

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## **HUMANITARIAN CRISIS**

29 October 2001

*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. Revised on 3 October 2001 and the budget increased to CHF 40,280,340 for 6 months.*

*DREF Allocated: CHF 600,000.*

*Beneficiaries: 300,000<sup>1</sup>*

*Operations Update No. 09; Period covered: 27 - 29 October 2001. Last update issued: Operations Update no. 08 dated 26 October 2001.*

*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: 21.9%*

*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 31,465,561*

*As the air raids continue in Afghanistan, attention of humanitarian organizations is shifting from the border areas with Pakistan and Iran into the country and to the plight of the internally displaced persons (IDPs). A growing number of people have been reportedly leaving their homes for villages which are considered safer. However, there is an increasing concern about food shortages in the Afghan cities as many people who had depended on food assistance of international organizations before 11 September remain there.*

## **Operational Developments**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

- **Afghanistan** - According to the latest Federation reports, the situation in **Kandahar** city has been deteriorating. There is no electric power available and some buildings are close to collapsing. A number of people have already approached the Federation's office to request hand-pumps and tents. Most of the residents of **Jalalabad** have left the city and settled in the safety of the rural areas or in Pakistan. The people are increasingly concerned about their safety as armed elements and their supporters move around, sometimes occupying premises of different humanitarian organizations. The air campaign is also intensifying in and around **Kabul**. There is a growing concern about food shortages as many of the residents did not vacate their homes for other safer places, and relying on food assistance they had been receiving from WFP or other humanitarian organizations. The UN reportedly confirms that around 70% of the population fled from **Herat** to surrounding villages following the air strikes, which included the use of cluster bombs.
- **Iran** - Although Afghanistan shares more than a 900 km long border with Iran, the reports on a growing number of displaced Afghans still arrive mostly from its southern part, close to the Afghan town of Zaranj.
- **Pakistan** - the flow of unregistered refugees into Pakistan reportedly continues through unofficial border points. The latest UN assessments state that the total influx since 11 September 2001 is between 50 and 60 thousand people. The fact that the borders remain officially closed discourages newly-arrived Afghans from seeking assistance from the Red Crescent or other humanitarian organizations. According to the latest Federation estimates, up to 200 people cross the border on a daily basis in Baluchistan province and they are taken care of by relatives already living in Pakistan. In the North West Frontier Province new arrivals mix with relatives living in refugee camps established in the 1980's for those fleeing the Soviet invasion. This new situation is stretching the coping mechanism of both the "old" refugees and the newcomers to the limit as the new refugees are not registered and do not receive any assistance.
- International agencies, especially those involved in human rights and de-mining activities, continue to alert the public about the long-term consequences of the present situation in Afghanistan.

#### **Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w**

- A meeting with the American Red Cross is scheduled for today in **Geneva** in order to exchange information and discuss possible coordinated action related to the Humanitarian Crisis.
- The French Red Cross publicly condemned the use of cluster bombs in air raids against **Afghanistan**, which have serious long-term, post-conflict consequences for the civilian population.
- The ICRC president is currently visiting **Iran**, conferring with a number of Iranian officials.

#### **Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) w**

- According to the updated information received from the field, the national society at all levels (headquarters, regional and provincial) continues to carry out their duties. The information received from the Afghan Red Crescent clinics, indicates that the number of patients has decreased in major cities while it increased in clinics situated in the rural areas, such as Darenour in Jalalabad region. The clinic in Ghor, Herat region, has reportedly been looted and the clinic in Bamiyan province has not been operational due to the conflict. The clinic in Noorstan has already been supplied with the medical kits for six months as this area is not accessible during the winter months. Plans have been prepared for the distribution of health kits to all clinics for the month of November and December and hygiene materials for the month of November. To minimize risks, the ARCS and Federation national staff continue to work on a roster basis.
- Due to the current situation, other Federation-supported programmes are on hold.

