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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA022; Operations Update no. 3; Period covered: 9-12 October 2005; Appeal coverage: 6.7%; *(Click here to go to the Revised Preliminary Emergency Appeal budget; the Contributions List is currently being updated and will be attached to the next Operations Update).*

Appeal history:

- Preliminary Emergency Appeal launched on 9 October, 2005 for CHF 10,793,000 (USD 8,438,294 or EUR 6,957,415) for four months to assist 30,000 families (some 120,000 beneficiaries).
- As an increasingly serious situation has unfolded, the Preliminary Appeal budget has today been revised to CHF 73,262,000 (USD 56,616,692 or EUR 47,053,307) for six months to assist up to 150,000 families (some 750,000 beneficiaries).
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000.

Outstanding needs:

- Whilst the initial Preliminary Emergency Appeal for CHF 10.7 million has been almost completely covered, now that the budget has been revised to CHF 73.3 million, the new appeal total is only 6.7% covered. Cash and in kind contributions are very urgently needed, in order to facilitate the rapid start up of the emergency operations.
- Relief needs: Large scale mobilization of relief items is needed; details are on the Federation's Mobilisation Table posted on DMIS. On 13 October, the Mobilisation Table will be updated to reflect much larger and more comprehensive needs.
- Human resource needs: For Pakistan, a health coordinator, a reporting delegate and information delegate, and for the South Asia Regional Delegation in Delhi, a regional disaster response delegate, a reporting delegate and information delegate. For Geneva Secretariat, a desk officer, desk assistant, and a press officer. A further more comprehensive list of human resource needs will be available very shortly.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Pakistan Annual Appeal 05AA049, Afghanistan Annual Appeal 05AA045, India Annual Appeal 05AA047, South Asia Regional Annual Appeal 05AA051

Operational Summary:

This Operations Update announces a revision of the Preliminary Emergency Appeal to CHF 73,262,000, to support the emergency phase of the disaster response for a period of six months, assisting up to 150,000 families (some 750,000 beneficiaries). Meanwhile, as the Red Cross and Red Crescent disaster response gets underway, needs assessments are being undertaken, and a comprehensive Emergency Appeal plan and budget will be drawn up in the coming days, and will be issued in the near future. It is estimated that the disaster has affected 4 million people (1 million severely), and 500,000 people have been displaced. The official death toll in Pakistan is now 23,000, and in India 1,300 people have died in Jammu and Kashmir. It is feared that the actual number of deaths could be much higher. With winter approaching, the most urgent need is for winterised shelter. The worsening weather and colder nights are making already vulnerable populations lives more miserable. Many people continue to live in the open and with the oncoming winter, there is an even more urgent race against time

to assist affected people. There are enormous humanitarian needs.

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Background

An earthquake with magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale centred 95 kilometers north-east of the Pakistan capital Islamabad struck at 0350 GMT on 8 October 2005. The quake severely affected northern areas of Pakistan and northern India. Since Saturday, there have been 140 aftershocks, 21 of which were over 5.0 on the Richter scale.

The UN estimates the disaster has affected 4 million people (1 million severely) and displaced 500,000. The official death toll in Pakistan remained at 23,000 while Indian authorities say 1,300 people have died in Jammu and Kashmir.

An aerial survey of the Muzaffarabad district which has a population of 1 million has revealed 70 percent damage. Damage to property in the town of Chivas Khas is 60 percent, in Bagh 70 percent and Rawalakot 50 percent.¹

The International Federation has launched this Emergency Appeal (no. 05EA022) in response to a request from the Pakistan Red Crescent Society. CHF 200,000 has been allocated from Federation's DREF Fund to mount the initial response. Given the size, scope, and geographic location of the disaster, and the difficulty in accessing the area to gather detailed damage information and humanitarian relief needs, this appeal is being launched on a preliminary basis with a focus on action in Pakistan.

Operational developments

The emergency operation is being significantly scaled up. The budget has been increased from CHF 10.8 million (USD 8.4 million or EUR 6.9 million) to CHF 73.2 million (USD 56.6 million or EUR 47 million). The number of targeted beneficiaries has been increased from 120,000 for four months to 750,000 for 6 months. A summary budget is attached in Annex 1.

