

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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RUSSIAN FEDERATION: FLOODS IN THE NORTHERN CAUCASUS AND SOUTH OF RUSSIA

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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 20/2002

Launched on 19 July 2002 for CHF 1,267,000 (USD 870,790 or EUR 864,669) for 8 months.

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: CHF 50,000

Beneficiaries: 20,000

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“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 17.6%

Related Appeals: Russian Federation, 2002 Annual Appeal no. 01.49/2002

Outstanding needs: CHF 1,044,459

Summary/Update: Despite the efforts of the Russian Red Cross and the Federation, this appeal is unfortunately experiencing a severe lack of donor response. Most of the objectives have not been met due to a lack of funds. It is important that the Red Cross fulfils its obligations, and proves that it is a reliable and serious partner to the state. Donor support is urgently needed to meet these obligations.

Operational Developments:

Heavy rains in the second half of June, the worst in 70 years, resulted in floods that caused landslides in nine regions (Adygeya, Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Igushetia, North Osetia, Chechnya, Dagestan Republics, Stavropol region, and Krasnodar Krai) within the southern Federal Okrug of the Russian Federation. Updated Emercom reports indicate that some 332,929 people have been affected by the flooding in 377 settlements, and 102 people were killed. The floods damaged 39,997 houses, while 13,338 houses were completely washed away. The local infrastructure has been severely affected. The material damage is now estimated at 15,575 million Russian Roubles (nearly USD 495 million).

The initial disaster was followed by a second series of severe floods on 8 August caused by torrential rains and accompanied by landslides in Krasnodar Krai. 59 were killed, and severe damage resulted in three cities (Novorossiisk, Anapa and Krymsk) and 15 nearby settlements. Over 7,000 houses were inundated, and 424 destroyed completely. Twenty bridges and over 87 kilometres of road were destroyed by the water. Over 300 people, mostly holidaymakers, who had been camping on the shores of the Black Sea, remain missing. The material damage is estimated at 1,215 million Russian Roubles (over USD 38 million dollars).

Red Cross Red Crescent action w

With the support of the International Federation and donor national societies, the Russian Red Cross (RRC) continues to support the victims of this flooding, and will provide additional assistance to those people affected by the more recent flooding in Krasnodar Krai.

DREF assistance: Following an urgent request for assistance for the region of Krasnodar Krai from the RRC, CHF 50,000 was immediately allocated from the Federation's DREF. The provision of these funds allowed the urgent purchase of 7,250 bed linen sets. The local supplier agreed to carry out transportation to the targeted districts from where distributions were carried out under the direct supervision of local RRC branches and with the help of local administrations. The full compliment of bed linen was produced at the end of July, according to the agreement with the supplier. The items were distributed in eight districts of Krasnodar Krai and one in Adygeya Republic. A family of 1-3 people received one set of bed linen, while a family of 4-8 people received two. Beneficiary lists were prepared in co-ordination with local social welfare departments. Distributions were carried out as follows:

District	No. bed linen sets
Mostovskoy	250
Kurganinski	500
Uspenskoye	300
Otradnaya	500
Novokubansk	1,500
Ust-Labinski	200
Gulgevichski	500
Armavir	1,000
Adygeya	2,500
TOTAL	7,250

The Japanese Red Cross contributed USD 28,000 which will be used to reimburse the DREF allocation.

Bilateral support: The US Embassy, via the American Red Cross, contributed USD 50,000 for the procurement of 2,100 mattresses, 2,100 food parcels and 2,100 packs of detergent for over 8,500 beneficiaries in Dagestan. Food parcels, containing 2 kg of buckwheat, 2 kg of noodles, 2 kg of sugar, 1 kg of salt, 3 cans of beef, 4 cans of condensed sweet milk, and 300 g of tea, were procured in Moscow, as well as the full complement of mattresses, and sent to the region. Transportation costs to the warehouse in Makhachkala are included in the contract with the supplier. Detergent was procured locally. A family of 1-3 people will receive one item of each component, and families of over four people will receive a double ration. Distributions will take place immediately upon the receipt of the Moscow-procured cargo.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Society w

Immediately after the floods, the RRC Central and Sochi committees established Executive Commissions on providing assistance to flood victims and opened centres for relief item collection. On 29 June, the RRC Central Committee dispatched 600 hygiene parcels, 300 blankets, 300 bed linen sets, 300 pairs of rubber boots, 300 sets of plastic cups and plates from its emergency stocks to the flood victims in the Stavropol region. Another truck left Moscow on 8 August, carrying similar supplies, collected locally in Moscow and Vologda, to the RRC zonal office in Stavropol. This cargo will be distributed both among first flood victims and Novorossiisk disaster.

The Sochi Executive Commission collected over 20 tonnes of relief items (food products, clothes, bed linen, kitchen utensils, blankets and hygiene items) and sent them to the vulnerable in the affected districts of Krasnodar Krai (in addition to the 8 tonnes already sent on 28 June).

A hot line telephone number was operational in the RRC Central Committee, and the RRC Central Committee also opened a special account to raise funds for flood victims.