#### **Health w**

- The Norwegian/German/Austrian Red Cross ERU assessment team has started their visit to the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** by preparing the joint programme for the next two weeks. Meetings with the headquarters, health and relief officials of the national society will be followed by meetings with the ICRC, the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNHCR and UNICEF. Field visits will lead the team to Mashad and the northern stretch of the border as well as to Zahedan and the southern stretch of the border.
- According to the recent Federation assessments, the number of patients transported from Afghanistan to hospitals in the North West Frontier Province in **Pakistan**, is around 70 in total. The Federation health

delegate is currently visiting two of the 15 proposed sites for UNHCR refugee camps. A district hospital near Quetta in Baluchistan province has been identified by the ICRC for possible Federation support.

### **Water and Sanitation w**

- Assessments are ongoing in **Iran** (German and Austrian Red Cross members of the ERU assessment team - see above) and **Pakistan** (Spanish Red Cross ERU team leader).

### **Relief and Shelter w**

- According to the latest information from the field, the number of people in the “Mile 46” and “Makaki” IDP camps in **Afghanistan** increases every hour.
- The transit camp established by UNHCR 200 metres away from the Chaman border inside **Pakistan** is now fully operational. Approximately 200 families have been admitted. It is estimated that the camp will reach its limit (300 families) within a week. Another camp which has been set up about 5 km inside Afghanistan in the same area and is said to currently accommodate 300 families. Work continues on the preparation of two longer-term sites in Rhogani and Tor Tangi, about 20 km from Chaman. As reported earlier (Operations Update no. 06), the Pakistan Red Crescent Society and the Federation action plan includes these two locations for possible assistance in the water/sanitation sector.

### **Logistics w**

- The arrival to **Pakistan** of the Netherlands Red Cross donation of 10 new emergency health kits and 3,240 kitchen sets has been confirmed.

### **Communications and Advocacy w**

- Media interest in **Pakistan** continues to focus on military and political developments, and the situation within Afghanistan. The Federation and ICRC information delegates liaise daily as many calls concern the most recent bombing of the ICRC warehouses. Most of these calls are diverted to the ICRC. Media contacts were made with the team accompanying the delegation from the Netherlands (see below), especially with five journalists staying behind. Briefings or interviews were given to correspondents from FR and BBC radio including the Romanian sections, USA Today, and various Spanish and Central American press agencies.

### **Coordination**

- The Federation national staff in **Afghanistan** reports on regular meetings and cooperation with the ICRC as well as inter-agency meetings on operational needs and security.
- The Secretary General of the Netherlands Red Cross is currently visiting **Pakistan** as an accompanying party to the Prime Minister and Minister of Development of the Netherlands.
- Long term cooperation agreement between Ericsson and the Federation proved once more a valuable source of support in the telecommunications sector. In **Iran**, Ericsson is presently facilitating better communication for the members of the ERU assessment team (see under Health).

### **Outstanding needs**

- 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			29.10.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>40'280'340</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 21.9%</b>
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		205200	AUD	171711	25.10.2001	
AUSTRIAN - RC		4106	EUR	6071	10.10.2001	
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		273088	GBP	658142	04.10.2001	
CANADIAN - RC		50000	CAD	54470	21.09.2001	
CHINA - RC		30'000	USD	48990	10.10.2001	PAKISTAN
CHINA, HONG-KONG - RC				42'004	22.10.2001	
CYPRUS - RC				15'446	15.10.2001	AFGHAN REFUGEES
DANISH - RC		7312500	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		300'000'000	JPY	406'950	11.10.2001	EARMARKED FOR 6 VEHICLES
JAPANESE - RC		352'000'000	JPY	477'488	11.10.2001	EARMARKED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES
JAPANESE - RC		282'000'000	JPY	382'533	11.10.2001	
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				50'000	26.10.2001	AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN
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	143'906	21.09.2001	PAKISTAN
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		11'700	NOK	2'170	23.10.2001	PAKISTAN
PRIVATE DONORS				14'281	23.10.2001	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		6'500'000	SEK	1'017'250	10.10.2001	
SWISS - GOVT				55'500	26.09.2001	
TUNISIAN - RC		5'000	USD	8'165	19.10.2001	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				6'257'570	CHF	15.5%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AUSTRIAN - RC		87210	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 RUBBHALLS, 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%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
TURKISH - RC					03.10.2001	5'000 BLANKETS, 2 PORTABLE KITCHENS, 2'500 PLASMA UNITS, BASH FOOD SUPPLIES
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES					10.10.2001	UNITS OF TENTS FOR 40'000 REFUGEES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	

