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Appeal No. 10/02

*Launched on 12 April 2002 for CHF 2,921,000 for 9 months for 80,000 beneficiaries.
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IN BRIEF

Appeal coverage: 68.1%

Related Appeals: 01.25/2002 Afghanistan; 32/01 Afghan Crisis

Outstanding needs: CHF 932,416 (USD 599,000/EUR 633,000)

Summary: Within 24 hours after the earthquake struck the ARCS deployed an Emergency Mobile Unit (EMU) to the affected area. The EMU provided emergency health care to some 1,760 persons during the week immediately following the earthquake. On 25 April, a team of four Japanese Red Cross health delegates arrived in Kabul with equipment to set up an urgently needed Basic Health Care Unit.

Operational Developments w

Following the 25 March earthquake which devastated the city of Nahrin, in Baghlan Province the International Federation sent a four member Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT team) to the area. In response to the findings of the FACT team the Afghanistan Earthquake Appeal (no.10/02) was launched on 12 April 2002.

Nahrin District, is 74 km (2.5 hours) from Puli-Khumri, which is the main city of the Province, and 264 km (5.5 hours) from Mazar-i-Sharif. The district has a population of approximately 10,000 families, and is made up of approximately 90 villages. The largest, and most affected by the earthquake, are Nahrin New and Old City (5 km apart), and the village of Jilga.

On 25 April, a team of four delegates from Japanese Red Cross (JRC) arrived in country. The team traveled to Mazar-i-Sharif on 27 April and from there to Nahrin, with the equipment to set up a temporary clinic (Basic Health Care Unit) in Nahrin City. The Basic Health Care Unit (BHU) opened on 5 May and saw about 75 patients on the first day. The team will stay for about two months and the temporary clinic will be replaced by a permanent Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) health clinic within the region. ARCS health staff from the Puli-Khumri and Mazar health Emergency Mobile Unit (EMU) are working closely with the delegates.

In general, the security situation in Afghanistan has been slowly improving, although there have been some setbacks, particularly in recent weeks. Nahrin remains relatively quiet, although there are tensions in Mazar.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action w

Health w

The ARCS health Emergency Mobile Unit (EMU) was deployed immediately and was on the scene within 24 hours of the earthquake. They provided emergency health care to 1,760 people during the first week. ARCS, with support from the Federation, also sent food and non-food items, which were distributed to affected families within the first few days after the earthquake. The Society also provided support with burial costs for about 80 families, in the first days immediately following the earthquake.

The ARCS Branch President for Baghlan worked closely with the EMU team to identify the location for the temporary clinic, and to find ARCS health staff for the clinic. He is looking into suitable locations for the permanent clinic. ARCS is also eager to start training volunteers in community based first aid (CBFA). The first training of trainers workshop will be in early June.

Three JRC delegates a surgeon, midwife and administrator arrived in Kabul on 25 April to join the Federation team. The three JRC delegates proceeded to Mazar-i-Sharif on 27 April where they met with the fourth delegate, a nurse, and Japanese technicians, plus one Norwegian technician who had arrived on a charter aeroplane with all the equipment for setting up the emergency BHU in Nahrin.

The team, carrying the equipment in four trucks, left Mazar for Puli-Khumri, capital of Baghlan Province, on 30 April. After meeting various government and other officials the team proceeded to Nahrin.

The clinic and living quarters, consisting of four air tents and three quick shelters, was erected and the official opening of the BHU took place on 4 May. The first Federation team worked in the clinic from 5-27 May, and have now been replaced by a second team, with the exception of the midwife, who will stay in Nahrin until the end of June

ARCS currently has one male doctor, one male nurse and a pharmacist working with the team in the BHU. They are currently looking for female staff, particularly a female doctor and/or midwife.

On 13 May, the ARCS mobile team from Puli-Khumri started outreach work in the villages of Nahrin, accompanied by the Federation midwife. The ARCS health EMU from Mazar joined the team at the end of May, for technical training in the temporary clinic.

From 5 to 23 May the BHU treated 1,102 cases which is an average of 61 cases a day.

