi, briefing - RNE Cataluna, briefing - Radio Vision, Ecuador - TVE, briefing - Radio Exterior de Espana (2x taped) - Television Azteca, French TV stations TF1, France 2 and LCI as well as with EBU and Reuters TV.
- Briefings or interviews also took place with correspondents from ABC news, Radio Canada, FR and BBC radio including the Romanian sections, Radio Notae Dame, Politika (FR Yugoslavia), Swedish National Radio, Reuters News Agency and Agence France Press.

Coordination

- In order to present the situation related to the Humanitarian Crisis and to listen to the plans and concerns of the concerned government, the Federation representatives have visited, during the reporting period, the Permanent Mission of Kuwait in **Geneva** seeking, at the same time, support for their national society and the Federation operation if needed. It was pointed out that the planning figure of 300,000 to 500,000 people for this response does not represent a prediction but is based on a carefully planned assessment of actual or potential capacity of the neighbouring national societies with the Federation support. The importance of a coordinated response to the appeal based on the relatively uniform set of standards has been also reiterated as well as the Federation concerns related to any uncoordinated action.

Outstanding needs

- As the latest developments in the field indicate a further deterioration of the humanitarian situation, donors are encouraged to consider further commitments and donations (primarily cash) to this regional crisis. Presently, the funding (including the funding available to other humanitarian agencies) is not adequate and does not correspond to the needs pointed out in the Appeal. The Federation would like to emphasize the importance of immediate action as deployment of relief supplies will take another one to two weeks if donors continue waiting for further developments in the field before allocating the funds. Current funding does not allow the completion of preparations which have to be done even without a complete picture about future direction of the IDPs/refugee flows.
- See the List of Contributions (Annex 1) and the Mobilization Table for Humanitarian Crisis (Annex 2) in order to verify the outstanding needs.

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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			24.10.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		20.8%
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
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		11'700	NOK	2'170	23.10.2001	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				5'830'675	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
JAPANESE - RC		50'000	JPY	671	04.10.2001	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		2'737'820	NOK	499'652	21.09.2001	PAKISTAN- JERRY CANS, DELEGATE BOXES, 2 NEW EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		394'000	NOK	73'076	23.10.2001	3 RUBB'HALLS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE FOR PAKISTAN
SWISS - GOVT				129'245	26.09.2001	6'000 BLANKETS, 1'200 KITCHEN SETS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
AUSTRALIA	DELEGATE(S)			30'000		
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				2'557'209	CHF	6.3%
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

