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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 32/01

Preliminary Appeal no. 32/01 was launched on 21 September 2001 for CHF 8,765,000 for two months. Responding to the evolving situation, revision no. 1 was issued on 3 October 2002, with the budget increased to CHF 40,280,340 for six months. Revision no. 2 issued on 19 December 2001, with a total revised budget of CHF 28,748,124 for a total of 12 months. This appeal was originally intended to end in March 2002. With this current extension the end-date is now 30 September 2002. The latest revision remains multi-country in nature, covering activities in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Central Asia.

DREF Allocated: 600,000

Beneficiaries: 300,000

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"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 76.5%

Related Appeals: 01.52/2002 (Central Asia Region 2002 Annual Appeal); 01.25.2002 (Afghanistan 2002 Annual Appeal); 01.28/2002 (Pakistan 2002 Annual Appeal); 01.24/2002 (South Asia Region 2002 Annual Appeal).

Outstanding needs: CHF 6,539,287 (USD 3,908,920 or EUR 4,449,145)

Operational Developments:

In general, the political security situation in *Afghanistan* is steadily improving. Setbacks occur and assaults and robberies seem to be on an increase, but more and more areas are becoming accessible. Most importantly security has recently improved on the roads between Kabul-Jalalabad and Herat-Kandahar. Nevertheless, security still remains the biggest constraint on the resumption of full-scale operations, particularly in the southern provinces.

In Afghanistan's central highlands heavy snowfall is currently restricting access. However this, and the rain in other areas, if it continues, will go some way to improving the drought conditions of the past several years. The gradual increase in the number of more permanent delegates is already beginning to have a positive effect on operations in Afghanistan. However there are still some urgent and crucial positions to be filled, including Head of Delegation, telecom and reporting delegates.

The last three weeks have been characterised by dynamic cross-border movements. More refugees continued to arrive daily at the Chaman border in *Pakistan*. The newly-arrived refugees were pre-registered at Killy Faiso staging camp, where they were documented and designated to specific sites. The population of the new camps in Balochistan is estimated at 145,812. Table below details the number of refugees across these camps to date.

District	Camp name	Number of Refugee Families	Number of Refugee Individuals
<i>Chaman</i>	Killi Faizo	753	3'499
	Landi Karez	2'771	13'792
	Roghani	3'753	17'620
	Dara I	2'633	12'755
	Dara II	2'518	11'831
	UAE Red Crescent	2'417	10'292
<i>Mustung</i>	Lejay Karez	987	5'687
	Latif Abad	1'458	7'099
<i>Chagai</i>	Mohammad Kheil 1	7'364	40'924
	Mohammad Kheil 2	3'902	22'313
Total		28'556	145'812

As of 27 February, the Government of Pakistan closed its border with Afghanistan, and therefore no new refugees have been registered by UNHCR at the camps. With well over two million Afghan refugees already in the country, many of whom have been here for up to 20 years, the Government states that it does not have the resources to support any more. According to UNHCR, some 1,500 families of approximately 7,500 individuals are estimated to be in the waiting area.

Meanwhile, preparations are well underway for the safe repatriation of Afghans refugees to their homeland initiated by the United Nations in co-operation with the government of Pakistan. A four-steps plan prepared by the UN envisages repatriation of 400,000 refugees after spring. The UNHCR is considering the establishment of a transit repatriation camp in Takhtabag near Landi-Kotal, which is on the way to the Khyber pass. However, there are expectations that the process will take much more time than initially expected. Hence, the problems of refugees may remain a challenging issue as conditions in Afghanistan remain unstable and many refugees are reluctant to take their families back.

The reallocation of more than 80,000 inhabitants, from the refugee camp near Peshawar known as Jalozi, to respective tribal areas has now finished. The refugees were mainly moved to the camps in Kurram, Bajaur and Kyber Agencies. Approximately 2,000 families were sheltered in *Old Baghzai* camp; another 2,000 were accommodated in *Ashgaro* camp, while 120 families were transferred to *Bazu* camps. Around 3,500 families were moved to *Koktai* camp, in Bajaur agency. The latter camp is already over-crowded and therefore, UNHCR has opened another camp near Barkley where a group of 180 refugees families has been allocated. In Kyber Agency, the refugees were reallocated among the two existing camps, 2,200 families were moved to *Shalman 1* camp, while another 725 families were accommodated in the newly established camp *Shalman 2*. The transportation of these refugees was arranged by UNHCR and CAR.

