

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Uzbekistan: Population Movement

Emergency appeal n° MDRUZ002
GLIDE n° OT-2010-000113-UZB
Operations update n° 1
18 June 2010

Period covered by this Ops Update: 16 June 2010 – 18 June 2010

Appeal target (current): CHF 4.15 million

Appeal coverage: 1%; [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched, on a preliminary basis, on 16 June 2010 for 6 months to assist 24000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 300.000 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society to respond.

Summary: Violent clashes in the south of Kyrgyzstan starting on 10 June 2010 resulted in massive population movement towards and across the Uzbekistan border. Currently there are an estimated 92,000 adult refugees (and several thousand children) in Uzbekistan gravitating towards camps in the areas of Andijan, Namangan and Fergana. The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan (URCS), acting as an auxiliary to the public authorities is leading the provision of relief assistance to this population. Starting late 11 June the staff and volunteers of the URCS set tents, provided used clothing and mattresses and began offering hot meals.

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation are working together to ensure rapid and coordinated Movement response to current situation through, among other things establishing regular coordination meetings at country, regional and zone level. The Secretariat of the International Federation has activated a FACT team which is currently deploying with first members arriving to Uzbekistan on 18 June and the majority of the team members to be in place during the weekend. The FACT team will support the Uzbek Red Crescent in refining the needs assessments, drawing up operational plans, and co-ordinating the complex relationships that might be established with partners within and outside the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, and develop appropriate mechanism for this in close consultation with URCS and the ICRC regional delegation in Tashkent. A flight organised by the International Federation is expected to arrive in Uzbekistan, shortly, carrying 6,000 blankets, 3,000 foldable jerry-cans, 3,000 hygiene kits, 3,000 kitchen sets, and 200 tents.

The situation

Violence broke out on 10 June in the city of Osh in the southern part of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, forcing large numbers of people to move towards and cross the border with the Republic of Uzbekistan.

By Monday 14 June the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan reported that some 118 people had been killed with 1609 wounded, and that violence was spreading to other areas also, including the other major southern city of Jalalabat.¹

By Wednesday 16 June the authorities in Uzbekistan authorities reported that some 75,000 adult refugees had been registered inside its territory, in addition to thousands more children. The Government of Uzbekistan set up more than 40 camps (collective centres in public buildings such as schools and, to a lesser extent tents) in Andijan (30), Namangan and Fergana (11) and also called on humanitarian agencies, including the Uzbekistan Red Crescent and ICRC, to assist in conducting a rapid needs assessment in Andijan as a basis for their contributions to the humanitarian operation.

The same day, the International Federation launched its preliminary emergency appeal, released funds from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) and began organizing the provision of relief materiel and mobilization of experts to support the efforts of the National Society in responding to the needs of the refugees.

In the meantime the estimated number of internally displaced people in Kyrgyzstan has been revised upwards, by the United Nations, to an estimated total of 300.000, many of whom are looking for an opportunity to cross the border into Uzbekistan as and when that is open. UNICEF has reported that some 92.000 adult refugees are present in Uzbekistan, but a clearer estimate is expected after the conclusion of an inter-agency assessment 17-18 June.

Coordination and partnerships

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, acting as an auxiliary to the public authorities, plays the central role in organising the provision of Red Cross Red Crescent assistance to the refugees who have arrived in their country, and participates in the work of the task forces the Government of Uzbekistan has established at various levels and locations.

In this work the National Society receives support from other Components of the Movement, within Uzbekistan as well as in the form of resources made available from abroad.

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the ICRC and the International Federation are working together to ensure rapid and coordinated Movement response to current situation. Coordination commitment is based on the **Memorandum on Partnership and Coordination** signed between Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the ICRC and the International Federation in May 2010. The Memorandum underlines the importance of functional Movement coordination mechanisms for an efficient Movement humanitarian response. The Memorandum also provides a format for interested Partner National Societies to join the Movement's action in Uzbekistan in a coordinated manner.

Regular coordination meetings have been already established between the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the ICRC and the Federation at country, regional and zone level. With the arrival of the Federation team in country there will be full participation at country level starting 18 June.

With regard to Red Cross Red Crescent co-ordination, it should be noted that in a similar manner as for Uzbekistan, Components of the Movement are closely co-ordinating their actions in neighbouring Kyrgyzstan with the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan and between the ICRC and the International Federation.

¹ As of 18 June the official death toll as reported by Kyrgyzstan authorities is 191.

A conference call is scheduled for Monday 21 June, with participation from the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, Partner National Societies, the ICRC and the Secretariat of the International Federation to provide an update on the situation and steps being taken.

The Secretariat of the International Federation – through Geneva HQ, the Europe Zone Office in Budapest and the Regional Representation in Almaty – has activated a Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) which is currently deploying. Members of the team began arriving Uzbekistan on 18 June and it is foreseen that the majority of team members will be in place during the weekend.

