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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA022; Operations Update no. 5; Period covered: 15-17 October 2005; Appeal coverage: 23%; ([click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website](#)).

PRELIMINARY EMERGENCY APPEAL REVISED BUDGET NOW CHF 73.3 MILLION (USD 56.6 MILLION OR EUR 47 MILLION). CASH CONTRIBUTIONS URGENTLY NEEDED.

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).
- Operations Update No. 3 of 12 October 2005 increased the Preliminary Appeal budget to CHF 73,262,000 (USD 56,616,692 or EUR 47,053,307) to assist up to 150,000 families (some 750,000 beneficiaries) for six months, as an increasingly serious situation has unfolded.
- This Operations Update, No. 5, revised down the number of targeted families to 70,000 (some 500,000 beneficiaries) based on the newly assessed delivery capacity and average family size of seven.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000.

Outstanding needs:

- The Preliminary Emergency Appeal is now 23 per cent firmly covered. Response to the appeal to date has been slow, and cash contributions are very urgently needed to allow the Red Cross and Red Crescent to rapidly scale up emergency operations.
- Large-scale mobilization of relief items is needed (detailed mobilization table is available and updated on [Disaster Management Information System \(DMIS\)](#)). There is a strong need to provide shelter items such as winterized tents, family tents, blankets, plastic sheeting and tarpaulins.
- The operation has identified the following longer-term positions that need to be sought internationally, regionally and nationally: in Pakistan - operations manager, Head of support services, finance, information, reporting, IT/telecom, ERU coordinator, logistics coordinator, transport manager, warehouse manager, airport manager, fleet manager, relief coordinator and three relief managers, water-sanitation coordinator, heads of sub-delegations, medical coordinator, medical logistics coordinator, health managers, shelter coordinator; and in Delhi – regional reporting and regional disaster response. Another level of positions will be communicated later.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [Pakistan Annual Appeal 05AA049](#), [Afghanistan Annual Appeal 05AA045](#), [India Annual Appeal 05AA047](#), [South Asia Regional Annual Appeal 05AA051](#)

Summary:

The needs are huge, the required commitment is long-term and there is a high likelihood many more people will not survive the winter if they do not receive assistance in the coming weeks. The Pakistani government places the death toll at 40,000 however it is likely that this figure will rise the longer people are without medical care or left in exposed conditions.

Based on its own assessments and data from other agencies, the Federation's field assessment and coordination team (FACT) in Pakistan concluded that affected people will be 100 per cent reliant on emergency relief aid for at least the next six months. The first snows have been reported in some areas down to hill level and the full force of winter is just weeks away. It is a desperate humanitarian situation with many people yet to receive even the most basic assistance. Access to these people is a major challenge and this is putting severe pressure on resources.

Partners are urged to realize that this will be a long-term and challenging operation. It is vital that donors commit long-term funds and resources for this appeal.

Based on assessments, the capacity of the International Federation and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, it has been decided to review the number of beneficiaries down to 500,000 people or approximately 70,000 families (based on a family size of seven persons). The need is of course greater, but this revision is in line with what is realistic and achievable given current and projected resources.

The field assessment and coordination team (FACT) and the regional disaster response team (RDRT) members are conducting constant assessments, while five emergency response units (ERUs) providing medical, water and sanitation, and IT/telecom services in Pakistan are already operational or due to be in the coming two days.

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Background

An earthquake with magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale centred 95 kilometres north-east of the Pakistan capital Islamabad struck at 0350 GMT on 8 October 2005, with tremors felt as felt across the region from Kabul to Delhi. The quake has decimated areas of northern Pakistan and northern India, killing over 40,000 people.

The area surrounding Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-administered Kashmir has been the most severely affected with half a million people affected. But the full extent of the disaster is still unfolding as more remote areas are reached and small communities in the mountains are accessed.

Over a hundred aftershocks have been reported. Seismic activity is likely to continue according to meteorological officials.

With more fatalities reported from remote mountainous valleys and Balakot town, the official death toll in Pakistan has now passed 39,000 and will continue to rise. The World Health Organization (WHO) and authorities estimate 65,000 people have been injured and estimates say that around 50,000 remain untreated. According to the UN's initial estimate, the disaster has affected four million people (one million severely) and left 500,000 people homeless.