The overall situation in Pakistan remains transient. In Quetta, Balouchistan province, the authorities still do not allow field trips for expatriates on Fridays. Movement inside the city is also restricted on this day of the week. Following an incident of burglary in Chaman, when a group of armed people broke into MCI office, additional security measures have been put in place by the Delegation to ensure safety of its staff. Until further notice, delegates do not stay overnight in Chaman.

Red Cross Red Crescent action w

Afghanistan

Changes in the senior management at headquarters and branch level continue, and has now trickle down at the operational level, with many changes of the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) clinic staff. The new President/Secretary General is now in position.

Pakistan

In the view of continued stream of new refugees into Pakistan, the Federation together with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has focused their efforts on providing immediate response to the needs of these new refugees through supporting them with basic relief items in close co-ordination with UNHCR and Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CAR). Distribution of non-food items to the refugees relocated from the Jalozi camp in NWFP also progressed satisfactorily. Food needs have been met by the UN. Ongoing efforts have been made by the Federation to assist the National Society in running health, water and sanitation programmes, which improve the health services, the hygiene quality and health/education provided to both the refugees and the local population.

Central Asia

Preparations are well underway for practical training on needs assessment, response, advocacy and awareness for Red Crescent volunteers and local government authorities in Turkmenistan. The training will be carried out with financial support of the American and British Red Cross Societies. A database with names and contact details of all trained volunteers (including search and rescue team members) is in place. The Federation is assisting the National Society to establish a new Red Crescent offices in Turkmenistan, with a special focus on the areas bordering Afghanistan.

In Uzbekistan, 60 volunteers of the National Society participated in a training course on camp management organised by UNHCR. Various advocacy and awareness raising activities aimed at preventing increased discrimination and intolerance to existing refugees in the region have been designed by the National Society of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan with technical support of Federation.

Within the Population Movement programme supported by the British Red Cross, the National Society in Kyrgyzstan, has launched a monthly magazine in Dari, Pashtu (Afghan languages) and Russian. The magazine will focus on refugee related issues highlighting the plight of the Afghan refugee women and children.

Permission is awaited from the Government of Uzbekistan to shift the remaining relief stock to Afghanistan within the humanitarian crisis operation. Work has commenced to replenish the disaster preparedness stock in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Health w***Afghanistan******Health Clinics***

Health activities continued in the 48 ARCS clinics in all five regions of Afghanistan. Presently 21 of the 48 clinics have Mother and Child Health (MCH) activities. The major challenge to increasing this number is still the lack of female health staff, particularly in rural areas. There is also concern that some health staff are being lost to other agencies who are offering higher salaries or incentives. Health data collected from the clinics show that the major cause of morbidity, particularly among children, continues to be respiratory tract infections. This is as expected in the winter months. Data collected in January from regions show that¹:

- 66,887 patients received consultation and treatment
- 12,907 people received individual health education
- 35,029 people received group health education
- 17,853 children received at least one vaccination
- 7,709 women received tetanus vaccination
- 2,083 children attended for growth monitoring
- 1,311 women attended for family planning

¹ Reports for February have not yet been received, as they are normally compiled just after the end of the month.

Eight ARCS female doctors participated in a refresher course on AFP surveillance, as part of the polio eradication programme, conducted by WHO and Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on 12 February in Kabul.

Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs)

The current TBA activities continued as normal. Based on the reports received for the month of January, TBAs made a total of 2,004 ante-natal and postnatal home visits and assisted in the delivery of 539 mothers, referring 84 women with complications of delivery. There were seven neonatal deaths and no reported maternal deaths. Training and refresher courses for TBAs is still on hold due to problems of security and access.

Mobile Health Teams

Four of the mobile teams, working in the south of the country are now in Kandahar, attending the health emergency mobile unit (EMU) training workshop on disaster preparedness and response. The fifth team is also attending a similar workshop in Herat. Some of the staff of Pulikhumry mobile team are also being trained, along with newly recruited staff, in Mazar, to form a health EMU for Mazar Region.

