

# 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° 3  
2 July 2010

Period covered by this Ops Update: 23 June 2010 – 28 June 2010

Appeal target (current): CHF 4.15 million  
Appeal coverage: 28 per cent as of 2 July 2010

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### Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched, on a preliminary basis, on 16 June 2010 for 6 months to assist 24,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 300,000 was initially allocated from the International Federation's DREF to support the National Society to respond.
- **Given the dramatic change in the situation, the Emergency Appeal will be revised shortly.**

**Summary:** Violent clashes in the south of Kyrgyzstan starting on 10 June 2010 resulted in massive population movement towards and across the Uzbekistan border. An estimated number of 92,000 refugees were registered in Uzbekistan accommodated in camps in the areas of Andijan, Namangan and Fergana. The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, acting as an auxiliary to the public authorities engaged immediately in the provision of relief assistance to the affected people.

In response to the situation, the International Federation deployed a field assessment and coordination team (FACT), seconded senior Europe Zone Office personnel to Tashkent, issued a preliminary Emergency Appeal, made a DREF allocation of CHF 300,000 and coordinated the delivery of emergency non-food items to Uzbekistan.

Two flights organized by the International Federation arrived to Uzbekistan on 20 June carrying non-food items, a combination of in-kind donations from a number of partner National Societies (Canadian, British, and Danish Red Cross Societies) and International Federation stocks dispatched from the Dubai regional logistics unit.

An airplane with humanitarian cargo (carrying 15 tons of food and non-food items) on board kindly donated by the Turkish Red Crescent arrived to the Osh airport on 15 June, and a second airplane with food and non-food items arrived to Andijan on 23 June. The Finnish Red Cross sent a consignment of similar goods that arrived on 23 June. The International Committee of the Red Cross, already established in the country provided support to the National Society and began mobilising in-kind contributions.

On 24 June the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan announced that all refugees, with some minor exceptions, had returned to Kyrgyzstan and that no further assistance was required. With that announcement the components of the Movement as well as other international organisations halted their operations and began a reassessment of their role and their plans for the immediate future.

The humanitarian situation within Uzbekistan is now much less critical. The International Federation is, nevertheless, concerned for the welfare of the returnees, and is working with the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan and the ICRC, to assist these in their own country.

## The situation

According to the report of the State Border Service in Kyrgyzstan 74,320 refugees had returned to Kyrgyzstan until 25 June. Some 395 individuals remained in Uzbekistan because of need for medical attention. As a result of the high percentage of returnees the Government of Uzbekistan has informed international organisations involved in the efforts to support the refugees from Kyrgyzstan that their contributions have been highly appreciated, but no further assistance is needed.

To address the situation, a meeting was called by the deputy prime minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan on 28 June to reach agreement with the UN and other major humanitarian organisations on the possible transfer of humanitarian goods to Kyrgyzstan, to respond to the needs among the returnees and others affected by the crisis.

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan has announced its wish that goods brought into Uzbekistan for humanitarian purposes related to the refugee situation should be forwarded to the Kyrgyz Republic, so as to follow the intended beneficiaries of international assistance. It is understood that the Government of Uzbekistan respects the need of agencies to remain accountable for the use of these resources and is therefore planning to facilitate the transfer of materials within agencies present on both sides of the border. The government offered to provide trucks and to pay for the logistics, with the intention to complete the transport of goods within a week, by 7 July.

The International Federation agrees with this approach, as does the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan which has, moreover, received confirmation from the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan that the latter is ready, able and willing to receive the goods in question.

Nevertheless, and in full understanding with the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, the International Federation has proposed to the Government of Uzbekistan that a portion of the goods channelled to Uzbekistan as part of the response of the International Federation should be reserved to replenish the stocks of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan that were utilised to support the refugees when they arrived across the border.

For that purpose, the International Federation in Tashkent, while awaiting a response from the Government of Uzbekistan to its proposal, is working to establish a detailed overview of which goods would be transferred to Kyrgyzstan and which would be handed over to the Red Crescent branches in the regions of Andijan, Namangan and Fergana, keeping in mind both the need for replenishment and the need to respect donor intent.

The Red Cross Red Crescent back donors have given their agreement for the goods to be utilized in Kyrgyzstan.

The UN, too, generally welcomed the approach of the Government of Uzbekistan and on 30 June a convoy of 28 trucks carrying humanitarian relief arrived in Osh, Kyrgyzstan, from Andijan, Uzbekistan (12 UNHCR trucks, 8 UNICEF trucks, 7 WFP trucks and 1 OCHA truck). The convoy contained food, tents, blankets and health/WASH kits. These will now support the humanitarian response to the internally displaced persons, returnees and host families in and around Osh and Jalal-Abad.

