

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

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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

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"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 36.9 %

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: 25,436,086 CHF

In the last week, the Northern Alliance has consolidated its gains and pushed Taliban forces further back towards Kandahar, leaving pockets of resistance in isolated areas, mainly in Kunduz in the north. Lack of security remains a major concern, especially in rural areas, but the situation in Kabul and most of the other major cities is reported to be stable, if uncertain. The humanitarian situation has changed as dramatically as the military one with refugees returning from Iran and northern Pakistan and fleeing the fighting in the south of the country, often ending up in impromptu camps just inside the Afghan border. The situation in southern Afghanistan is further complicated by the effects of the long-running drought in the area.

Despite this rapidly changing and complex working environment, the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) has remained operational with many of its health clinics staying open throughout recent events.

The Federation and ICRC are adapting existing plans to provide support to the ARCS in its efforts to reach the most vulnerable

Operational Developments

- **Afghanistan** - the security situation in Kabul, and in the other major cities taken by the Northern Alliance, is relatively calm, although the Federation office in Mazar-i-Sharif has been looted. There continue to be no reports of large numbers of people fleeing the capital and ARCS staff in Kabul have resumed most of their health, and dissemination programmes. Most of the ARCS's vehicles in Kabul were stolen. The security situation in Kandahar and Kunduz remains unclear.
- **Pakistan** - refugees in the northern part of the country have started to return to Afghanistan, but the situation in Balochistan is the reverse with a day-by-day increase in the numbers of refugees crossing over from the fighting in southern Afghanistan. Significant gatherings of refugees in impromptu camps just inside the Afghan border are also reported in southern Afghanistan. No clashes between different factions or tribal groups in the two refugee camps of Killi Faizo and Roghami have yet been reported.
- In **Iran**, UNHCR reports that over 1,300 Afghans returned home in one day, the largest single-day return since late August. Most of the returnees were Tajik or Hazaras.
- The ARCS together with the Federation's **Afghanistan** delegation, are assessing current ARCS capacities and looking at appropriate responses to the developing situation. The likely movement of refugee/IDPs will be a key factor in the decision-making process, while in the south of the country the on-going effects of the two-year drought, already supported by a Federation relief programme, is also an important consideration.

Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w

- The ARCS Secretary General was in Geneva last week for the General Assembly and for a series of discussions on co-operation with the ICRC and the Federation. All parties understand the importance of a fully co-ordinated Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement approach, and to achieve this, the need for the ICRC and Federation to co-ordinate support being channeled to the ARCS.

Watsan w

- The Federation is working with Oxfam to provide latrine facilities in the Roghani refugee camp in **Pakistan**. Thirty-two latrines will be constructed in the first phase of this programme. The Federation has also agreed to assist in the trucking in and tanking of water for the camp.
- The Federation is looking at the possibilities of working with the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent Society (UAERC) in water and sanitation for the camp operated by UAERC in **Balochistan** province. The Federation is allocating 100 cubic metres water storage for the camp.

Relief and shelter w

- The authorities in **Iran** have confirmed that the Northern Alliance took over the area around the Makaki camp, 1.5km inside **Afghanistan**. The security situation in the camp in which there is a population of 6,000 IDPs is reported to be stable. The IRCS relocated its staff temporarily, but has now returned to the camp. It is understood that the 1,500-2,000 IDPs camping outside and seeking shelter there are being moved to the Mile 46 camp nearby. Both camps are supported by the Iranian Red Crescent.
- The **Turkmenistan** government has opened its borders to refugees. The Federation and the Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society have pre-positioned stocks at Mary, near the border, in anticipation of any population movements, and also in preparation for possible transport into Afghanistan as part of a co-ordinated Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement relief programme.
- **Afghanistan** - there is the possibility that the woman-headed families of Taliban fighters may react to the sudden retreat of the Taliban by relocating over the border in Pakistan. This situation is being monitored.