Community Based First Aid and Youth

A total of 112 volunteers, covering 110 villages, in five districts of Kabul, and Jalalabad regions, have been trained since 1 February this year. This brings the countrywide network of ARCS CBFA trained volunteers to 9,823. Follow-up meetings by trainers were held with 67 volunteer groups, and 135 volunteers district and team leaders in three regions. Activities of the volunteers included the provision of first aid, referral to health facilities, and advise and dissemination on basic health and hygiene issues to groups and to individuals. Due to the winter, schools are closed until 22 March, therefore, there has been no training of youth volunteers. However, 38 female teacher volunteers who have been recruited, have graduated from First Aid courses in Kabul during the reporting period, and after the examination they received ID cards, certificates and FA kits.

Pakistan

The already established PRCS and Federation Basic Health Units (BHUs) have continued to provide services to local and refugee population. Similarly, the existing Mobile Health Units (MHUs) have been providing support to 40-50 villages around Quetta, Mastung, Noshki and Quilla Safullah.

In NWFP, the work has been progressing satisfactorily on the establishment of a new BHU in Torkham. Rehabilitation works are well underway and will be completed shortly. Relevant staff for BHU and MHU has been identified. The Federation is providing technical support for the development of the BHU/MHU for refugee camp at Muhammad Kheil, in Balochistan province.

Focus now will be directed towards recruiting health personnel and to develop a detailed action plan for implementation of new BHU/MHUs. Further efforts will be made to finish opening of Chaman BHU, to upgrade Quetta BHU and establish second Quetta MHU team. Both the existing and new BHU and MHUs will be supplied with a new emergency health kits. Each of these kits are designed for a target population of 10,000 people for three months.

Water-sanitation w

Afghanistan

In Kandahar town bore hole drilling continued with three more bore holes sunk and hand pumps installed within the reporting period, bringing the total to five wells since activities resumed. A survey in Kandahar town continued, identifying a total of 10 drilling sites, which represents 50% of the target. Further sites will be identified following co-ordination with HABITAT and ICRC, who also have ongoing activities in this field.

Led by ICRC, the water and sanitation team also assisted in a more comprehensive survey of the water supplies in Kandahar town. A total of 103 hand pumps were inspected and 29 found out of order. The survey also revealed that the ground water level dropped all over town during the last four years, in the northern part by an average of six metres and in the south by approximately seven metres.

The water and sanitation team, in co-operation with the health department, has finalised preparations for a survey on the need for reconstruction of water and sanitation facilities in clinics. Findings have to be consolidated and will be published in the next report. Recruitment of a water and sanitation engineer for Herat was initiated, but no suitable candidate could be identified. The recruitment of an ARCS engineer for Herat region and a senior Federation water and sanitation engineer is under negotiation. The project still has around 50 hand pumps in stock, with piping materials down to 60 m depth. 150 more hand pumps have been ordered, but delivery to the location is still pending. A bacteriological water test kit arrived to facilitate the control of potable water.

The preparations for a workshop for trainers of the CBFA programme in proper hygiene practices continue in co-operation with ARCS Regional Supervisors from Kandahar and Herat, with emphasis on involving women to take part in a household survey to be conducted in March. Final discussions are pending in regards to preparing a stock of basic water treatment facilities and chemicals in Kabul, i.e., pumps and piping, treatment and water storage facilities, tap stands and the necessary aluminium sulphate and chlorine as part of an emergency backup.

In **Pakistan** the Federation's efforts continued to be keyed on providing potable water to the Afghan refugees settled in the two camps of *Landi Karez* and *Mohammad Kheil* in Balochistan province.

For *Landi Karez* camp, permission has been obtained from the local community of the nearby village (owner of the land) to re-operate the old existing borehole. The Federation has started cleaning the well. Over the coming two weeks, efforts will be made to equip it, namely a water pump and pipes will be installed which will connect the tube-well with the water distribution network. Once re-opened the well will provide 270 to 500 litres of water per minute thus meeting the need of the entire camp population (13,792 people). In the meantime the Federation will continue trucking in chlorinated water from the nearby Chaman town and bring approximately 15 litres per person per day to beneficiaries through the camp's tanking capacities (20 bladder tanks, in total: two bladder of 5,000 litres each, four bladder tanks of 15,000 litres and 14 bladder tanks of 10,000 litres) installed and maintained by the Federation.