The FACT team will support the Uzbek Red Crescent in refining the needs assessments, drawing up operational plans, and co-ordinating the complex relationships that might be established with partners within and outside the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, and develop appropriate mechanism for this in close consultation with URCS and the ICRC regional delegation in Tashkent.

The UN inter-agency system is co-ordinated by the UN Resident Representative in Tashkent, while WHO is leading coordination through meetings twice a week with all agencies involved in health. With the arrival of the FACT Team Leader and Deputy Team Leader, as well as senior staff from the Regional Representation in Almaty and the Zone Office in Budapest, the International Federation's ability to interact with the wider humanitarian community will be reinforced.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Andijan regional branch of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan began responding to the needs of the refugees almost immediately upon their arrival in large numbers. Starting late 11 June the staff and volunteers of the branch Crescent provided tents, used clothing and mattresses and began offering hot meals. To date the URCS has used prepositioned stocks to distribute 108 tents, 585 mattresses, 630 blankets, 250 kitchen sets, and hygiene items such as washing powder, soap, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The President of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, Mr Mannon Rakhimov, arrived in the affected region immediately after the situation began developing, and took an active role in the assessment of needs.

The ICRC participated, together with the Uzbekistan Red Crescent, in the inter-agency assessment in the affected region of the country. ICRC is also reinforcing capacity with regard to "Restoring Family Links" (RFL) in Uzbekistan and in co-operation with Uzbekistan Red Crescent.

The International Federation is deploying a FACT for a short period to assess the situation and the immediate needs, to define the most urgent priorities, and to ensure effective coordination of the international response with the Movement and external partners. The FACT will comprise technical experts in areas such as emergency shelter, health, water and sanitation, relief, reporting and logistics. The assessment should lead to the formulation of a more detailed set of priorities and a concrete plan of action. The Federation is in discussion with the ICRC about possible engagement in the FACT to ensure coordination and complementarity in the Movement response.

In addition, senior staff members from the Regional Representation in Almaty, the Zone Office in Budapest and the regional Logistics Unit in Dubai are being deployed to Uzbekistan. The FACT will be complemented with RDRT members from the region where needed, as well as support staff from the Almaty regional representation.

Progress towards outcomes

In accordance with information gathered during the preliminary assessments of needs, Uzbekistan Red Crescent is working in Andijan region of Uzbekistan, as well as in the regions of Namangan and Fergana, where there also are branches of the Red Crescent. A branch representative has participated in recent assessments in Andijan.

The activities of the International Federation are proceeding according to the outline presented in the preliminary emergency appeal, with the aim of assisting 24,000 beneficiaries in the areas of relief, emergency health, hygiene, water and sanitation and emergency shelter. With the arrival of the FACT, the approach will be modified according to findings on the ground, and the plan of action amended and developed.

Two flights organised by the International Federation are expected to arrive in Uzbekistan this weekend, carrying 6,000 blankets, 3,000 foldable jerry-cans, 3,000 hygiene kits, 3,000 kitchen sets, and 200 tents. A senior logistician will accompany the first relief flight due to land early morning on 20 June.

In order to ensure, to the greatest degree possible, an efficient and effective humanitarian response for the benefit of those affected by the current crisis, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the International Federation and the ICRC wish to highlight the need of a well coordinated response. Partner National Societies should be aware that there are clearly constraints to handle unsolicited donations. Partner National Societies are invited to contribute to the existing functional coordination mechanisms and to share with them any foreseen donation or support

Interested parties are referred to the Mobilisation table available on DMIS (https://www-secure.ifrc.org/DMISII/Pages/03_response/0307_logistics.aspx) developed for this operation for further information on unmet requirements. Mobilisation and logistics support are being coordinated by the Federation Dubai-based Regional Logistics Unit (RLU).

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information.

One member of the FACT team is a communications/ media specialist expected to arrive in Tashkent during the weekend to support the efforts of the team, as well as feeding the Secretariat and Partners National Societies information and stories illustrating the efforts being made on the local level, a lay the ground work for continued support for partners over the coming weeks.

The International Federation is aware of the complex nature of the situation in Uzbekistan and neighbouring countries, and of the sensitivity of the issues involved. With this in mind, the International Federation will continue its support to Uzbekistan Red Crescent's effort to further develop its auxiliary role and to secure a solid legal base for its continuing humanitarian work in the country.

How we work

All IFRC 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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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Donor response to MDRUZ002 - Uzbekistan - Population Movement

TIMEFRAME: 15 Jun 10 to 31 Dec 10

LOCATION: Uzbekistan

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	4,158,825
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	39,320
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	1%

Updated on: 18 Jun 2010

Currency	Amount	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	Total
		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
BUDGET							4,158,825
FUNDING							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
Income							
Inkind Goods & Transport (pledged)							
Canadian Red Cross	CHF	39,320	39,320				39,320
Total Inkind Goods & Transport		39,320	39,320				39,320
<u>Total Income</u>		39,320					39,320
TOTAL FUNDING		39,320	0	0	0	0	39,320
COVERAGE							1%

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERATION (based on information received from partners)