The Moscow city committee, Astrakhan RRC committee and Taimyr RRC committee appealed to the population, organisations and enterprises for help in providing support to the people in the affected regions. People responded by bringing in-kind donations, including bed linen, blankets, clothes, footwear, hygiene

items and medication. On 9 July, the Astrakhan RRC committee representatives sent two trucks full of relief items - food products, sweets and toys for children, clothes, blankets, pillows, bed linen, kitchen sets, medical kits, water, plastic basins, buckets and dishes - for the beneficiaries in 13 affected settlements of Adygeya Republic. The Taimyr branch is planning to dispatch two 5-tonne trucks full of new clothes and foot wear, hygiene items, detergents, bed linen, mattresses, blankets, kitchen utensils, school items, irons and radios, collected from local population and businesses in the Okrug, in the beginning of September.

RRC volunteers took active part in helping the staff in sorting second hand clothes, loading and unloading relief cargo, and distribution of the items to the vulnerable.

Health w

The health situation is under state control. Free vaccinations from infectious diseases has started in the affected regions.

Relief distributions w

A request for ECHO funding to carry out the planned objectives in Dagestan has been submitted. According to the appeal planning document, 750 blankets, 750 bed linen sets, 375 sets of children's clothes, four medical kits, 375 school sets, 150 stoves and 2,250 hygiene kits will be procured for flood victims in the region.

Objective 1. To provide the beneficiaries with medium to long-term relief assistance, support them during the most difficult autumn and winter period and help them return to a normal life.

Under this objective of the appeal it was planned to provide 1,000 families with multi-fuel stoves, and 2,500 families with bedding, including mattresses, blanket and bed linen. This objective was partially implemented through the DREF donation (please, see above): 7,250 bed linen sets have been distributed to the population of eight districts in Krasnodar Krai and one in Adygeya Republic. As for other commodities, limited contributions have prevented the start of procurement. More cash is urgently needed to fulfil Red Cross obligations under this objective, and the appeal in general.

Objective 2. Provision of children's clothes and stationery for schoolchildren.

Under this objective it was planned to provide 2,500 6-10 year old children with stationery by the beginning of the school year, and warm clothes/footwear for the winter months. Limited funds have not allowed to start the procurement.

Objective 3. Medium-term provisions of family food parcels (FFPs) and hygienic kits.

It was planned to provide 5,000 affected families with FFPs and hygiene kits three times during the programme implementation (in October, December and February) with a special focus on lone elderly, multi-child and single-parent families. No activities took place to meet this objective due to the lack of funds.

Objective 4. To provide medical aid to rural population, affected by the floods.

Under this objective, it was planned to provide 25 medical kits to first aid points destroyed or damaged by the floods. However, no activities took place to meet this objective due to the lack of funds.

Objective 5. Rehabilitation of flood victims.

Under this objective it was planned to provide qualified psychological support to 2,000 flood victims, and professional legal counselling to 2,000 flood victims, who lost their housing. No activities took place to meet this objective due to the lack of funds.

Logistics w

The table below summarizes the original distribution plan:

Region	Blankets	Bed linen	Mattresses	Clothes for children	FFPs	Medical kits	School sets	Stoves	Hygiene kits
Krasnodar	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,250	7,500	13	1,250	500	7,500
Stavropol	750	750	750	375	2,250	4	375	150	2,250
Adygeya	150	150	150	75	450	1	75	30	450
Kabardino-	150	150	150	75	450	1	75	30	450

Balkaria									
Karachaevo-Cherkessia	150	150	150	75	450	1	75	30	450
North Osetia	150	150	150	75	450	1	75	30	450
Ingushetia	150	150	150	75	450	1	75	30	450
Dagestan	750	750	750	375	2 250	4	375	150	2,250
Emergency Resrve	250	250	250	125	750	1	125	50	750
TOTAL	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	15,000	25	2,500	1,000	15,000

The RRC and the delegation’s relief/logistics officers are currently updating the plan to reflect the actual situation and funding realities.

Coordination

Co-ordination activities between humanitarian agencies involved in responding to the consequences of the floods are being carried out both on the central and regional levels by the RRC, the Federation’s Delegation, and the ICRC. The Federation’s head of delegation has conducted a visit to a UN resident representative to provide a briefing on Red Cross action in response to the floods and ensure that co-ordination procedures are in place with UN co-ordinating bodies (OCHA). The opportunity was used to re-emphasise the appeal and highlight outstanding needs.

The RRC works in close co-operation with Emercom, Ministry of Health and social welfare departments at the regional and central levels. The latest statistical and progress data is being provided by Emercom; and beneficiary lists are being confirmed with welfare departments.

Outstanding needs

The appeal is unfortunately experiencing a severe lack of donor response. Most of the objectives have not been met due to a lack of funds. It is important that the Red Cross fulfils its obligations, and proves that it is a reliable and serious partner to the state. Donor support is urgently needed to meet these obligations.

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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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Russian Federation: floods						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 20/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			27.08.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'267'000		TOTAL COVERAGE 17.6%
CANADIAN - RC		25'000	CAD	24'033	23.07.2002	
FINNISH - RC		20'000	EUR	29'396	26.07.2002	FOOD & HYGIENE PARCELS
JAPANESE - RC		28'000	USD	41'272	14.08.2002	FLOODS NORTHERN CAUCASUS & SOUTH OF RUSSIA, REPLENISHMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		800'000	SEK	127'840	16.08.2002	NOT FOR FOOD PARCELS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				222'541	CHF	17.6%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	