

# DREF operation



International Federation  
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## Bosnia and Herzegovina: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 43,929 (EUR 28,967 or USD 40,848) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 220 families or approximately 880 people. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Heavy rainfall on 5-12 July has caused flooding in Tesanj municipality in the northern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina destroying the food reserves and damaging the houses of local communities. The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina will support the affected population with food and non-food items in order to meet the most urgent needs.

This operation is expected to be implemented over one month, and will therefore be completed by 20 August, 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 20 November, 2009).

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**Flooding in Tesanj city center.** Photo: Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina

## The situation

On 5-12 July 2009 heavy rainfall caused a sudden rise in the level of the rivers Tešanjska and Trebačka, which spilled over river banks and flooded large parts of Tešanjska municipality in the northern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The most affected areas are: Kardaglije, Jablanica, Dobro polje, Mekis, Bukva, Medakovo, Trepča, Novo Selo, Tešanjska and the city of Tešanj. The floods have cut off the regional road Novo Selo-Prnjavor and local road Tešanj-Tešanjska. People evacuated from this area are now returning to their homes.

On 10 July the mayor of Tešanj municipality declared a state of emergency and made every effort to evacuate the affected population. The Tešanj Red Cross branch together with the civil protection responded immediately to alleviate consequences of the disaster.



**Flooding in Tesanj suburban area.** Photo: Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Around 220 households have been directly affected by the floods. Their food reserves have been destroyed and furniture and household items damaged. Some roads and smaller bridges have been destroyed or damaged. Some 50 families were temporarily evacuated, and returned to their homes after the damage has been partially repaired.

At present, the situation is stable, but the epidemiology services, civil protection, fire brigade, police and Red Cross teams are conducting their activities to alleviate the consequences of the floods on local communities.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina is liaising with the civil protection department to jointly make an assessment of the situation and to identify the potential beneficiaries. This will also contribute to building cooperation and stronger relations between the National Society and the civil defense.

The National Society will apply its own resources and capacities mainly through its volunteers and extensive logistics experience to carry out procurement, distribution and monitoring of the relief activities. However, local Red Cross resources are insufficient, thus the National Society has requested support from the International Federation.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with the civil protection responded immediately to alleviate the consequences of the disaster. The local Red Cross first-aid teams jointly with civil protection members visited all flooded locations and provided support to the population to meet their most urgent needs in the form of food, Drinking water and blankets.

On 10-11 July the presidency of the Tešanj Red Cross branch and its first-aid teams actively participated in the civil protection activities including the evacuation of people, as well as the provision of first aid and distribution of food and hygiene items to the affected population.

The Tešanj Red Cross branch has already distributed blankets and hygiene items to some of the affected families. In addition the Red Cross first-aid teams, jointly with the epidemiology services, have conducted the epidemiological protection of objects and water in the affected areas.



**Red Cross volunteers in action in Tešanj.** Photo: Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina

## The needs

### Selection of people to be reached:

Among the people to be reached will be:

- Older people (over 60) living alone
- People with disabilities
- Self-supporting mother
- Socially endangered people with very young children

The 50 families that were evacuated temporarily, and returned to their homes once the damage had been partially repaired, received assistance from the Red Cross Society. They were provided with blankets, food parcels and sleeping bags.

However according to assessments, the needs are bigger, and relief assistance needs to be carried out targeting 220 families. These families will need some basic items since the flooding caused damage to their furniture and household items as well as their food reserves. Part of the food and hygiene parcels will be used for the replenishment of stocks.

Table 1: Relief items needed

Items needed	Quantity
Mats (sponges)	200 pcs
Sleeping bags	200 pcs
Food parcels	220 pcs
Hygiene parcels	220 pcs

In addition, the National Society will distribute clothes and shoes to the affected people from its own stocks.

## The proposed operation

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective: 220 most affected families are provided with food and hygiene parcels as well as other relief items to support them in tackling the consequences of the floods.**

**Activities planned:**

- Procure relief items
- Distribute relief supplies
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions
- As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out what they felt about the goods and services they received.

### Sanitation

**Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of disinfection means as well as a generator for the pumping of water.**

**Activities planned:**

- Procure and distribute 150 kg of disinfection means for 220 families.
- Provide a generator to be used for the pumping of water.
- Monitor and evaluate the activities and provide reporting.

### Dissemination:

The National Society will promote Red Cross activities and further improve the image of the Red Cross among the public through its volunteers in providing support to the affected population. This is the third emergency situation in 2009 to which the National Society is responding with DREF support, allowing it to present itself as a responsible humanitarian actor addressing the needs of affected people when a disaster happens.

**Budget:**

<b>RELIEF NEEDS</b>	<b>28,864</b>
Clothing & Textiles	10,617
Food	5,339
Other Supplies & Services	12,908
<b>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>2,427</b>
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	2,427
<b>TRANSPORT, STORAGE &amp; VEHICLES</b>	<b>2,199</b>
Distribution & Monitoring	2,199
<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; TRAINING</b>	
Workshops & Training	
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,584</b>
Travel	4,550
Other General Expenses	3,034
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>41,074</b>
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	<b>2,855</b>
Programme Support - PSR	2,855
<b>Total Appeal Budget (Cash &amp; Kind)</b>	<b>43,929</b>
<b>Available Ressources</b>	
<b>Net Request</b>	<b>43,929</b>

**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 \(NGO's\) 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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