The funds will be used to provide food, tents, blankets, cooking sets, health care etc for survivors. Many people continue to live in the open and with the oncoming winter, there is an even more urgent race against time to assist affected people. Items such as winterized tents, stoves and warm clothing will be vital to survival of people as they combat the elements.

¹ DFID Situation Report #5 11 October, 2005

Heavy rain and hail across affected areas in Pakistan on Tuesday 11 October hampered relief efforts. The worsening weather and colder nights are making already vulnerable populations lives more miserable. There continues to be a desperate humanitarian need.

A Field Assessment Coordination Team (FACT) has been deployed to Pakistan, comprising 16 members: team leader, disaster management and coordination, health, water and sanitation, relief, shelter, logistics, reporting / information, telecommunications, Emergency Response Unit (ERU) coordination, Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) coordination, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination, finance and administration. FACT team members are from American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent and the Federation. A primary role for the FACT deployment is coordination and liaison, and supplementing the Federation's Pakistan country delegation, which prior to the disaster comprised a head of delegation and five national staff. Nearly all FACT team members have arrived in Islamabad, and the remainder will all arrive very shortly.

A total of eleven Emergency Response Units (ERUs) have been deployed so far are:

On behalf of the ICRC:

- Field hospital (Norwegian/Finnish Red Cross) – first shipment began Tuesday and the remainder on Thursday
- Logistics (British Red Cross) - has already arrived in Pakistan
- Two basic health care (Spanish Red Cross and Japanese Red Cross) – en route.

For the Federation:

- Logistics (Danish Red Cross/Spanish Red Cross) – has arrived in Islamabad
- IT/Telecommunications (Danish Red Cross) – has arrived in Islamabad
- Two basic health care (French Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross) – en route.
- Water treatment and supply (Swedish Red Cross/Austrian Red Cross), Mass sanitation (Swedish/Austrian Red Cross) and Specialized water (German Red Cross) are currently being prepared for departure to Pakistan.

Further more a base camp for accommodating Red Cross/Red Crescent staff as well as making office facilities available will be deployed by the Danish Red Cross to Pakistan within the next days.

A regional disaster response team (RDRT) is being formed. Two staff from the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and one from the Bangladesh Federation country delegation are due to arrive in Islamabad on Friday 14 October. Two staff from Afghanistan (one each from the National Society and the country delegation) will arrive early next week. The RDRT may be further bolstered with personnel support from the Nepal Red Cross Society and from the national societies in Southeast Asia.

Transportation of personnel and relief supplies is a major challenge. The destruction of infrastructure and the lack of pre-existing infrastructure in some areas is a significant constraint. Today the Iranian Red Crescent gave this situation a major boost with the approval to utilize two of their helicopters. There is a desperate need for more trucks, and the Norwegian Red Cross is now mobilizing 40 trucks to be used for the relief operations.

A Japanese Red Cross/Danish Red Cross assessment team has returned from Abbottabad and Mansehra and details of its findings are in the health section below. The team found urgent needs and has made a series of recommendations which are highlighted in the health section.

In other operational developments in Pakistan today;

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will work in Pakistan-administered Kashmir in food, shelter and medicine.
- The Federation will distribute relief items through the Pakistan Red Crescent Society and on a stand-alone basis.
- The Federation has an agreement with the World Food Programme (WFP) to distribute from its stocks.
- There are now 12 medical teams in the field.

The WHO says the widespread destruction of hospitals in affected areas and loss of many health personnel along with a shortage of surgical supplies and medicines are major concerns. It further says that water-borne diseases are an increasing public health concern due to extensive damage to water and sewerage systems.

The Indian Red Cross Society is responding to the emergency situation in Jammu and Kashmir but is not seeking any funding under this appeal at this stage. It is resourcing its operation through existing stocks, existing Federation in-country budgets and support from in-country partner national societies. Indian Red Cross state branches today launched a public fundraising campaign in India.