Situation

The full extent of the disaster is still unfolding as outlying villages are only just being reached. WHO and the Red Cross and Red Crescent both put emergency medical care as a top priority for life-saving.

Quake survivors continue to struggle with shortage of medical care, shelter and safe water. Makeshift tent cities have reportedly sprung up in Muzaffarabad. People burn whatever they can find to keep warm and prepare food. Initial findings suggest that food aid appears to be sufficient however the Red Cross and Red Crescent have been alerted that food may become an issue in a few months. Limited access and bad weather conditions are, however, limiting relief efforts to concentrate in urban areas. Heavy rains have resulted in flooding of tents and temporary shelters. WHO warns that people living in the open are at risk of acute respiratory disease from exposure. The UN and the Pakistani authorities estimate that only two per cent of the water and sanitation needs are met. There are already reporting cases of bloody diarrhoea and dysentery. Health needs are increasingly becoming a main area of concern.



Convoys of truckloads of relief items from Islamabad to Mansehra

Supply pipelines are open and international aid is now pouring in but the logistical challenges of distribution are enormous.

An unprecedented large-scale airborne relief and rescue operation is ongoing in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Pakistan-administered Kashmir with an increased international response to deal with the shortage of helicopters. Fifty-eight foreign and local helicopters made some 310 flights last Friday (14 October), evacuating the wounded for medical treatment and providing much needed relief supplies. However, access to affected areas, especially the more remote ones is precarious. Relief flights in and out of Muzaffarabad were severely disrupted by bad weather over the weekend. The poor conditions led to a Pakistani military helicopter carrying relief materials crashing on 16 October, killing all six people aboard.

Isolated thunderstorms are forecast for the next 24 hours and a cold snap will follow which will bring night-time temperatures close to freezing point. This will aggravate the already vulnerable conditions of the quake survivors. Snowfall has already been observed in the Neelum area.

The Pakistani government says its top priority needs are winterized tents, blankets and medical assistance. As of 15 October, the government has provided 18,000 tents and 110,000 blankets, with relief efforts shifting from towns to outlying areas and villages. Plans are underway to encourage and ferry people to come down from mountainous areas for better relief assistance where possible. Damage assessments are being undertaken. Given the huge psycho-social needs, the government will be getting counsellors to support the traumatized population.

With search and rescue winding down, some international relief rescue teams have begun to leave while more foreign medical teams and supplies are coming in.

The Pakistani government has established an Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) to rebuild infrastructure in the quake-affected areas. Details will be released in the next few days. Reconstruction is expected to take between five to ten years. Together with the one-year need for relief aid estimated by the UN, long-term commitment and resources are expected from aid agencies.

Operational developments

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society has thrown its full resources into the earthquake operation. The national society has 128 branches covering 77 districts across Pakistan. Major achievements to date have included:

- 84 truckloads of relief distributed in eight locations;
- Staff and volunteers from national headquarters, four provincial branch headquarters and volunteers in Pakistan-administered Kashmir are involved in the operation;
- 750 units of blood from over 1,000 donors collected so far by the national headquarters' blood bank;
- A television/print appeal campaign has raised 1.5 million Pakistan rupees (approximately CHF 32,000).

Currently, over 87 delegates, of 24 nationalities from 19 Red Cross and Red Crescent partners are actively participating in the Pakistan earthquake operation coordinated by the Federation's Secretariat. To date, the Federation has deployed one 17-member [Field Assessment Coordination Team](#) (FACT), five [Emergency Response Units](#) (ERUs), and 16 [Regional Disaster Response Team](#) (RDRT) members from South Asia and South-East Asia to coordinate the emergency operation.

Assessment missions are ongoing in Balakot, Batagram, Gari Habibula and pushing out on foot and by helicopters to their surrounding areas despite limited access due to poor road and weather conditions. The team has identified huge humanitarian needs in these areas which will be the target locations for relief assistance provided through this appeal. The entire population in Gari Habibula, for example, has not received any relief assistance yet. Distribution of tents and blankets will kick off tomorrow to this area. Volunteers are being mobilized from the communities to assist in tent and blanket distributions planned for tomorrow. Immediate priority needs are tents and blankets. As assessment information is coming in and supply pipelines are being updated, the distribution plan will be updated on a daily basis.