The proper sanitation in the *Landi Karez* camp has been ensured by construction of latrines. The Federation has been able to install a total of 160 latrines for 7,000 people (50% of the camp population) including culturally acceptable latrines for the female population. The plan of action envisages installation of another 500 community latrines (one latrine will be shared by three families). The actual construction works will be carried out by refugees themselves under supervision of Federation engineers. Involvement of the beneficiary population in the construction works will ensure careful workmanship, a feeling of participation amongst beneficiaries and a generally well-received change of routine for those unable to find work. The community participation also will contribute to development of sense of ownership among the beneficiaries, which, it is believed, ultimately will have a more positive effect on maintenance and preservation of the implemented work.

In the meantime, the Federation's hygiene teams have been cleaning and maintaining the latrines on a daily basis in order to ensure the adequate sanitary situation, while at the same time making efforts to raise awareness of refugees on basic hygiene. This has been done through providing health education and health promotion activities for the community at large; women and children being the main target groups.

The Federation has been also working with the UN and its implementing partners to provide water storage and distribution network in the *Mohammed Kheil camp* which currently shelters around 60,000 refugees. Works have started on the installation of a 75 m³ water tank, which will be linked with a 95 m³ water tank installed earlier by the Federation. These two water tanks, linked with the distribution network, will provide pumped water from existing tube-well, to 50% of the camp population. WESS (implementing partner of the UN) has started drilling another borehole in an effort to meet the water needs for the entire camp population.

Relief and shelter w

Afghanistan

The security situation is improving but many areas of southern Afghanistan are still inaccessible preventing the Federation to conduct full scale needs assessments response. The Federation sub-delegations together with ARCS and ICRC implemented limited joint assessments in the area which is not “red labeled” because of the security situation. A joint assessment was carried out in IDP camps in *Spin Boldak*, Kandahar region, close to the Pakistan border. The purpose was to verify the living conditions of IDP’s, define needs and register families for extended assistance. Two camps, *Al Akhtar* and *Mohammed Bin e Rashid*, were visited and a survey conducted, with a subsequent distribution of non-food relief items following the next day (see table below).

The Federation sub-delegation in Mazar-i-Sharif had started consultations with ARCS and ICRC to identify needs in the vicinity of the city. It was agreed to conduct a wider assessment at a later stage in the villages with main focus to be on IDPs and the returnees to their places of origin. A small scale survey has been conducted by the ARCS and the Federation in Kabul districts. The survey was planned and implemented by the ARCS relief/DP department and the Federation’s relief/DP team. Some 290 vulnerable families were identified including widows, elderlies, disabled persons and destitute families. Based on a joint assessment, the Federation and ARCS distributed non-food items in identified areas and provinces during the reporting period as follows:

Region	No. Of Benef.	Tents (set)	Blankets (pcs)	Plastic sheets (roll)	Tarpaulins (pcs)	Jerrycans (pcs)	Cooking sets
Kandahar Al Akhtar camp	1,586 families		3,194			1,597	1,597
Kabul	290 families	103	1’740	96		580	290
Mazar-i-Sharif	297 families		899		299	297	
TOTAL	2,173	103	5,833	96	299	2,474	1,887

In order to co-ordinate the distribution of 1,000 school chests for primary schools in Afghanistan donated by American Red Cross, the relief co-ordinator contacted the Ministry of Education and received information on possible distribution sites, newly established standards and minimum requirements. A detailed list of relevant institutions for the distribution of the chests will be provided by the Ministry.

Pakistan

The distribution of non-food items to relocated refugees in the *North-West Frontier Province* commenced on 9 January 2002 and is still progressing. To date, the Federation assisted some 8,278 families (approximately 47,678 individuals) sheltered in the camps of *Old Baghzai*, *Kotkai* and *Shalman*. The distribution has been carried out according to the pre-established distribution plan. The implementation stages included:

- adjusting the existing operation infrastructure and expertise to the needs of a large-scale distribution;
- mobilising volunteers;
- establishing distribution points;
- distributing relief items, and
- ensuring required monitoring.