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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)	
			150'000	15'000	15'000	15'000	5'000	100'000
<b>SHELTER/RELIEF</b>								
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 RC
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
				800				British RC
						800		British RC
			900					German RC
			1000					TBC /Pakistan stock
			200					Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	41'550		18150	1700	2500	1700	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
			1008					Swiss RC
			500					German RC
			3240					Netherlands RC
Outstanding	29'051		5251	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
<b>MEDICAL</b>								
New Emergency Health Kits	37	kit	20	0	3	3	8	3
			5					American RC
			2					Norwegian RC
			10					Netherlands RC
Outstanding	20		3	0	3	3	8	3
Medical Items		Lot						
			1					Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	0							
<b>WATSAN</b>								
Various wat-san equipment (See additional table for details)		Lot	1					Austrian RC
Outstanding	0							French RC
<b>FOOD</b>								
Hign Protein biscuit	40	ton						
			5					Spanish RC
Outstanding	35		35					
<b>TELECOM</b>								
Telecom Equipment		Lot						
Outstanding	0							
<b>LOGISTICS</b>								
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
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>								
Delegate kits	50	kit						Norwegian RC
Outstanding	0							
Administration kits	3	kit						
Outstanding	0							
<b>DONATION NOT IN THE APPEAL</b>								
Mobile phones		units	12		4			4
Jerseys								Bahrain RC
Outstanding								

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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)	
<b>WATSAN</b>							
Jerry Can, 20 litre, collapsible LDPE 55mm handscrew cap, built in handle	130'000	pce	50000	30000	20000	30000	
			50000				Norwegian RC
			3384				Spanish RC
			4000				TBC /Pakistan stock
			10200				Austrian RC
Outstanding	ERR		-17584	30000	20000	30000	
DelAgua Water Testing Kit, plus extra Consumables Test Kit	7	pce	2	2	1	2	
			1				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		1	2	1	2	
Bladder Tank, 5000 litre,with accessori	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
			4				Austrian RC
			4				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		32	30	10	30	
Bladder Tank, 10000 litre, with access	78	pce	30	20	8	20	
Outstanding	ERR		30	20	8	20	
Bladder Tank, 15000 litre, with access	70	pce	30	20	0	20	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		26	20	0	20	
Oxfam type Tank, 95000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		4	4	4	4	
<b>WATSAN</b>							
Oxfam type Tank, 70000 litre	20	pce	8	4	4	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		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	ERR		162	140	30	140	
Atalanta Pumps, diesel type, 2", 30m l	18	pce	8	4	2	4	
			4				French RC
Outstanding	ERR		4	4	2	4	
Water Purification Tablet, 1 tab=20litre	4'400'000	ea	2000000	1200000	0	1200000	
			990000				Austrian RC
Outstanding	ERR		1010000	1200000	0	1200000	
Water Purification Powder 100gm/pack =10,000 litre	4	MT	0	2	0	2	
Outstanding	ERR		0	2	0	2	
<b>WATSAN</b>							
Water Purification Tablet, 1 tab=1 litre	800'000	ea	0	0	800000	0	
Outstanding	ERR		0	0	800000	0	
SanPlat Latrine Mould Kit	15	kit	6	4	1	4	
Outstanding	ERR		6	4	1	4	
Squatting Plates	1'500	pce	1000	0	500	0	
			500				Austrian RC
Outstanding	ERR		500	0	500	0	
Back Pack Sprayers, 15 litre	90	pce	50	15	10	15	
Outstanding	ERR		50	15	10	15	
Chlorine	12	MT	5	2	3	2	
Outstanding	ERR		5	2	3	2	
Aluminium Sulphate	33	MT	15	5	8	5	
Outstanding	ERR		15	5	8	5	
Lime	12	MT	5	2	3	2	
Outstanding	ERR		5	2	3	2	
<b>DONATION NOT IN THE APPEAL</b>							
Soap, 250 gr		pce	10200				Austrian RC
Additional WATSAN equipment							French RC