A FACT team member speaking to a wounded girl who's awaiting to be airlifted for medical care.

Two basic health care units have arrived in country and proceeded to the affected areas to reinforce the local medical capacities. A three-module water and sanitation unit has also arrived and is en route to Balakot today.

The coordination centre in Islamabad, currently operating from the Pakistan delegation, has also been strengthened with six staff in the areas of liaison, disaster management, administration, finance, reporting and programme coordination from the Federation's South Asia regional delegation, Afghanistan delegation and Asia Pacific Service Centre.

Field assessment and coordination team (FACT)

The full FACT team is now in place with the arrival of an additional member on 15 October and has been:

- actively engaged in assessments and relief activities in close cooperation with the RDRT and members, as well as in coordination with PRCS, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), local authorities, UN agencies and international NGOs;
- coordinating the arrival of the ERU equipment, and their fast deployment to the identified locations against the increasingly worsening weather conditions;
- coordinating with the logistics ERU in handling the relief pipeline and securing logistics support and resources;
- coordinating the health and water-sanitation ERUs to the most needed locations;
- setting up IT/telecom systems and office structures in Islamabad and Mansehra;
- handling media relations and producing news stories and photos;

- streamlining arrival services and providing security briefings, administrative and financial support to the operation and to incoming delegates; as well as developing a plan of action and budget for the revised appeal.

Recruitment of longer-term delegates is underway. Office and accommodation space is being identified in Islamabad. A sub-office is also being established in Mansehra in view of the growing Red Cross and Red Crescent activities around the area. The FACT Movement coordinator is currently in Mansehra setting up a sub-office. A Movement Coordinator has been recruited and will be en route for Pakistan tomorrow.

Emergency response unit (ERU)

- Danish/Spanish Red Cross logistics is operational and working closely with the FACT to put in place an efficient logistics structure and hubs in Islamabad and Mansehra. (See logistics section for details).
- French Red Cross' basic health care team arrived in Islamabad on 15 October and is now in Batgram with its equipment and six trucks. The unit is expected to be operational tomorrow.
- Spanish Red Cross' basic health care team arrived in Islamabad on 16 October and is proceeding with its equipment to Balakot today.
- A three-module Swedish/Austrian Red Cross ERU (distribution and trucking, treatment and supply and mass sanitation) arrived in Islamabad on 16 October and is proceeding to Balakot today with its equipment.
- A German Red Cross specialized water ERU is due to arrive on 19 October.
- A Danish Red Cross base camp with a capacity for at least 60 people will arrive on 18 October and will be equipped with winterized tents from Finnish Red Cross.
- Norwegian Red Cross is planning to send a water treatment unit along with a contribution of 15,000 jerry cans.

The Danish IT/telecom ERU and the FACT IT/telecom coordinator have been working closely together to provide IT/telecom support to the coordination team in Islamabad. Internet access is available from the temporary coordination centre based in the Pakistan delegation. Request for use of radio frequencies has been made to the authorities and is expected to be cleared within days. The team is working to ensure each delegate has email and Internet access in the coming days to enhance internal and external communications. One IT/telecom person is now in Mansehra to help set up the office and address operational needs.

Regional disaster response team (RDRT)

- South Asia team: Three regional disaster response team members from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society arrived on 13 October and were joined by two others from Nepal Red Cross Society on 16 October. The team will join the assessment and relief activities. A RDRT-trained member from Qatar Red Crescent is also expected to join the team.
- Southeast Asia team (comprising Philippines Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent and Singapore Red Cross) arrived in Islamabad on 15 October and has been working closely with the FACT:
 - Five members, joining a FACT health member, arrived in Mansehra the same evening and have been conducting assessments in Balakot, Batagram, Gari Habibula and their surrounding areas.
 - Another six members (medical personnel and a logistician) arrived in Mansehra on the morning of 16 October, with medicines and tents, and are establishing field clinics in areas around Mansehra. The team will join the Spanish Red Cross' basic health care unit ERU in Balakot. (See health section for details).
- Deployment of an additional medical team from Southeast Asia is on standby.

