

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

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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

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“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 45.9%

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: 21,805,643 CHF

Summary/Update: The nature of the humanitarian crisis continues to change as the Northern Alliance pushes the Taliban further back towards its stronghold of Kandahar. In the space of two weeks, the possibility of substantial refugee movements into Central Asia and Iran has passed and attention is now focused on the southern Afghanistan border with Pakistan. Supply corridors into Afghanistan are opening up and relief supplies are starting to get through. However, the military situation remains volatile and the lack of security, particularly in rural areas, but also on the main supply routes, and in some parts of the main cities, makes assessment of needs in this changing environment very difficult

Operational Developments:

- The ability to undertake relief operations in **Afghanistan** and access and assess those most affected by the conflict, and the continuing drought, is severely restricted by the lack of **security** on the ground. The recent killing of a number of journalists and the robbery of the drivers of an aid convoy at the weekend, events at the Mazar-i-Sharif fort, all highlight the dangers of operating in Afghanistan at present. While the cities recently captured by the Northern Alliance are generally calm, rural areas and the all-important supply-corridors into the country remain insecure. Access to Kandahar is completely off-limits at present.
- Federation delegates are now in **Afghanistan** working alongside ICRC colleagues, but in limited numbers at present and with restricted movement due to the necessary security considerations.

- On 20 November, the Federation and the ICRC issued a joint statement on the Movement's response to the humanitarian needs of **Afghanistan**. Emphasizing the co-operation in place already, it also draws attention to the likely roles and responsibilities of the respective partners in the humanitarian situation now unfolding in Afghanistan. The ICRC is the lead agency for the relief operation in Afghanistan, while the Federation, having the lead role in development co-operation and natural disaster response, will be responsible for:
 - the organizational support and development of ARCS human resources.
 - continued support for the ARCS health clinics programme, including eventual supplementary feeding
 - continuation of the Federation drought operation in southern Afghanistan in close co-ordination with the ICRC.
 - support to Red Crescent societies in neighbouring countries in their assistance programmes which provide vital support to the most vulnerable among the Afghan refugee population, as well as support to refugees preparing to return home.
 - on-going support to the Red Crescent Societies in their efforts to strengthen their ability to respond to this and future emergencies.
 - Both agencies will launch and manage their appeals separately, but they will be coordinated and adapted within the framework of an overall needs assessment.
- The Federation is preparing a new revised appeal to respond to the changed situation in **Afghanistan** and its neighbouring countries. Where possible, assessments on the ground will begin this week and discussions within the Movement and with external partners, such as the UN agencies, are on-going. The appeal will establish the framework for operating in Afghanistan over the next six month period, but the assessments will be required to establish more detailed plans of action.
- **Pakistan-Afghanistan border** - the estimated number of displaced people reported to be on the Afghanistan side of the border near the town of Chaman in Balochistan, has now been revised downwards to 60,000, which is significantly lower than first thought. But the situation remains fluid and though a sudden influx of people into these camps now appears less likely, the numbers in these camps, both in Spin Boldak, are increasing with each day as people continue to flee the bombings in the Kandahar region, as well as the effects of drought and food shortages.

Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w

- The Federation and Pakistan Red Crescent are beginning an assessment of the needs of the most vulnerable within the Afghan refugee population inside **Pakistan** to ensure their survival through the winter and assistance in their preparations to return home. Similar assessments are planned in Iran.
- A Federation and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) team visited the refugee camps on the Chaman side of the **Pakistan** border late last week. Some refugees were identified as Kutchis, nomads from the central highlands of Afghanistan who traditionally migrate south for the winter. Their numbers are uncertain, which makes it difficult to accurately calculate the number of refugees displaced because of the conflict and/or the drought. The general trend though marks a steady increase in the number of refugees crossing the border.
- A Federation engineer conducted an assessment of a proposed new camp in Pechuk in a remote area south-west of **Quetta** where there had been reports of Afghan refugees massing. Only 10-20 new refugee families were found, but reports still indicate a sizeable number on their way there.
- **Afghan Red Crescent** is working alongside the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the north-eastern city of Faizabad. IOM is helping 2,000 IDP families in the city area prepare for their return home once the security situation improves. The families are currently living in two camps in the city run by ARCS.

Health w

- The **PRCS** operate two Basic Health Units (BSU) from Quetta. These units, originally established with the support of the German and Chinese Red Cross's administer free medical service, in particular vaccinations of children, paediatric care, and pre and postnatal care. The Federation will now help the PRCS establish a third BSU in the area to serve the Afghan refugees around Chaman as well as the local population.