The International Federation launched its preliminary emergency appeal for Uzbekistan on 16 June and began organizing the provision of relief materials and mobilization of experts to support the efforts of the Uzbekistan Red Crescent in responding to the needs of the refugees. Since the situation had changed dramatically since then, the International Federation is now reassessing its options for continued operational support to the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, and has begun work to revise the budget of its preliminary emergency appeal accordingly.

## Coordination and partnerships

In order to strengthen the co-ordination of Movement action, and to facilitate relations, the Director of Europe Zone made a brief visit to Tashkent during which she met with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the National Society leadership, the International Federation team, the ICRC, and representatives of UN and other international organisations present in Uzbekistan.

The Uzbekistan Red Crescent, the International Federation and ICRC have daily coordination meetings chaired by the National Society at its headquarters. The representatives of the International Federation are based in the National Society headquarters and it has been agreed that to the extent the International Federation is to continue to be present in Tashkent it will do so in an integrated manner.

The Europe Zone Office is preparing to support these efforts further, and to assist the Red Crescent Society in Uzbekistan in developing its role as an auxiliary to the public authorities, building on the good and constructive co-operation established during the crisis, and will be deploying an experienced Senior Advisor to work with the National Society for a limited period of time during the month of July.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Following agreement with the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society and Director of Europe Zone concerning likely scenarios the FACT team is formulating a plan of action, taking into account the wish of the government to have emergency goods transferred from Uzbekistan to Kyrgyzstan.

The International Federation's view is that, as the goods were donated to the refugees and as they are back in Kyrgyzstan, it is logical to transfer the majority of goods to the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan and to keep a contingency stock in Uzbekistan.

A plan of action will be finalized as soon as the transfer of stock/ replenishment of stocks in Uzbekistan have been confirmed, and tested to ensure its relevance to the evolving situation, before serving as the basis for a revised emergency appeal.

A local NGO in Uzbekistan 'You Are Not Alone' collected 27.5 tonnes of aid (clothes, food, water, toys, medicines, water containers, kitchen sets) and on request from them, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent facilitated contact with the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan as the recipient and distributor of the materials, while also contributing to the consignment of humanitarian goods. A truck loaded with this aid set out on the 450-kilometre journey to the border with Kyrgyzstan, where it was handed over to the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan.

### Communications – Advocacy and Public Information.

The FACT communications coordinator was supporting the efforts of the team in feeding the Secretariat and partner National Societies with information and stories illustrating the efforts being made at local level. As of 1 July, three web stories and two press releases have been written by the FACT team and are available at the IFRC website at the following links:

News stories:

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/10/10061702/>

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/10/10062201/index.asp>

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/10/10062901/index.asp>

Press releases:

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/pr10/4110.asp>

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/pr10/4210.asp>

Also a video is available on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/ifrc#p/u/6/LQgwENMRdng>

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.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

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:	1,162,820
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	28%

Updated on: 02 Jul 2010

	Currency	Amount	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	Total
			CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
<b>BUDGET</b>			<b>4,158,825</b>					<b>4,158,825</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>								
<b>Opening Balance</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Cash contributions (received and pledged)</b>								
American Red Cross	USD	50,000	54,259					54,259
Australian Red Cross	AUD	30,000	27,891					27,891
Finnish Red Cross	EUR	6,061	8,258					8,258
Icelandic Red Cross	CHF	30,000	30,000					30,000
Japanese Red Cross	CHF	137,200	137,200					137,200
Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)	EUR	100,000	132,468					132,468
New Zealand Red Cross	CHF	10,000	10,000					10,000
Republic of Korea Red Cross	CHF	50,000	50,000					50,000
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	1,000,000	139,177					139,177
<b>Total Cash contributions</b>			<b>589,253</b>					<b>589,253</b>
<b>Inkind Goods &amp; Transport (pledged)</b>								
British Red Cross	CHF	98,903	98,903					98,903
Canadian Red Cross	CHF	39,320	39,320					39,320
Danish Red Cross	CHF	119,341	119,341					119,341
Finnish Red Cross	EUR	227,269	316,002					316,002
<b>Total Inkind Goods &amp; Transport</b>			<b>573,567</b>					<b>573,567</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>1,162,820</b>					<b>1,162,820</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>			<b>1,162,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,162,820</b>
<b>COVERAGE</b>			<b>28%</b>					<b>28%</b>

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