Direct Red Cross and Red Crescent in-country support

- A medical doctor from German Red Cross is working with the PRCS in NWFP on the distribution of the five new emergency health care kits (NEHK) – sufficient for 10,000 people for three months – provided by German Red Cross which arrived on 14 October. The activity is based on the PRCS and FACT assessment findings. Ten multi-function tents arrived on another relief flight on 15 October and will be used to reinforce PRCS medical and storage facilities in the affected areas.
- The United Arab Emirates Red Crescent has been providing emergency relief and medical assistance to PRCS branches in Abbottabad, Bagh and Balakot. In Bagh, 255 tents, 500 food parcels (locally procured) and 850 blankets have been distributed. Significant supplies are in the pipeline. A 176-ton cargo is due in early this week including 2,000 tents, 20,000 blankets, food and medicines. The UAE Red Crescent has provided: medicines for 500 patients at a medical complex in Abbottabad and 300 tents, 2,000 blankets, cooking sets and food for 2,000 people to assist out-patients and their families utilizing the medical facility; medicines

sufficient for 300 patients at a hospital near Islamabad; and medicines sufficient for 250 patients in Bagh. The team of at least five has been assisting the 100-bed UAE government-supported mobile hospital in Balakot.

- The Turkish Red Crescent is operating a 50-bed field hospital in Muzaffarabad, supported by 15 medical staff and 25 technicians. The team has also been distributing food and hygiene packs.

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

Logistics

The Danish/Spanish Red Cross ERU has established its logistics structure in the airport, a hotel and the Federation delegation's office. With the high number of aircraft expected to arrive, more staff will be put in place at the airport. Contacts are being made with the authorities for approval to install Rubb halls at the Islamabad airport. At the same time, the team is establishing a Movement logistics hub in Mansehra to support the growing Red Cross and Red Crescent activities.

Pakistan Red Crescent and the Federation have transported a total of 116 truckloads of emergency relief and health-related items since the disaster struck. Of these, Pakistan Red Crescent has dispatched a total of 84 truckloads (31 to Muzaffarabad, 29 to Mansehra, six to Balakot, five to Rawalakot, four to Bagh, two to Abbottabad and one each to Swat and Changla). Five truckloads were handed over to the army for distribution to areas inaccessible by road.

The Federation shifted 32 truckloads carrying relief items over the weekend from Islamabad destined for Balakot and Mansehra. The details of the consignments are:

- 17 truckloads carrying 1,720 tarpaulins, one new emergency health kit, 40,000 blankets, 2 Rubb halls and six vehicles, and the French Red Cross' basic health care ERU.
- 15 truckloads carrying a total of 16,000 blankets, one basic health care kit, one new emergency health kit, and 720 tarpaulins. These items will be distributed in Mansehra and Balakot.

The logistics ERU has handled to date 19 aircrafts, including three for ICRC. The unit is maintaining close cooperation with ICRC logistics, following the joint agreement with the Federation, signed on 13 October.

The following tables outline the supply figures **resourced by the Federation's Secretariat**, as of 17 October:

1. Islamabad Hub Statistics

Item	Requested ²	Mobilized ³	Arrived ⁴	Dispatched ⁵
Tents	51,875	19,000	2,220	
Blankets	510,000	231,315	91,680	16,440
Jerry cans	31,875	2,000	2,000	
4x6 tarps	31,875	25,642	12,900	720
Stoves	31,875			
Hygiene Kits	63,750			
Kitchen sets	31,875	2,950	2,950	
Lamps	31,875			
NEHK	6	6	6	
ERU BHC	2	2	2	1
ERU Water	3	3	1	

Transport	No. Today	Tons	No. Total	Tons
Aircraft received	5	125	19	475
Trucks despatched	11	110	11	110

Of these items, 16,000 blankets and 720 tarpaulins have arrived in Mansehra.