Health w

- Many people have left the major **Afghanistan** cities, not necessarily to seek sanctuary in a neighbouring country, but to stay with relatives in rural areas. This has and will put a strain on the food reserves of the host families and is an increasing concern as winter draws near.

- **Afghanistan.** At least 40 of the network of 48 ARCS clinics supported by the Federation have remained operational throughout recent events. Further clinics are also run by ARCS. The ARCS and the Federation are looking at the current capacities of this network to assess how they might best be used to support the most vulnerable during the immediate crisis, and in the longer term.
- Particular attention is being paid to the needs of the following groups, malnourished children under 5, lactating mothers, pregnant women and the elderly, with supplementary feeding programmes under consideration.
- Some of the ARCS clinics have been damaged and an initial priority will be to assess what form of assistance will be required to make them fully operational. Twenty-five emergency health kits are on standby to be flown to **Afghanistan** clinic for distribution to the clinics. Each kit contains sufficient equipment to allow the clinic to operate and support a population of 10,000 for three months. A further 450 kits, containing medical supplies for the clinics, are stockpiled in neighbouring countries, awaiting an easing in the security situation and an opening of relief routes to allow their delivery to the clinics.
- The Federation and Japanese Red Cross proposal to provide medical and technical support for the rehabilitation of the district Hospital near to the Chaman crossing point on the **Pakistan-Afghanistan** border is still under discussion and the Federation are awaiting developments in the security situation in the area before proceeding.

Logistics w

- A plane from the French Red Cross arrived in **Pakistan** carrying water and sanitation materials sufficient to supply 100,000 people per day.
- The Singapore Red Cross has pledged to support 600 families on the **Iranian-Afghanistan** border by providing each family with a relief kit containing a range of non-food items, including plastic sheeting, 4 blankets and jerry cans.
- The Federation is tendering in **Pakistan** for 25,000 stoves, and 25,000 lanterns for inclusion in family relief kits. These will be used, either with refugees and returnees, or as part of a co-ordinated Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement relief programme in Afghanistan.
- The British Red Cross-donated consignment of blankets, tents, plastic sheeting and kitchen sets has arrived in Tashkent, **Uzbekistan**. A consignment of tarpaulins and tents has also reached the Federation warehouse in Mary, **Turkmenistan**, near the Afghanistan border. A further consignment of 4,500 plastic sheets should arrive there next week. A decision on the utilisation of the Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan stockpiles will be made shortly.
- The UN has started to use the Termez river port in **Uzbekistan** to send barges over the 18km stretch of water to the Afghan port of Hairaton, so opening up a new humanitarian corridor. The ICRC and the Federation are continuing discussions with the relevant Uzbek authorities to utilise this corridor
- 5,000 kitchen sets, donated by the American Red Cross, are now being trucked from Karachi to the Federation warehouse in Peshawar, **Pakistan**.

National Society Capacity Building w

- The three Red Crescent societies in **Turkmenistan, Tajikistan** and **Uzbekistan** all have fully-functioning task force meetings and responding to the crisis on the daily basis. They are all represented on the Emergency Commissions set up by the governments in each country.
- The Federation Senior Relief Officer will be visiting **Central Asia** next week to discuss regional disaster relief training for the five Red Crescent societies in the area.
- The **Turkmenistan** Red Crescent Population Movement Officer went together with the UNHCR on a fact finding mission to the Afghan border area.

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			16.11.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		TOTAL COVERAGE 36.9%
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		3'000'000	USD	4'872'000	29.10.2001	
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		205'200	AUD	171'711	25.10.2001	
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
CHINA, HONG-KONG - RC				42'004	22.10.2001	
CYPRUS- RC				15'446	15.10.2001	AFGHAN REFUGEES
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	
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		22'285	DEM	16'854	02.11.2001	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT & CONTROL
INDONESIAN - GOVT		20'000	USD	32'480	30.10.2001	
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	
JAPANESE - RC		50'000	JPY	671	04.10.2001	
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
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		11'700	NOK	2'170	31.10.2001	IRAN
PRIVATE DONORS				29'887	23.10.2001	
SINGAPORE - RC				197'136	14.11.2001	FAMILY PACK FOR 600 FAMILIES
SPANISH - RC		30'051	EUR	44'451	29.10.2001	IFRC-ARC CLINICS, RELIEF & SHELTER WATER & SANITATION
SPANISH - RC		10'406	EUR	15'392	29.10.2001	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT & CONTROL
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				11'454'330	CHF	28.4%

