

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: 46.6%

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 21,432,736

Summary: While international attention focuses on the search for Osama bin Laden and the formation of an interim government, the humanitarian needs are gradually becoming clearer. Security, access and weather constraints hinder proper assessment, but with each passing day, the International Federation is building up its operational capacity in Afghanistan, working within a framework that will be outlined in this week's Revised Appeal. This crisis still retains a regional dimension, and the Appeal will reflect support to be given to refugees in Pakistan and Iran, as well as on-going support to the disaster preparedness and response programmes of National Societies in the region

Operational Developments:

- **Access and security** - Many rural areas in **Afghanistan** are still inaccessible due to the unstable security situation and damaged infrastructure. Access to the central highlands will be further restricted by the onset of winter. This lack of access and communication is hampering the Federation's ability to carry out meaningful assessments of the needs of communities and concentrations of IDPs, and is further complicated by the volatility of the situation.
- The Afghanistan local currency has dramatically gained in value in the past few weeks, with a subsequent impact on local prices.

Red Cross and Red Crescent coordination and action w

- The **Federation's Revised Appeal** will be issued this week and will reflect the changed environment in which the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is now working. The total requested will, as a result, be

significantly lower than the original forecast, but the intention will be to reinforce existing ARCS programmes while also allowing the Federation, working closely with the ICRC, to meet the immediate humanitarian needs arising from the crisis and the drought in Afghanistan. In addition, the Federation's role and mandate in the regional context remains unchanged.

- Despite the security and access constraints, planning on the consolidation and strengthening of the **Afghanistan Red Crescent's** (ARCS) health programmes, together with the resumption of the drought relief programme and overall organisational support to the National Society is on-going, and a framework for this support will be presented in the forthcoming Revised Appeal. The Federation has already begun carrying out assessments, within its mandate, to identify further needs.
- As already recognised, ARCS staff and volunteers have been working throughout the last three months, and continue to do so. The most important activity is the primary health service provided through the network of the 48 Federation-supported ARCS health clinics. ARCS volunteers and staff are also involved in search and rescue operations in areas still affected by the conflict and its after-effects. A new acting leadership in ARCS has been appointed.
- A Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement co-ordination meeting took place in **Geneva** this week involving the ICRC, Federation and a number of National Societies supporting the Movement in Afghanistan.
- The re-deployment of staff throughout the region continues, in response to the changing dynamic of the crisis. The Central Asian operation has been scaled down, while the Iranian and Pakistan support operations are in the process of being strengthened. The Federation operation in Afghanistan is gradually being scaled up as security and access opens up more areas of the country.

Health w

- Out of the 48 Federation-supported **Afghanistan Red Crescent** health clinics across the country, information is currently available on the status of 37 of them. The clinic in Bamiyan is reported to be completely destroyed, and three (in Ghor, Takhar and Kunduz) were looted during the fighting. These figures could prove to be higher. The actual capacity of this network of 48 clinics in total can be estimated to have been reduced from an average of 80,000 patients per month to about 50,000 per month. Two of the looted clinics have already been re-equipped with support from the ICRC. By renting an alternative location and replenishing stocks, the destroyed clinic in Bamiyan should be operational this week.
- Plans are being made to expand the ability to assist women and children by adding or upgrading the full Maternal Child Health (MCH) component in all Federation-supported ARCS clinics. This process has already started with two clinics in Kabul region and all other clinics with which it is possible to communicate have been asked to look into the needs for MCH expansion and to get staff proposals.
- Mobile ARCS health teams, with the support of the Federation, have carried out four-day assessments of health needs in the provinces of Kapisa and Prawan, reporting fair conditions and health services running with minor problems.
- The Federation Health Co-ordinator will go to Herat this week to assess the situation and increase the Federation's activities there. In particular there is a need to carry out assessments to the east and south of Herat, in the drought affected area.
- During November, the 21 clinics that were able to submit their records, treated 27,009 patients. The total number of reported patients treated so far in 2001 has reached 632,724. There was a noticeable increase in November of patients with acute respiratory tract infections. There was also a decrease in diarrhoeal diseases, following the known seasonal trends.
- Food insecurity and health threats in **Afghanistan** are expected to increase even further during the coming winter months, particularly in rural areas which during the past three months of conflict have been or are suffering a gap in the delivery of essential services. In most parts of the country this is further compounded by the effects of the third consecutive year of drought.
- In **Pakistan**, the already established PRCS/Federation Basic Health Care Units continue to provide services to local and refugee populations in Quetta and Noshki. Similarly, four PRCS Mobile Health Units are providing support to 40-50 villages around Quetta, Mastung, Noshki and Quila Safullah.
- The Japanese Red Cross team are now in place in Chaman supporting the upgrading of the general hospital.