Distribution of Relief Items - NWFP

Blankets (pcs)	Kitchen sets (set)	Jerry cans	Jacket	Kerosene lamps	Tarpaulin (pcs)
<i>Old Baghzai camp in Kurram Agency - 4,388 refugee families (approximately 22,485 individuals)</i>					
6,000	2,000	4,010	4,000	2,000	0
<i>Kotkai camp in Bajaur Agency - 3,250 refugees families (approximately 20,625 individuals)</i>					
3,221	1,000	6,442	546	0	3,221
<i>Shalman camp in Khyber Agency - 640 families (approximately 3,658 individuals)</i>					
3,012	710	1,394	0	0	699
Total - 8,278 beneficiary families (47,678 individuals)					
12,233	3,710	11,846	4,546	2,000	3,920

Distribution, as mentioned above, still continues. The plan of action worked out by the Federation and the PRCS in consultation with other agencies operating in the area envisages provision of the relief items from its existing

stock to refugees sheltered in *Basu, Shalman, Ashgharo and Barkley*. Over the coming two weeks, a detailed needs assessment will be carried out by the Federation and the PRCS in these camps to identify the most vulnerable people. The distribution of non-food items to this target group will take place shortly. In addition, the Federation and the PRCS plan to provide another 170 families (850 persons) in *Old Baghzai* camp with 170 blankets, 810 kitchen sets, 1,672 jerry cans, 1,420 winter jackets (large size- 740 and small size - 720) and 788 kerosene lamps in close cooperation with the CAR. Preparations for the forthcoming distribution are underway. The Federation erected a Rub Hall donated by the Spanish Red Cross in a second new camp of Shalman (*Shalman Camp 2*), which has been opened recently to shelter new groups of refugees.

In *Balochistan*, following its own assessment, including discussions with CAR, UNHCR and its implementing partners, the International Federation's delegation in Pakistan established a plan of action, which enabled the Federation and the PRCS to mount a quick and effective response to the needs of new refugees accommodated in Chaman camps, namely in *Killy Faiso, Landi Karez, Roghani and Dara*. The sufficient quantity of relief items were pre-positioned initially at the Red Crescent warehouse erected by the Federation in the UAE camp in order to ensure efficient delivery of the non-food aid to the beneficiaries. Some of the commodities were delivered to the PRCS transit warehouse in Chaman town for the subsequent transportation of the goods to the camps. All the necessary documentation including waybills, stock cards and other related documents were prepared accordingly. Commodities were then dispatched from the transit warehouses to distribution points by Federation representatives according to the pre-established detailed dispatching plan. Transportation of the commodities to distribution points was ensured by the National Society. The stock cards and inventory reports were prepared on a daily basis. The distribution was carried out from central distribution points established in each target camp. Beneficiary lists were supplied by UNHCR. The National Society had mobilised its volunteers to undertake the on-site distributions. The overall coordination of the operation was on the part of the Federation relief delegate and PRCS relief co-ordinator. Federation representatives were present at all distribution points to ensure the competence of the distribution management and to ensure the intended beneficiaries received the assistance. The Killy Faiso staging camp was the main distribution point since all the newly arrived refugees had been registered there before being referred to Dara, Landi Karez, Roghani or UAE Red Crescent camps. Overall, 44,014 blankets, 3,480 kitchen-sets, 20,224 soaps and 1,321 tarpaulins were supplied by the Red Crescent. The table below details the distribution activities in Balochistan per camp.

Distribution of relief items - Chaman Camps in Balochistan

Blankets (pcs)	Kitchen sets (set)	Soap (pcs)	Tarpaulin (pcs)
<i>Killy Faiso - 2,596 beneficiary families (12,070 individuals)</i>			
28.255	2.308	7.524	775
<i>Landi Karez - 1,655 beneficiary families (8,262 individuals)</i>			
9.819	1.172	6.034	546
<i>Dara - 1,397 beneficiary families (6,666 individuals)</i>			
0	0	6.666	0
<i>Roghani - 660 beneficiary families (1,980 individuals)</i>			
5.940	0	0	0
Total - 6,308 beneficiary families (28,978 individuals)			
44.014	4.000	20.224	1.321

On 19 February, 897 tents donated by the German Red Cross were shifted from the Federation's warehouse in Peshawar to the transit warehouse in Chaman, Baluchistan, which together with additional 1,000 tents from the Federation's stock (in total, 1,897) will be erected in *Dara and Landi Karez* in co-operation with UNHCR and its implementing partners. Another 500 tents from the American Red Cross and 45 tents from the Bahrain Red Crescent were dispatched to *Shalman Camps 2* in *Khyber Agency, NWFP*.