Cases treated by the Federation Nahrin team during the first three weeks:

	Total Patients	Surgeries	Medical	Gynaecology & Obstetrics
week 1	347	88	233	26
week 2	354	91	197	66
week 3	401	111	241	44
Total	1'102	290	671	141

These figures include preliminary visit plus follow up visits for the same condition.

From the total number of cases:

- 26% (290 cases) were surgeries;
- 61% (671 cases) were medical cases; and

- 3% (141) gynaecological/obstetrical cases. Of these 70% (99 cases) were seen during outreach activities in the villages.

Mobile Health Teams

The Mazar/Puli-Khumri health emergency mobile unit (EMU) was on the scene within 24 hours of the earthquake. Following the emergency phase, the Puli-Khumri team has been working as a mobile health unit offering health education and basic health services to the villages in Nahrin District. After spending several days with the Federation team in the BHU in Nahrin, they resumed mobile activities, accompanied most days by the Federation midwife.

During the month of April, the EMU consulted/treated 1,262 cases, and provided health education to 2,653 persons in group sessions and individually. In May, as well as training sessions in the BHU, they consulted/treated 1,094 patients and provided health education to 2,816 persons (2,566 in group sessions and 250 individuals).

Community Based First Aid (CBFA)

Two CBFA trainers for Nahrin were recruited in May, and will facilitate Training of Trainer courses for participants from Takhar and Faizabad, in Baghlan in early June. Following the 10 day course, the trainers will commence the recruitment and training of volunteers in the Nahrin district.

The ARCS CBFA programme started in 1997, and there are currently over 10,000 ARCS trained volunteers. Volunteers are recruited at a steady pace in all regions. Special emphasis has been put on the quality of training, as well as supervision and follow-up. At the time of the earthquake, the programme had not yet reached Baghlan Province. Following the earthquake, however, and the subsequent assessment, Nahrin District was identified as one of the priority need districts for starting an ARCS volunteers network. The trained volunteers will serve as basic health workers in the affected villages, and will be part of disaster preparedness and response (DP/DR) structure for the future.

Rehabilitation w

A request has been posted for a construction delegate, who will oversee the reconstruction of up to eight schools in Nahrin. This position has not yet been filled.

The site for the new ARCS clinic is being identified. First thoughts were to build this clinic in Jilga, following the recommendations of the "Baghlan Strategy and Planning Workshop" held in Puli-Khumri on 25 April. The workshop was attended by many government officials, UN agencies and NGOs, as well as by the Federation and ARCS. However, insecurity due to the presence of landmines in and around Jilga has forced the ARCS to reconsider the location. ARCS is working with Federation and local officials to identify a suitable site based on population, needs, and security.

Disaster Preparedness (DP) w

The present DP project outline in the country is in the process of being revised in cooperation with the National Society, ARCS. The revision will take into account that there is a prevalence in the occurrence of natural disasters within the country, ranging from earthquake prone areas in the northern and central regions, including the Hindukush, to areas more likely to be affected by floods in the north-western and southern regions. The composition and quantity of DP stocks will be adjusted according to prevailing disasters and population density, with the Federation and ARCS consequently being able to react to natural disasters in a more targeted and specific manner.

Logistics w

The Federation logistics officer from Kabul made a one week mission to Mazar, from 25 April, along with one new vehicle and a Kabul driver. The logistics officer was able to offer support to the Nahrin operation and arrange for the reception, clearance, and transport of one full load of an IL-76 plane, which landed at Mazar Airport with items sent directly by the Japanese and Danish Red Cross for the Nahrin operation.

The following medical equipment donated by the JRC, in addition to two Land cruisers, was received in Mazar:

- Doctors Office Module
- Surgical Instruments Module
- Mother/Child Maternity Module
- Kitchen Service Module
- Technical & Sanitation Modules
- Rehydration /Nutrition Module
- Operating Table
- Inflatable Tents, Quick Shelter with Equipment
- Water Equipment
- Generators, Refrigerator
- Tools/Workshop Module
- Accommodation Equipment.

In addition, a 10x24 metre Rubbhall donated by the Danish Red Cross, was received.

The new JRC donated vehicles arrived by air to Mazar but had to be driven back to Kabul for registration purposes. The Federation in Mazar and Kabul both provided vehicles for the operation. The logistics department continues rendering services and support to other programmes, by replenishing the Disaster Preparedness and Response items for Mazar-i-Sharif and other regions.