² By relief

³ Pledged goods with no transport confirmed

⁴ Pledged goods with transport confirmed

⁵ Total goods received to date

A fleet manager from the Federation's fleet base in Dubai has arrived and will support the arrival of 16 vehicles from Dubai. These vehicles will boost the currently strained transport capacities.

The logistics ERU attended the regular UN Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) cluster meeting. The meeting reviewed the current challenges and the increasingly worse weather conditions, and called for joint planning and coordination among aid agencies to ensure swift logistics support for getting relief to the quake survivors.

Emergency relief (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To meet the immediate shelter and supplementary food needs of 70,000 vulnerable families (some 500,000 beneficiaries) in affected areas in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, North West Frontier Province, and Islamabad. (Note this is amended from the previous target of 150,000 families)

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

A detailed breakdown of the relief goods distributed by the PRCS provincial branches is not available. However, the breakdown of major items distributed from the 27 truckloads sent to date from the national headquarters in Islamabad is as follows:

Item	Quantity
Tents	1,210
Blankets	5,225
Food parcels (cartons)	1,320
Medicines (cartons)	916
PTV public packages* (cartons)	2,423
Biscuits (kgs)	146
Water (bottles)	3,204
Juice (bottles)	20,640
Milk (packets)	25,216
Flour (20 kg bags)	1,100
Ghee (5kg tins)	1,115

**These packs are made up of assorted items donated by the public in response to a Pakistan Red Crescent/Pakistan TV campaign.*

The Southeast Asia RDRT team has been mobilized to conduct an assessment in the affected areas immediately upon its arrival on 15 October. Limited access to the affected areas has significantly hampered the assessment activities. The team will be joined by the RDRT members from Nepal Red Cross and Qatar Red Crescent. So far, the team has assessed Balakot, Batagram and Gari Habibula and their surrounding areas. These areas have tremendous humanitarian needs and will be the core targeted areas for relief assistance under this appeal.

Highlights of the assessment to date:

- Gari Habibula: 14 villages have so far been assessed in Gari Habibula. The entire population of some 15,000 has not received any relief assistance. Volunteers will be mobilized from the local villages to help with distribution of tents and blankets tomorrow. Most areas in higher altitude can only be accessed by narrow road and small vehicles and some areas only by off road vehicles or by foot.
- Balakot sub-district: increasing number of people are moving from neighbouring areas for assistance. RDRT members will continue the assessment and give support to the Spanish Red Cross' basic health care ERU.
- Batagram: total district population is 360,000. Some roads are closed and security problems reported. Assessments are ongoing.
- Kagan valley: one RDRT team (partly medical people) from Southeast Asia will gain access today by helicopter into the remote and inaccessible Kagan valley to conduct assessments and draw up a plan of action. The team will stay there for four days and will be replaced by Pakistan Red Crescent members.

Immediate priority needs are tents and blankets. Food is not a main priority at the moment but will be constantly monitored.

The current relief distribution plan is drawn up and prioritized on a daily basis as further assessment and relief pipeline information comes in.

India (outside this appeal at this stage)

The Indian Red Cross Society's response has continued in affected areas in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Over the weekend a Rubb hall was sent to Srinagar to provide more storage space for relief items sent to the national society by various partners. The Federation is sending an experienced technician to erect the Rubb hall.

Three IRCS national disaster response team (NDRT) members from Maharashtra and Meghalaya state branches with one logistician from Kolkata regional warehouse will be deployed to assist the J&K branch in the relief distribution and also assess further needs. The team will arrive in Delhi today for briefing and depart for Srinagar on Tuesday. With the approval of the IRCS national headquarters, 30,000 blankets have been procured by the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent team and were handed over to the IRCS today. A meeting today between the national society, in-country partner national societies and the Federation's India delegation will decide on the allocation of goods required against available resources from various disaster management-related projects.

In addition to the national society headquarters' response, various branches have been sending relief items to the Jammu and Kashmir branch. The Bihar branch sent 1,000 family packs of non-food items while the Maharashtra branch air-freighted in over the weekend 1,000 blankets, 500 tents and 30 bags of woollen jackets.