Water-sanitation w

- The Federation is now setting up latrines in the Balochistan (**Pakistan**) refugee camps, Roghani I and II, in co-operation with Oxfam, Caritas and MSF. Work is progressing rapidly with 20 already built and a further 20 under construction. The camps currently serve 6,000 people.
- Working again with Oxfam and MSF, the Federation has begun trucking water to Roghani II. Starting on Saturday 24th, 30,000 litres of chlorinated water was trucked into the camp, enough to supply about 1500 people. The water is tanked from a borehole in Chaman town 15 km away from the camp.

Relief and shelter w

- The **Iranian Red Crescent** (IRCS) camp in Makaki is now home to approximately 1,000 families with a total estimated population of 5,265. The group of 2,000 people reported to be waiting outside the camp have now mainly been relocated to Mile 46 camp leaving only about 100 families behind who have primarily come from the local area. The camp is connected to a water pipeline from the Iranian side of the border and all the IDPs in the camp, though not those outside, are now set up with tents, blankets, ground sheets and stoves.
- The second IRCS camp in Mile 46 is in a better location due mainly to the harder soil conditions. When the first winter rains arrive there are concerns that the Makaki camp will become very muddy while this is less likely to be the case at Mile 46. This camp now houses about 890 families totaling about 4,700 people. In recent days, about ten families per day have been arriving at the camp, in addition to the families transferred from Makaki last week. In both camps, the IRCS provides flour to a local bakery which produces the bread for distribution to both camps on a daily basis. A food ration is distributed on a weekly basis and other relief items, such as the Turkish Red Crescent donated relief items, are distributed according to needs.
- The **Iranian Red Crescent** has now also sent its second convoy of relief supplies in a month, to Herat. Eleven IRCS trucks, and four from UNHCR have delivered the supplies which will be distributed to some of the 300,000 internally displaced persons living in six camps around the city. The supplies included 2,000 family size plastic sheetings and 10,000 blankets.
- In **Central Asia**, the national societies working in collaboration with the Federation have been preparing for significant population movements while also continuing to run existing programmes. For example, the Tajikistan Red Crescent has been running a drought relief programme.
- A correction from Update no 13 - the **Turkmenistan** government has opened its borders to aid into Afghanistan, but the borders are currently officially closed to refugees.

Logistics w

- The ICRC and the Federation have begun discussions on the co-ordination of logistics activities during the next stage of the emergency operation.

Outstanding needs

See the List of Contributions and the Mobilization Table for the Humanitarian Crisis appeal in order to verify 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			27.11.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'280'340		TOTAL COVERAGE 45.9%
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		5'000'000	USD	8'172'000	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	
BRITISH - RC		175'843	USD	293'306	07.11.2001	UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN
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				67'024	30.11.2001	
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				15'084'773	CHF	37.4%

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 (TK)	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
							600		Singapore RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock
Outstanding	-3790		-2490	-2000	2500	1900	-3700	0	
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
							2400		Singapore RC
							64300		Ex Iranian RC stock
Outstanding	146'891		71291	12000	15000	12000	3300	33300	
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
							600		Singapore RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock
Outstanding	39'671		16471	1700	2300	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
			2494						Netherlands RC
			1000						Spanish RC
							600		Spanish RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock
Outstanding	12'097		4997	1900	2500	1900	800	0	
Stoves	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
								600	Singapore RC
			4000						British RC
				800					British RC
						800			British RC
Outstanding	43'800		21000	1700	2500	1700	800	16100	
Lamps	50'000	pce	25000	2500	2500	2500	800	16700	
								600	Singapore RC
			4000						British RC
				800					British RC
						800			British RC
Outstanding	43'800		21000	1700	2500	1700	800	16100	
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							
			2						Bahrain RCS
Outstanding	0								
WATSAN									
Various wat-san equipment (See additional table for details)		Lot	1						Austrian RC
			1						French RC
			1						Spanish RC
Jerry cans		pce						1200	Singapore RC
Outstanding	0								
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
			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							
									Norwegian RC
Outstanding	0								
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									

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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)	
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	
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 accessories	110	pce	40	30	10	30	
			4				Austrian RC
			4				French RC
Outstanding	102		32	30	10	30	
Bladder Tank, 10000 litre, with accessories	78	pce	30	20	8	20	
			14				Spanish RC
Outstanding	64		16	20	8	20	
WATSAN							
Bladder Tank, 15000 litre, with accessories	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	
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
			16				Spanish RC
Outstanding	456		146	140	30	140	
Atalanta Pumps, diesel type, 2", 30m	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 100gm/pack =10,000 litre	4	MT	0	2	0	2	
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				Austrian RC
Water tanks		pce	50				Bahrain RC
Additional WATSAN equipment							French RC
Additional WATSAN equipment		plt	1				Spanish RC