The Indian Red Cross Society and ICRC reports from the field in Jammu and Kashmir indicate that food and medical care is being well resourced by the government. The most pronounced need and where the Indian Red Cross is concentrating its efforts is shelter, particularly emergency shelter.

Assessing the impact of the disaster in Pakistan and India, the WHO says a mass measles vaccination programme will need to be undertaken urgently in affected areas in order to protect the displaced population from outbreaks.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

Emergency relief (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To meet the immediate shelter and supplementary food needs of 150,000 vulnerable families (some 750,000 beneficiaries) in affected areas in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, North West Frontier Province, and Islamabad. (Note this amends the previous objective which targeted 30,000 families, covering 120,000 beneficiaries, i.e. four people per family. The average family size is amended to five for this new objective)

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

Eleven truck loads of Pakistan Red Crescent relief supplies were today reaching Muzaffarabad (four truckloads) in Pakistan-administered Kashmir and Rawalakot in North West Frontier Province (three truckloads).

The breakdown of the assistance provided is as follows;

Item	Muzaffarabad	Rawalakot	Total
Tents	200	150	350
Blankets	840	630	1,470
Flour (kgs)	8,000	6,000	14,000kgs
Ghee (kgs)	2,000	1,500	3,500kgs
Mineral water (bottles)	816	612	1,428 bottles
Food pack*	400	300	700
Used clothing (400 kg bales)	20	15	35 bales
Salt (kgs)	2,400	1,800	4,200 kgs

*The food packs consist of 5 kgs rice, 5kgs sugar, 3 kgs daal channa, 400gms tea, 1kg milk powder.

Another four trucks were due to head out to Muzaffarabad from the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) headquarters in Islamabad today. This would bring to 15 the planned total of truck loads which the National Society was aiming to achieve today. A problem has been a shortage of vehicles to transport the goods.

As outlined in Operations Update 2, earlier there had been distributions in Mansehra of 150 tents, 700 blankets, 12 cartons of medicines and 400 food packs.

Four assessment teams have been deployed to the North West Frontier Province. The teams which incorporate a doctor and a general relief person are examining relief, health and shelter needs and will assist with relief distribution. The teams are hoping to report back to headquarters by Friday and their findings will be incorporated into the detailed and comprehensive revised Emergency Appeal expected to be finalised next week.

As outlined in operations update 2, the following items are in the supply pipeline;

- 20,000 tents
- 100,000 blankets
- food
- helicopter (ICRC support)
- trucks

As noted in the operational developments section above, the Iranian Red Crescent has today approved the use of two of its helicopters for use in the operation in Pakistan.

The following immediate needs have been identified;

- at least five Rubb halls (temporary warehouses)
- 20,000 jerry cans
- blankets and tents
- generators of all sizes
- electric cables
- lighting equipment
- one blood bank specialist to support the PRCS blood bank
- 10 ambulances for the operation

The Indian Red Cross Society today told the Federation India delegation and in-country partner national societies that it would welcome support for the immediate procurement of the following to assist in the relief effort in Jammu and Kashmir.

- 5,000 tents
- 30,000 blankets
- 5,000 kitchen sets
- 5,000 metres of cloth

These are in addition to the Indian Red Cross Society distributions that are already underway. To date this has included the distribution of 1,000 blankets and 500 kitchen sets from ICRC stocks utilising 400 Jammu and Kashmir branch volunteers. The Indian Red Cross headquarters and state branches have supplied the following for distribution;

- 21,000 blankets
- 1,500 tents
- 1,000 family packs.

Constraints:

The road to Muzaffarabad from Islamabad is now choked with aid convoys. Ironically, the large emergency response is leading to delays of supplies getting through. The 180 kilometre trip would normally take six to seven hours by truck, but the journey is now at least 10-11 hours.

A potential supply bottleneck is forming with stocks outstripping available transport. It is estimated a further 40 trucks are required and there is a shortage of vehicles available for hire/leasing.

Torrential rain and hail on Tuesday led to some flights having to be grounded while the bitterly cold conditions added to the extreme vulnerability of those still without shelter and sufficient warm clothing.