The distribution of relief items to the target groups in camps in Balochistan and NWFP has been very successful despite some security constraints. It progressed satisfactorily without any major problems. Beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction with the received items. They expressed gratitude for the attention and support during this time. Assistance provided within the framework of the operation offered the minimum level of sustenance and dignity for this vulnerable group.

Disaster preparedness and response w

The security situation in some provinces and regions of *Afghanistan* still does not allow the implementation of all scheduled activities (Farah province in the south and parts of Paktia, Paktika and Kandahar in the west, as well as Kunduz and Balkh in the north). In the less insecure regions, where Federation is present, assessments and distributions have been carried out in co-operation with the ARCS and the ICRC.

Efforts have been made to improve co-ordination and integration between the Disaster Preparedness (DP) and other ARCS activities, namely relief, youth and CBFA. First Aid and DP for female schools teachers training course was held in Kabul on 6-7 February 2002. This training was part of the ongoing CBFA activities in the schools. The sessions covered relevant topics related to the concept of DP and the means of utilising the local resources to be prepared for disasters. The participants showed a great interest in DP techniques and necessary precautions to be taken in case of disasters and requested further training. This initiative will be followed by the ARCS DP and Youth/Volunteers Department to achieve a joint approach in raising awareness among the volunteers and staff.

During the reporting period frequent meetings have been conducted with the ARCS DP Relief Department regarding the preparation for the DP Programme Agreement and the Programme Description for the year 2002, the establishment of DP team and training workshops, warehouse renovation, and organisation of assessments, distributions and related activities. The three, Norwegian and Finnish, Emergency Response Unit (ERU) delegates are continuing their training workshops for ARCS health emergency units (EMUs) in Mazar, Kandahar and Herat. The following table presents current quantities of DP stock in Central Asia.

DP Stock 2002						
	Items	Unit	Country		total:	comment
			Uzbekistan	Turkmenistan		
1	tents	pcs	500	500	1'000	water-proof and w interised
2	mattresses	pcs	1'000	1'000	2'000	standard
3	blankets	pcs	2'000	2'000	4'000	50% wool, medium thermal resistant
4	bed linen	sets	1'000	1'000	2'000	standard
5	kitchen sets	set	1'000	1'000	2'000	family size
6	jerry cans	pcs	500	500	1'000	non-collapsible, plastic, 20 litres
7	hygienic set	sets	1'000	1'000	2'000	2 soaps, 1 detergents
8	kerosine stoves	pcs	300	300	600	fuel efficient, low consumption, non-pressur wick type with incorporated fuel

Logistics w

Afghanistan

The logistics co-ordinator arrived in Kabul mid January, and the department is continuing its support to the operation by co-ordinating and maintaining the pre-positioning pipeline for the region. The four new Landcruisers have been registered in Herat. Two are presently on the way to Mazar-i-Sharif, the two for Kabul will be dispatched within the next few days. New emergency health and cholera kits were sent to Mazar, Kandahar and Herat for training purposes for the health emergency mobile unit (EMU) workshops. They will remain in stock for emergency response.

The Federation delegation in *Iran* is transporting 5,500 tents donated by the American and British Red Cross Societies to Herat in Afghanistan. The first shipment of 800 American Red Cross tents arrived in Herat from Iran at the end of February. A further 700 tents from American Red Cross and 4,000 tents from British Red Cross are expected to start arriving during the first week in March. 70 health kits, for the ongoing clinic

programme arrived in Herat at the end of the month, and a further 350 are expected at the beginning of March along with 4,500 plastic sheeting from Mashad.

