

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Indonesia: Sumatra Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDRID002
GLIDE n° [FL-2006-000192-IDN](#)
Operations update n° 2
18 January 2008

Period covered by this Ops Update: 1 March 2007 to 31 December 2007;

Appeal target (current): CHF 708,824 (USD 651,942 or EUR 438,941);

Appeal coverage: 73%; [<click here to view the donor response and interim financial report>](#)
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Appeal history:

- Request for assistance launched on 12 January 2007 for CHF 3.36 million (USD 2.75 million or EUR 2.09 million) to assist 100,000 beneficiaries (20,000 families) for three months.
- Appeal budget revised down to CHF 708,824 (USD 651,942 or EUR 438,941)
- This operations update seeks for a non-cost extension of the operational timeframe until end of May 2008.

The situation

The torrential rains since 22 December 2006 caused serious floods and landslides covering wide geographical areas in the provinces of Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau. The flood water reached up to three metres, temporarily displacing over 300,000 persons at the height of the disaster in the Aceh province alone. It was reported that more than 500,000 people were affected in all three provinces. More rains in January and February 2007 worsened the conditions of flood-affected populations and damaged their infrastructure such as roads, bridges and telecommunication facilities as well as their livelihoods and agricultural products.

The floods left mud and debris reaching up to 1.5 metres in houses, schools, health facilities and roads. The crops of the current harvest were lost in many areas, leaving the affected population without livelihoods. For the tsunami-affected farmers, this meant the loss of the first harvest in two years since the tsunami.

Immediately after the disaster, the Indonesian Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) with support from its partner national societies (PNS), delivered essential humanitarian services including food and non-food item distribution, mobile health services, and water and sanitation facilities.

By February-March 2007, the government of Indonesia and most humanitarian agencies were focusing on early recovery addressing the needs to restore livelihoods. PMI continued to procure relief stocks long after the completion of emergency operations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The request for assistance was issued on 12 January 2007, targeting 10,000 families in Aceh province and 5,000 families each in the provinces of North Sumatra and Riau for about three months. The relief operation was focused on the seven sub-districts of Bireun, Aceh Utara, Kota Lhokseumawe, Bener Meriah, Gayo Lues, Aceh Timur and Aceh Tamiang. Three specific objectives were developed, encompassing food and non-food item relief distribution, health services, and water and sanitation:

1. Flood-affected families receive food and non-food relief assistance across Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau.
2. People most affected by floods in Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau have access to health services and medicine.
3. Affected people in selected areas of Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau benefit from a supply of clean water and hygiene promotion.

By March 2007, more than 40,000 food parcels and 8,000 family kits were distributed by the PMI Satgana teams and volunteers, along with tarpaulins, baby kits, hygiene kits and some medicines. PMI volunteers also provided hot meals as they operated field kitchens in three districts in Aceh and one in North Sumatra.

There were several reports of diarrhoea and skin diseases. It was understood that local governments were covering the needs in Aceh and North Sumatra respectively. Nonetheless, the PMI Aceh chapter dispatched a 12-member medical team to Aceh Tamiang in order to support the government's endeavours. In the Riau province, PMI medical action teams carried out basic health services at three locations.

Two teams of PMI volunteers were deployed to carry out a well-cleaning programme, particularly in the district of Aceh Tamiang. The trained volunteers assessed more than 200 wells by April 2007, half of which were treated with chlorine.

Following the initial three-month operation which ended in March 2007, the PMI headquarters made a decision to procure 90 platoon tents to replenish their emergency stocks, many of which have already been utilized in subsequent relief operations by October 2007.

These preliminary responses were made possible with different in-kind and financial contributions from donor agencies and partner national societies. A pledge from the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC), requested that the HKRC logo be attached to the relief items. This was, however, not possible at the time as emergency response efforts were compelled for the sake of expedience to use existing pre-positioned stocks mobilized from the PMI/Federation warehouses in Jakarta, Banda Aceh and Medan.

With the consent of the HKRC, it was then decided that this contribution would be spent to procure relief items to be stored at the PMI Aceh Utara branch. However, with the delay in construction of the branch building, the procurement of relief items has also been postponed.

In late August 2007, a purchase order of 600 family kits was approved. Each kit consists of one cooking pot, one jerry can, spoons, plastic plates and cups, towels, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, washing and laundry soap, candles, matches, sleeping mats and sarong. All 600 family kits were delivered in three shipments to the Banda Aceh warehouse by 22 September, where they are being stored until the Aceh Utara branch building is constructed.

Discussions regarding outstanding funds from USAID, AusAID and the Japanese Red Cross are currently ongoing. Pending the approval of these donors, the balances will be reallocated for other ongoing disaster response operations. As such, the Federation is seeking for a non-cost extension of the operational timeframe to end of May 2008.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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MDRID002 - Indonesia - Sumatra Flash Floods

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/12-2007/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/12-2007/12
Appeal	MDRID002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		708,824				708,824
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>		<i>194,800</i>				<i>194,800</i>
<i>Hong Kong Red Cross</i>		<i>31,824</i>				<i>31,824</i>
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		<i>172,000</i>				<i>172,000</i>
<i>USAID</i>		<i>122,000</i>				<i>122,000</i>
C1. Cash contributions		520,624				520,624
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		520,624				520,624
D. Total Funding = B + C		520,624				520,624
Appeal Coverage		73%				73%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		520,624				520,624
E. Expenditure		-198,959				-198,959
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		321,665				321,665

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		708,824					708,824	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	105,000		59,342				59,342	45,658
Water & Sanitation	15,000		940				940	14,060
Other Supplies & Services	402,000		31,204				31,204	370,796
Total Supplies	522,000		91,486				91,486	430,514
Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,000		617				617	383
Distribution & Monitoring	7,000							7,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	27,750		19,735				19,735	8,015
Total Transport & Storage	35,750		20,352				20,352	15,398
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	25,000		27,053				27,053	-2,053
National Staff	33,000		35,618				35,618	-2,618
National Society Staff	40,000		8,128				8,128	31,872
Total Personnel	98,000		70,799				70,799	27,201
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,000		1,635				1,635	1,365
Information & Public Relation			551				551	-551
Office Costs	2,000		424				424	1,576
Communications	2,000		774				774	1,226
Financial Charges			6				6	-6
Total General Expenditure	7,000		3,390				3,390	3,610
Programme Support								
Program Support	46,074		12,932				12,932	33,141
Total Programme Support	46,074		12,932				12,932	33,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	708,824		198,959				198,959	509,864
VARIANCE (C - D)			509,864				509,864	