Health

Objective: To meet the basic health care and first aid and emergency transport needs of 70,000 vulnerable families (some 500,000 beneficiaries) in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, North West Frontier province, and Islamabad. *(Note this is amended from the previous target of 150,000 families)*

Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)

The Pakistan Red Crescent has eight health teams operating in various locations across Pakistan-administered Kashmir and North West Frontier Province. The teams are staffed by a total of 21 doctors, seven paramedics and 27 volunteers (all with medical experience either at doctor or paramedic level). These teams treated over 2,000 people in two days. Crucially, various teams have been pushing out to more remote areas. For example, two PRCS teams walked to remote villages in upper and lower Tandali where they treated 680 people who had received no prior medical assistance.



A Pakistan Red Crescent medical doctor caring for a wounded child in Balakot.

The Pakistan Red Crescent blood bank at the national headquarters in Islamabad had collected 750 units in the week following the disaster. The 1,000th donor walked into the clinic at the weekend. This is a remarkable achievement given the bank can only process five people at a time. Queues have formed as people are eager to help. With a predominantly Muslim population, most of the donors are fasting 13 hours a day, yet are undeterred in wanting to give blood. Blood is being distributed through various hospitals, and stocks are being transferred to affected areas such as Muzaffarabad, Abbottabad and Mansehra.

Progress of basic health care and water-sanitation ERU deployments is as follows:

- French Red Cross' basic health care: the team arrived on 15 October and has arrived with its equipment and six trucks in Batgram.

- Spanish Red Cross' basic health care: the team arrived on 16 October and is proceeding with its equipment to Balakot today (17 October).
- Swedish/Austrian water-sanitation: three modules of the Swedish/Austrian ERU (distribution & trucking, treatment and supply and mass sanitation) have all arrived on 16 October and will proceed with equipment to Balakot today (17 October).
- German Red Cross' specialized water ERU is due to arrive on 19 October.

The Federation is planning to provide equipment, medicaments and related facilities to significantly expand an existing local hospital (currently has 600-bed capacity). The hospital services the following earthquake affected districts:

- Battagram
- Balakot
- Bagh
- Mansehra
- Muzaffarabad

During the earthquake the hospital suffered some structural damage (one floor closed) but has remained operational having treated 8,269 patients since the earthquake. They have performed 6,948 surgical procedures during this time and continue to try and address routine medical and obstetric needs.

At present there are approximately 600 trauma inpatients with resources severely stretched. They have a limited capacity and are unable to offer post-procedure care or beds for patients. According to the WHO health cell meetings, no other organization has plans to assist this hospital.

To date some 11,000 patients have been transferred from the above districts to Lahore, Peshawar and Islamabad. It is also anticipated that there will be a gradual return of patients from these hospitals. Many of these people will require ongoing surgical follow-up and a percentage will presumably develop some post-surgical complications.

There are approximately 7,000 internally displaced people in tent camps around the hospital, which pose some serious public health challenges. Only one of the four hospital water pumps is functional and there are inadequate sanitation facilities for the existing numbers. A water and sanitation assessment has yet to be carried out to give an accurate picture of the needs.

Based on the assessment, a field hospital is needed:

- To provide surgical and medical support to Abbottabad hospital for: surgical procedures; post-operative wound management; management of infected wounds and management of diarrhoeal diseases.
- To provide an increased surgical and medical capacity for the hospital to compensate for the decreased available occupancy of the present structure due to earthquake damage.
- To provide a referral centre for the ERU teams in Battagram (French Red Cross), Balakot (Spanish Red Cross) and Bagh (Southeast Asia societies). Discussions are underway with the ICRC to deploy RDRT-trained medical staff from the Qatar Red Crescent for a small field hospital in Bagh in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

A medical team of two doctors and one nurse was airlifted into the very remote Kagan Valley in North West Frontier Province and will spend four days there treating patients. The team will eventually be replaced by a Pakistan Red Crescent team. An assessment team of the Federation has also been airlifted into Kagan Valley and is proceeding to affected areas on foot.