The Federation Delegation in **Pakistan** is arranging for transportation of three new emergency health kits (NEHK) donated by the American Red Cross (2) and Norwegian Red Cross (1), along with a rub hall donated by the Norwegian Red Cross and 5,000 jerry cans donated by Austrian Red Cross from the Federation's warehouse in Quetta and Peshawar to Afghanistan.

Media relations w

Focus has continued on the health situation of women and children in Afghanistan, and on the need to help rebuild Afghanistan's health infrastructure. Assistance was provided to *Associated Press* in producing news items on health clinics and the training of ARCS female volunteers. UNFPA were also assisted in making a video of the MCH activities in ARCS clinics in Kabul.

National Society Capacity Building w

During the reporting period, the ARCS, Federation and ICRC continued discussions on the tripartite core structure agreement for 2002 as well as on the continuation of programme agreements. This process was somewhat hampered by the many changes at ARCS headquarters.

ICRC regional co-operation delegate from Delhi spent several days with ARCS, Federation and ICRC in Kabul, working with the Federation OD Co-ordinator and the ICRC co-operation delegate based in Kabul brainstorming on how the federation and ICRC can provide support to the ARCS core structure in the most appropriate manner. Initial views would support a stronger link between financial reporting and the implementation of activities.

Delay in recruitment of OD delegate has limited the programme's expansion. Two OD delegate are expected to be deployed in Kandahar and Herat and will contribute to the reinforcement of the capacity of the ARCS at branch level. Nevertheless, branch development activities have recommenced in Bamyan. The building was badly damaged during the fighting and is still in need of some rehabilitation.

In Pakistan, the Federation is in the process of recruiting an Organisational Delegate, which will work with PRCS to identify needs and action to be taken for strengthening branches and headquarters. Particular focus will be on Balochistan and NWFP, where the long-term presence of refugees, in addition to the recent events in Afghanistan, highlighted the necessity of improving the disaster response capacities of the National Society branches. The delegate is expected to arrive shortly.

Federation Delegation w

The number of delegates in the **Afghanistan** delegation currently stands at 15, including three short-term ERU delegates who are conducting disaster response training sessions for ARCS emergency mobile teams. Since the last update, the HoD has left, end of mission, on 19 February, and to date there is no replacement identified. The information/delegate ended her mission mid-February and her replacement is also urgently needed. Two new health delegates arrived on 7 and 9 February and are now in Herat and Kandahar sub-delegations. With the expected arrival of one more health delegate for Jalalabad, this will complete the health team. Several positions, including telecom and two OD delegates need to be filled. The new relief co-ordinator arrived on 17 February and has begun making contacts with relevant authorities and organisations. The security situation continues to add pressures to the day to the work and living conditions of delegates. All efforts are made to ensure that they have good and comfortable housing and food etc, particularly in the sub-delegations, but conditions in Afghanistan sometimes make this difficult to attain.

A Health Delegate was deployed in Quetta, **Pakistan**, for six months to provide further assistance to the branches in their implementation of the BHU/MHU programme. Another health delegate will be assigned to

Balochistan. A replacement for the logistics co-ordinator will be arriving on 17 March 2002. In total, there are 10 Federation delegates in Pakistan with 27 national staff operating in the country.

The newly recruited desk officer of the Secretariat visited the region spending a week in Kabul and a few days in Islamabad and Peshawar, and was joined by the Federation's head of delegation in Pakistan. The induction mission was regarded important in better assisting and supporting the work of the Delegations. It was decided that the Emergency Appeal 32/01 would be reviewed in April. Although it is important to ensure maximum relevance of the appeal as soon as possible, additional time is required to carry out assessments and field visits to better established the plan of action for the coming months. The coming weeks will therefore be crucial in finalising programme and project proposals for the Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. Initial intentions are to increase the level of details so as to produce country specific programme descriptions and budgets in areas of relief, health and capacity building.

Coordination

With the increasing number of organisations in Kabul, and the interim administration becoming more involved in coordination, there are now more regular meetings being held. As the Federation is heavily involved in health activities, there is close contact with the Ministry of Public Health as well as organisations such as WHO, UNICEF and NGOs working in the health field. At the sub-delegation level, the newly appointed health delegates, alongside relief and OD delegates, are accompanying their counterparts to regular coordination meetings in the regions. Regular meetings at all levels are held with ARCS and ICRC. In Geneva, weekly coordination meeting are taking place between ICRC and the Federation.