Health

Objective: To meet the basic health care and first aid and emergency transport needs of 150,000 vulnerable families (some 750,000 beneficiaries) in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, North West Frontier province, and Islamabad. *(Note this is amended from the previous objective which targeted 30,000 families)*

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

A Japanese Red Cross/Danish Red Cross assessment team has returned from a visit to North West Frontier Province. It made the following findings with regards to health facilities;

- Balakot; district hospital totally destroyed (originally a 12-bed district hospital)
- Mosefarabat; health facilities totally destroyed.
- Batagram: 50-bed district hospital totally destroyed.
- Naran Karam: no access to the area...totally stranded.
- Ghani: 50-bed district hospital destroyed.
- Mansehra: the hospital building is unstable and unsafe. However, staff are in place and are operational through mobile units.
- Abbottabad: facilities in place, partly operational and over-loaded.

Among the recommendations is an urgent need for establishing an ERU hospital and 2-4 primary care units as soon as possible. The team also says there is an immediate need for tents and kitchen sets while water and sanitation needs to be improved urgently to avoid epidemics (this concurs with WHO findings).

The procurement process for medicines etc for establishing medical camps in affected areas will commence immediately once detailed assessments have been received.

Items will include water purification stocks, supplies for first aid and medicines for treatment of common ailments related to post-disaster situations such as respiratory diseases and water-borne related illnesses.

The PRCS headquarters has set up a blood camp and has to date collected 380 units in Islamabad and 125 units of this have now been utilized. As outlined in Operations Update 2, 38 units of blood from PRCS blood banks had been utilized in Muzaffarabad. The Pakistan Red Crescent Punjab branch has sent three medical teams to the Kashmir region. The logistics base will be set up in Abbottabad in neighbouring North West Frontier Province.

As outlined in Operations Update 2, the National Society is operating a dozen medical camps in affected areas; Details of deployment to date are:

- Islamabad: One medical camp staffed by three doctors and six paramedics.
- North West Frontier Province: two medical camps staffed by two PRCS doctors, three volunteer doctors and one paramedic.
- Mansehra district: One medical camp.
- Punjab province: eight medical camps staffed on a rotating basis by four doctors and six paramedics.

Federation / ICRC Joint Logistics Operation in Pakistan

In order to ensure a most efficient and effective coordination of logistics efforts in Pakistan, the ICRC and the International Federation will establish a joint logistics structure to support the operations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. There will be daily coordination of activities at Geneva and field levels and regular updates will be communicated to all parties involved.

Supply Chain Management:

Mobilisation tables for relief goods have been issued individually by ICRC and the International Federation (available on DMIS). The mobilisation tables will be adjusted according to needs identified in the field. Each institution should be contacted for donations towards their respective mobilisation table. In-kind donations in response to the Federation mobilisation table should be negotiated and agreed upon with the Federation's Logistics Department in Geneva, prior to shipment of goods and all consignments should be delivered to Islamabad.

Logistics Structures:

Islamabad: The International Federation and the ICRC will set up a logistics hub in Islamabad to ensure efficient handling and storage of all accepted Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement goods routed to Islamabad. The Federation team will receive goods at the airport (where a warehouse has already been established), ensure handling and customs procedures and provide appropriate storage facilitation. Goods Received Notes will be issued at this point. The ICRC will handle the dispatch of goods via all means to the next delivery or distribution point. This logistics hub is not meant to handle the food pipeline. All incoming goods from Nation Societies for PRCS or the Federation should be dispatched to Islamabad.

Peshawar: The ICRC has already an existing logistics and procurement centre in Peshawar to support ICRC operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This structure will support ICRC operations in Pakistan. Some procurement officers from National Societies could be hosted in this procurement structure and have access to ICRC suppliers to undertake their local purchase in Pakistan. All incoming goods for ICRC should be dispatched to Peshawar.

Abbotabad: The ICRC is setting up a logistics structure in Abbotabad to support operations.

Logistics personnel in the field:

The International Federation logistics structure in Islamabad is already in place and fully operational to handle the receipt and storage of all accepted goods. The Senior Field Logistics Officer from Geneva arrived in Islamabad on 10 October to coordinate the Federation's overall logistics effort. Danish Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross Logistics ERUs have also arrived in Islamabad. The Federation Logistics Delegate in Maldives has been relocated to Pakistan to support the logistics operations.