India (outside this appeal at this stage)

In India, the Indian Red Cross has deployed a water-sanitation unit and an accompanying three-person crew (including a consultant supported by the Federation) to Srinagar. The unit is capable of providing 120,000 litres a day (sufficient for 8,000 people meeting minimum Sphere standards). The consultant is tasked with getting the unit operational and training Jammu and Kashmir branch staff to use and maintain it.

Coordination

The ICRC and the Federation have established an agreement on their respective roles and responsibilities regarding the management and coordination of Movement resources in the region. The ICRC is responsible for operational coordination of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement components in Pakistan-administered Kashmir. The Federation is carrying out the operational coordination role elsewhere in Pakistan.

The in-country Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners – the Pakistan Red Crescent, the Federation's country delegation, the Federation's representatives and the ICRC – are working in close cooperation. Two coordination meetings are held daily, one hosted by the Pakistan Red Crescent and the other by the ICRC.

The Pakistan Red Crescent is working closely with the government relief coordination commission. Field offices have been established in Mansehra, Bagh and Muzaffarabad and these are acting as coordination focal points. A control room is operating at the national headquarters in Islamabad and is available to the ICRC and the Federation for information updates, etc.

The Federation's Secretariat is establishing linkages with the few bilateral national societies operational in Pakistan and coordination and information sharing structures will be established. It is important that any national societies wishing to work in Pakistan contact the Federation delegation to facilitate coordination. The Federation's South Asia regional delegation held a meeting with partner national societies on Friday, 14 October and will continue to hold these gatherings on a weekly basis. The head of regional delegation is now in Islamabad providing coordination support to the operation.

Geneva Secretariat staff is attending regular meetings of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on the South Asia earthquake. Other participants are WFP, UNITAR, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, UNFPA, HABITAT, ILO, IOM, MSF, ICVA and the ICRC.

India (outside this appeal at this stage)

In India, there is good coordination among Movement partners – the Indian Red Cross Society, Federation, ICRC and in-country partner national societies. There is regular liaison between the India delegation, the South Asia regional delegation and the Secretariat in Geneva.

There is constructive coordination in place with UN agencies, donors and other NGOs in India with information sharing and exchange through resource mapping and targeted sectors to avoid duplication. A coordination cell among the NGOs operating on the ground was set up while army and police are extending support and facilitating the work of the humanitarian agencies according to different reports from the field.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The Pakistan relief operation is being profiled nationally and internationally by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, the Federation's Secretariat in Geneva and in the country. The Pakistan Red Crescent has dealt at the national level with 16 national newspapers (Urdu and English language), eight television networks, and two national radio networks. The national society is providing two to three media releases a day to update the media on developments and the operation. In addition, there are numerous media inquiries being dealt with at national headquarters and in the field.

The Pakistan Red Crescent is receiving wide coverage in the Pakistani media which is also being used for fundraising purposes. The national society has conducted a public appeal campaign through Pakistan TV which raised over a million Pakistan rupees and a three-day print media campaign. To date, the Pakistan Red Crescent national headquarters has received public donations of 1.5 million rupees (approximately CHF 32,000/USD 25,125/EUR 20,807).

Working through the Federation are now three information staff, one photographer and one videographer in the field.

The FACT team currently in the field includes an information professional, accompanied by a German Red Cross photographer. Two other information delegates have arrived in the last 48 hours: a Canadian Red Cross staff member who is fluent in Urdu and other local languages and has been dispatched immediately to the field to

Mansehra; and a delegate from the Spanish Red Cross who will work primarily with Spanish-language media. A further information delegate has been identified and is expected in Pakistan next week.

The information flow from the field is being supported by a media/information focal point at the South Asia regional delegation in Delhi. The Secretariat's media and public relations unit in Geneva has issued media releases and has been dealing with a torrent of media queries since the disaster struck. A second media briefing in Geneva is planned for the coming week.

There are currently delegates/staff comprising 24 nationalities involved in the Federation's operation and they are fielding calls from media in their own countries. The Federation and national society are also dealing with international agencies such as Reuters, CNN, BBC, etc.

In an effort to help restore family links, the ICRC, in cooperation with the tracing services of the national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, has launched a website (www.familylinks.icrc.org) to assist those seeking information about relatives who may have been affected by the earthquake. PRCS has also made available a request form for tracing on its website and forward any request to ICRC.