Visits from various donor national societies have continued, particularly in the earlier weeks of the month. Since the last update these have included Swedish, Canadian, Finnish, Spanish and American Red Cross representatives.

The Federation and PRCS project managers based in Quetta and Peshawar have been participating in daily coordination meetings with their counterparts from agencies operating in the area. The nature of the operation as well as the number of beneficiaries are co-ordinated with the UN and its implementing partners. The Federation's Head of Delegation in *Pakistan* has had a number of meetings with representatives of diplomatic corps in the country to exchange information on operational issues and raise the understanding of the Federation and national society missions and roles in the context of current humanitarian crisis in the region.

Outstanding needs

Several positions, including a Head of Delegation, information/reporting delegate in Afghanistan and health delegate in Pakistan - need to be filled.

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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			08.03.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				28'748'124		TOTAL COVERAGE 76.5%
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		5'000'000	USD	8'172'000	29.10.2001	
ANDORRAN - RC				8'802	19.12.2001	
ANDORRAN - RC		11'952	EUR	17'676	25.02.2002	
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	
CANADIAN - RC		50'000	CAD	52'475	03.12.2001	
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
FINNISH - RC		67'275	EUR	99'217	17.10.2001	
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		1'845	EUR	2'735	15.02.2002	
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		22'285	DEM	16'854	02.11.2001	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT & CONTROL
GERMAN - RC				54'700	22.08.2001	LOGISTIC DELEGATE
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	
IRISH - RC		5'202	eur	7'693	11.01.2002	
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	
JAPANESE - PRIVATE DONOR		8'992	USD	14'715	09.01.2002	
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 - PRIVATE DONORS		796	MYR	347	03.12.2001	
MONACO - RC		200'000	FRF	45'860	21.09.2001	
MONACO - RC		41'538	EUR	61'185	17.12.2001	
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
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		5'000'000	NOK	930'000	08.01.2002	
PRIVATE DONORS				105'072	24.12.2001	
PRIVATE DONORS				75	04.12.2001	IRAN
PRIVATE DONORS				49'150	06.02.2002	
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
SPANISH - RC		4'500	EUR	6'615	08.11.2001	
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				16'692'281	CHF	58.1%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AMERICAN - RC		833'028	USD	1'363'167	06.12.2001	TARPAULINS, TENTS, BLANKETS, EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS, KITCHEN SETS, MOBILE HEALTH CARE UNITS
AUSTRIAN - RC		87'210	EUR	131'173	10.10.2001	WATER SANITATION MATERIAL
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		608'984	GBP	1'448'339	04.10.2002	TENTS, BLANKETS, KITCHEN SETS, TARPAULINS FOR TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN AND PAKISTAN
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		36'909	EUR	54'707	15.02.2002	50 WINTER TENTS
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		625'750	DEM	473'255	02.11.2001	10'000 BLANKETS, 500 KITCHEN SETS, 900 FAMILY TENTS, 900 TARPAULINS FOR TENTS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
IRISH - RC		104'040	EUR	153'865	11.01.2002	8'000 BLANKETS
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 TARPAULIN, 10'008 BP5 COMPACT FOOD, 1 TOYOT LANDCRUISER
SWISS - GOVT				129'245	26.09.2001	6'000 BLANKETS, 1'200 KITCHEN SETS, TRANSPORT & INSURANCE
AUSTRALIA	DELEGATE(S)			43'532		
ERICSSON	DELEGATE(S)			16'591		
FINLAND	DELEGATE(S)			40'739		
GREECE	DELEGATE(S)			24'641		
ICELAND	DELEGATE(S)			5'420		
ITALY	DELEGATE(S)			24'805		
JAPAN	DELEGATE(S)			46'817		
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			59'301		
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			32'525		
SPAIN	DELEGATE(S)			30'554		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			10'513		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE(S)			54'044		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			59'137		

USA	DELEGATE(S)			14'620		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				5'309'556	CHF	18.5%
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
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC					01.12.2001	RELIEF ITEMS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:						
P30552, PIR552, PPK552, PUZ552, PTM552, PTJ552						