For ICRC: The Peshawar structure is already in place and will support the Abbotabad set-up. The British Red Cross Logistics ERU arrived on 11 October to set-up the ICRC logistics structure in Abbotabad and they will be supported by Peshawar employees. In Islamabad the logistician in charge of the dispatch in the joint logistics structure is expected to arrive on 12 October. The deputy Head of Logistics Division arrived on the 11 October to support the ICRC Islamabad delegation and overall ICRC logistics activities. The logistician for logistics assessment arrived on 10 October and is moving towards Mussafarabad with the first convoy. The air operation manager is scheduled to arrive on 12 October together with another ICRC logistician.

Air Operations:

Air operations will be fully handled by ICRC and all relevant inquiries should be addressed to ICRC to the attention of ICRC Air Operation Coordinator Michel Schaffner at +41 22 730 25 63, mob +41 79 217 32 71 or the Islamabad Air Operation Manager as soon as he is in place. Several ICRC helicopters are on their way to Islamabad.

Coordination

The Federation's Pakistan Delegation is attending coordination meetings with UN and other agencies on a daily basis, including meetings relating to specific sectors such as health, water and sanitation and shelter. The in-country Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners – the Pakistan Red Crescent, the Federation country delegation and the ICRC – are working in close cooperation.

The Federation's South Asia Regional Delegation in Delhi is providing reporting, information, disaster management, health and administrative support.

The Indian Red Cross Society held a coordination meeting in Delhi today, attended by representatives from the Federation India delegation, the ICRC South Asia regional head of delegation, as well as representatives from in-country partner national societies from the American, Canadian and Spanish Red Cross. A visiting United Arab Emirates Red Crescent team also attended.

The Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have been working in close collaboration from the start, with the respective officials in contact early Saturday morning, followed by attendance at each institution's planning meetings from Day One of the disaster. Work on a document delineating

the modalities of the cooperation is nearing completion. Discussions centre on geography and sectoral responsibilities. In the field, there is regular contact and cooperation between the ICRC and Federation offices in Islamabad and Delhi.

The Geneva Secretariat today (Wednesday 12 October) attended the second Inter-Agency Standing Committee on the South Asia earthquake. The other participants were WFP, UNITAR, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, UNFPA, HABITAT, ILO, IOM, MSF, ICVA and the ICRC. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 14 October.

Sphere India agencies, including the Federation held an information exchange meeting in Delhi today.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The Pakistan Federation delegation, the South Asia Regional delegation (Delhi) and the Geneva Secretariat are profiling the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement disaster response. All parties are fielding and dealing with numerous national and international media queries. Two information bulletins have been issued, three Operations Updates, while three media releases have been issued by the Geneva Secretariat.

With delegates from more than 10 nationalities regular media interviews are being conducted with CNN, BBC, and other various media organizations including those in the Netherlands, UK, Japan, Norway, Germany, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, France, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Israel, Canada, and Malaysia.

Regular operations updates on this operation will be issued and posted on the Federation website. To view the South Asia Earthquake feature on the Federation's website: <http://www.ifrc.org/news/southasia/index1.asp>

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PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY

APPEAL No. 05EA022

South Asia - earthquake

TYPE	VALUE
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF
Emergency response units	
Tents (winterised tents & family tents)	
Plastic sheeting, tarpaulin	
Blankets, bedlinen & winter clothing	
Food	
Kitchen sets, jerry cans, lanterns, kerosene, stoves, soap etc.	
Sub total general relief	50,000,000
Water & sanitation	
Health	
Emergency response units	
Sub total general health	10,000,000
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS	60,000,000
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<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>	
Logistics, vehicles, telecommunications equipment	1,000,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme support (6.5% of total)	4,762,000
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	
Transport, vehicle costs, helicopter rentals, storage, distributions	6,000,000
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
International & national staff, FACT teams, ERUs, RDRTs	1,000,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>	500,000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS	13,262,000
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TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES	73,262,000
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LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)	5,309,000
NET REQUEST	67,953,000
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