Regular operations updates such as these will be issued several times weekly and posted on the Federation's website in addition to photos and news stories. Red Cross and Red Crescent personnel may access the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) for maps and other more detailed information.

The South Asia Earthquake feature on the Federation's website is available at: <http://www.ifrc.org/news/southasia/index1.asp>

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				73,262,000	TOTAL COVERAGE 23.0%	
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		3,000,000	AUD	2,956,500	10.10.05	
BRITISH - RC		250,000	GBP	569,500	09.10.05	
BRITISH PETROLEUM		500,000	USD	647,000	11.10.05	
CANADIAN - GOVT/CIDA/HAPS		990,000	CAD	1,093,455	13.10.05	
CAMBODIAN - RC		15,000	USD	19,410	13.10.05	
CHINA - HONG KONG RC BRANCH		500,000	HKD	81,500	10.10.05	PROCUREMENT SHELTER KITS
DANISH - RC				95,920	14.10.05	
ECHO (05004)		810,747	EUR	1,262,333	13.10.05	
HELLENIC - RC				50,000	11.10.05	PURCHASE 10'000 BLANKETS
ICELANDIC - GOVT		75,000	USD	97,050	09.10.05	
IRISH - GOVT		300,000	EUR	467,100	13.10.05	
ITALIAN - RC		200,000	EUR	311,400	13.10.05	PAKISTAN, INDIA
JAPANESE - RC		262,513	USD	339,692	11.10.05	
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC		50,000	USD	64,700	10.10.05	
LATVIAN - GOVT		100,000	USD	129,400	13.10.05	
LIBYAN - RC				10,000	10.10.05	
MACAU - RC				25,000	10.10.05	PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, BLANKETS & TENTS
OPEC FUND F.INTERNATIONAL DEV.		1,000,000	USD	1,294,000	13.10.05	PAKISTAN, INDIA, AFGHANISTAN
PRIVATE DONORS ON LINE				390,000	14.10.05	
SINGAPORE - PRIVATE DONOR		50,000	EUR	77,850	11.10.05	
SWEDISH - GOVT		2,000,000	SEK	334,000	11.10.05	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		15,400,000	SEK	2,571,800	14.10.05	
SWISS - PRIVATE DONOR				6,700	12.10.05	
USA - COCA-COLA		1,000,000	USD	1,294,000	11.10.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				14,188,310	CHF	19.4%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AMERICAN - RC				105,000		3000 TARPAULINS, 3000 KITCHEN SETS
AUSTRIAN - RC				61,200	11.10.05	306 FAMILY TENTS
BELGIAN - RC				476,250	11.10.05	22500 BLANKETS, 1250 TARPAULINS, 1250 FAMILY TENTS , 4750 KITCHEN SETS,
CANADIAN - RC				72,000	11.10.05	12000 BLANKETS

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EGYPTIAN - RC				14,000	11.10.05	2000 BLANKETS, 20 FAMILY TENTS
FRENCH - RC				61,500	11.10.05	2300 TARPAULINS, 1350 KITCHEN SETS
DANISH - RC					11.10.05	ERU TELECOM, LOGISTICS MK1
GERMAN - RC		500,000	EUR	778,500	13.10.05	ERU SPECIALISED WATER(ECHO)
NETHERLANDS - RC				585,000	11.10.05	10000 BLANKETS, 5000 TARPAULINS, 2000 FAMILY TENTS, 3000 KITCHEN SETS, 5 EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS
SPANISH - RC				96,625	11.10.05	8125 BLANKETS, 2400 TARPAULINS, 100 FAMILY TENTS,
SWISS - RC				53,000	11.10.05	5500 BLANKETS, 1000 KITCHEN SETS,
VARIOUS DONORS	DELEGATES	12		144,000	12.10.05	
DANISH / SPANISH RC	ERU	1		50,000	12.10.05	
DANISH RC	ERU	1		50,000	12.10.05	
FRENCH RC	ERU	1		75,000	12.10.05	
SPANISH RC	ERU	1		75,000	12.10.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				2,697,075	CHF	3.7%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	