Water-sanitation w

- The Federation intends to resume its water and sanitation programme, in the context of the drought operation in south and west **Afghanistan**, and if appropriate will increase previously set targets, operate in additional areas, and respond to potential water and sanitation needs arising from current and new population movements. All activities in this, and other fields, are conducted in full co-ordination with ICRC.

Relief and shelter w

- Under current circumstances, the Federation is preparing to respond to recent, and any future, population displacements. Any response will be carried out in line with the previously agreed framework with the ICRC in **Afghanistan**. Needs will have to be assessed as soon as security allows and a clearer picture can be established, particularly in the southern provinces where the Federation previously carried out its drought response programme.
- To act immediately, the Federation and ARCS have, amongst other items, approximately 50,000 blankets, 1,700 tents, 16,000 jerry cans and 6,500 cooking pots (of 2 pieces each) pre-positioned in all regions under the on-going Disaster Preparedness Programme. In view of recent developments though, the Federation may have to draw on immediate additional relief supplies now pre-positioned in the region. Pre positioned stocks may also be allocated to the ICRC.

Logistics w

- A British Red Cross Logistics ERU has been deployed to **Afghanistan** by the Movement and will initially be operating from Bagram airport. The **Iranian Red Crescent** Society have brought in approximately 175 MT of wheat flour and other relief items in five cargo flights to Kabul. The **United Arab Emirates Red Crescent** Society have brought in ten flights with food, blankets, and medication. Of the 450 medical kits in Copenhagen, 150 will be routed to Kabul, 50 to Herat and 50 to Mazar-i-Sharif, the remainder will be kept in reserve.

National Society Capacity Building

- During the past three months, ARCS capacities have been reduced because of looting, destruction and loss of personnel. The Federation will assist ARCS in replacing lost capacity, and in retraining and strengthening its management structures, at branch and headquarters levels.

Outstanding needs

See the List of Contributions and the Mobilisation 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			17.12.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				40'442'000		TOTAL COVERAGE 46.6%
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	
CANADIAN - RC		50'000	CAD	54'470	21.09.2001	
CANADIAN - GOVT		396'000	CAD	415'166	19.11.2001	
CHINA - RC		30'000	USD	48'990	10.10.2001	PAKISTAN
CHINA, HONG-KONG - RC				42'004	22.10.2001	
CHINA, HONG-KONG - RC		350'150	HKD	74'879	26.11.2001	
CYPRUS - RC				15'446	15.10.2001	AFGHAN REFUGEES
DANISH - GOVT		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	
FINNISH - RC				38'100	01.10.2001	INFORMATION DELEGATE
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		22'285	DEM	16'854	02.11.2001	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT & CONTROL
HUNGARIAN - GOVT				29'236	13.11.2001	
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	
MALAYSIA - PRIVATES		575	MYR	252	03.12.2001	
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				93'302	30.11.2001	
PRIVATE DONORS				75	04.12.2001	IRAN
SINGAPORE - GOVT/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				15'375'453	CHF	38.0%

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		608'984	GBP	1'448'339	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
FINNISH - RC				65'800	01.10.2001	DELEGATE
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		625'750	DEM	473'255	02.11.2001	10'000 BLANKETS, 500 KITCHEN SETS, 900 FAMILY TENTS, 900 TARPULINS FOR TENTS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
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
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		375'600	NOK	69'663	31.10.2001	4 RUBBHALLS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE FOR IRAN
SPANISH - RC		304'337	EUR	450'175	02.10.2001	3'384 JERRY CANS, 250 FAMILY TENTS, 1'001 KITECHN SETS, 4'500 TARPULIN , 10'008 BP5 COMPACT FOOD, 1 TOYOT LANDCRUISER
SPANISH - RC		5'031	EUR	7'441	27.10.2001	WAT/SAN DELEGATE
SWISS - GOVT				129'245	26.09.2001	6'000 BLANKETS, 1'200 KITCHEN SETS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
AMERICAN - RC	DELEGATE(S)			15'000	29.11.2001	
AUSTRALIAN - RC	DELEGATE			15'000		
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			6'242		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			5'585		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE(S)			16'427		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			6'078		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				3'472'151	CHF	8.6%

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
								600	Singapore RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock. To be replenished through cash
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
			2089						Yemen RC
								64300	Ex Iranian RC stock. To be replenished through cash
Outstanding	144'802		69202	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
			100						Yemen RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock. To be replenished through cash
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	Singapore RC
			200						Yemen RC
								16100	Ex Iranian RC stock. To be replenished through cash
Outstanding	11'997		4797	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
			1						Yemen RC
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
Outstanding	2		1	1	1	1	0	-2	Norwegian RC
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
Clothing		kg	40						Yemen RC
Health unit		unit	1						Japanese 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	
DelAqua 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	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	18	pce	8	4	2	4	
			1				French RC
Motorpump, Honda			5				Spanish RC
Outstanding	12		2	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