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
			3990						British RC
						600			British RC
Outstanding	-3'790		-2490	-2000	2500	1900	-3700	0	16700
									Ex Iranian RC stock
Blankets	298'300	pce	150000	15000	15000	15000	3300	100000	
			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
			1475						Spanish RC
Outstanding	146'891		71291	12000	15000	12000	3300	33300	66700
									Ex Iranian RC stock
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
			249						Bahrain RCS
			1500						American RC
			130						Spanish RC
					200				Finnish RC
Outstanding	39'671		16471	1700	2300	1700	800	16700	16700
									Ex Iranian RC stock
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
			2494						Netherlands RC
			1000						Spanish RC
Outstanding	12'097		4997	1900	2500	1900	800	0	16700
									Ex Iranian RC stock
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
			10						Netherlands RC
Outstanding	20		3	0	3	3	8	3	
Medical Items		Lot							
Outstanding	0		2						Bahrain RCS
WATSAN									
Various wat-san equipment (See additional table for details)		Lot	1						Austrian RC
									French RC
									Spanish RC
Outstanding	0								
FOOD									
Hign Protein biscuit	40	ton							
Outstanding	35		5						Spanish RC
TELECOM									
Telecom Equipment		Lot							
Outstanding	0								
LOGISTICS									
Rubb Halls	10	units	6	1	1	1		1	
			3						Norwegian RC
			2						Spanish RC
								3	Norwegian RC
Outstanding	2		1	1	1	1	0	-2	
Vehicles 4X4	40	units	20	5	5	5		5	
			1						Spanish RC
			6						Japanese RC
			1						Spanish RC
Outstanding	32		12	5	5	5	0	5	
OTHER ITEMS									
Delegate kits	50	kit							
Outstanding	0								Norwegian RC
Administration kits	3	kit							
Outstanding	0								
DONATION NOT IN THE APPEAL									
Mobile phones		units	12		4			4	Ericsson Co.
Jerseys		pce	4956						Bahrain 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	130'000	pce	50000	30000	20000	30000	
55mm handscrew cap, built in handle			50000				Norwegian RC
			3384				Spanish RC
			4000				TBC /Pakistan stock
			10200				Austrian RC
			3384				Spanish RC
Outstanding	59'032		-20968	30000	20000	30000	
Del'Agua Water Testing Kit, plus extra	7	pce	2	2	1	2	
Consumables Test Kit			1				French RC
Outstanding	6		1	2	1	2	
Bladder Tank, 5000 litre,	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
with accessories			4				Austrian RC
			4				French RC
Outstanding	102		32	30	10	30	
Bladder Tank, 10000 litre,	78	pce	30	20	8	20	
with accessories			14				Spanish RC
Outstanding	64		16	20	8	20	
WATSAN							
Bladder Tank, 15000 litre,	70	pce	30	20	0	20	
with accessories			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	
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	510	pce	200	140	30	140	
Red Cross standard for bladder tank			8				Austrian RC
			30				French RC
			16				Spanish RC
Outstanding	456		146	140	30	140	
Atalanta Pumps, diesel type, 2", 30m l	18	pce	8	4	2	4	
			4				French RC
Motorpump, Honda			5				Spanish RC
Outstanding	9		-1	4	2	4	
WATSAN							
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	4	MT	0	2	0	2	
100gm/pack =10,000 litre							
Outstanding	4		0	2	0	2	
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	
WATSAN							
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				Austran RC
Water tanks		pce	49				Bahrain RC
Additional WATSAN equipment							French RC
Additional WATSAN equipment		plt	1				Spanish RC