Telecommunications w

The telecom delegate ensured that radio equipment in the vehicles, and the satellite phone for the delegates were working well, before they left for Nahrin.

National Society Capacity Building w

The mobile health teams from Mazar and Puli-Khumri are benefiting from the expertise of the Federation health team.

Federation Delegation w

The Federation delegates on short term mission to Nahrin, have been an asset to the health programme in Nahrin. The operation is awaiting a construction delegate, who is needed to start the reconstruction of schools programme.

Outstanding Needs w

Continued support for the Earthquake Appeal is requested in order to help restore the lives of the affected population in Nahrin. The emergency response was timely and efficient but support is needed for the Federation to support the ARCS in the upcoming rehabilitation phase.

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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.

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Cases	Surgical	Pathological	Gynecological & Obstretic	Total	Percent
Fracture	7	0	0	7	1%
Earthquake Rlated Fractures	9	0	0	9	2%
Pains/Aches	8	76	0	84	14%
Earthquake Related Pain/Aches	6	0	0	6	1%
Injuries/Ulcers	53	14	0	67	11%
Earthquake Related Injuries	37	1	0	38	6%
Burns	6	0	0	6	1%
Earthquake Related Burns	4	0	0	4	1%
Lepoma	6	0	0	6	1%
Land Mine Injury	5	0	0	5	1%
Gastritis	1	47	1	49	8%
Dehydration/Diarrhoea	2	11	0	13	2%
Dysentery	0	1	0	1	0%
Malaria	0	25	0	25	4%
Anaemia	0	37	0	37	6%
Skin Infection	3	3	0	6	1%
Urinary Tract Infection	0	5	12	17	3%
Eye Problem	0	23	0	23	4%
Upper Respiratory Infetions	0	16	0	16	3%
Low er Espiratory Infections	0	37	0	37	6%
Referrals	4	0	0	4	1%
Arthritis/Reumatism	1	49	0	50	8%
Pelvic Inflammatory Desease	0	0	2	2	0%
Post-Abortion Infections	0	0	4	4	1%
Abortion	0	0	2	2	0%
Infertility	0	0	12	12	2%
Post Natal Pains	0	0	1	1	0%
Ante/Post Natal Care	0	0	14	14	2%
Health Education	0	0	10	10	2%
Myoma	0	0	4	4	1%
Others	17	5	18	40	7%
Total	169	350	80	599	100%

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NAME:	Afghanistan - Nahrin earthquake						ANNEX 1
	APPEAL No. 10/2002	PLEDGES RECEIVED				10.06.2002	
DO	DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					2'921'000	TOTAL COVERAGE 68.1%	
USA	AMERICAN - RC		224	USD	361	14.05.2002	
CAN	CANADIAN - GOVT/RC CIDA/IHA		99'000	CAD	102'326	22.05.2002	
OT	CYPRUS - RC				5'057	08.04.2002	
OT	CHINA/HONG KONG - RC		150'000	HKD	32'001	10.04.2002	
JAP	JAPANESE - RC				1'170'865	04.06.2002	
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC - RC		10'145'130	WON	12'773	11.04.2002	
KOR	KOREA REPUBLIC - RC				24'800	30.04.2002	
MON	MONACO - RC		15'000	EUR	21'990	26.03.2002	
OT	POLAND - RC		1'000	USD	1'656	04.04.2002	
OT	PRIVATE DONORS				331	18.04.2002	
OT	SLOVAK - RC		70'000	SKK	2'436	08.04.2002	
SWI	SWISS - PRIVATE DONOR		25'000	EUR	36'563	05.04.2002	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH					1'411'159	CHF	48.3%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)							
DO	DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
USA	AMERICAN - RC		7794	USD	12'562	14.05.2002	NEW EMERGENCY HEALTH KIT
JAP	JAPANESE - RC				558'785	04.06.2002	BASIC HEALTH CARE UNIT
JAP	JAPAN	DELEGATE(S)			6'078		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES					577'425	CHF	19.8%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET							
DO	DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED					0	CHF	