

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## **TURKEY**

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*This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.*

*Appeal No. 01.57/2001*

*Appeal Target: CHF 21,559,000*

*Programme Update No. 5; Period covered: 1 September - 31 October 2001; last Programme Update (Situation Report No.4) issued 19 October 2001*

### “At a Glance”

*Appeal coverage: 102.4%*

*Related Appeals: N/A*

*Outstanding needs: None*

### **Operational Developments**

During this reporting period the humanitarian situation in the country has been affected by continuing tremors/earthquakes, heavy rainfalls, negative economical developments and major changes in Turkish Civil Code.

The Federation and PNSs support and assistance to Turkish Red Crescent continued as planned, however somewhat delayed due to various reasons but mainly due to the attention created by the 11 September attack in the US.

#### *Tremors/Earthquakes*

A series of 82 tremors, measuring 3.0 to 5.6 on the Richter scale, were recorded during this reporting period. Erzurum and Siirt provinces on the Eastern Anatolian fault line were shaken respectively on September 8 and on September 13. The magnitude of the Erzurum earthquake was 3.6, and the magnitude of the Siirt earthquake was 4.5 on the Richter scale. Another couple of minor earthquake measuring 5.1 and 5.6 on the Richter scale, occurred in Antalya. There were no reports of casualties but minor damages some buildings.

Meanwhile a number of casualties and damages were reported in another two earthquakes. These earthquakes measuring 3.0 and 4.9 on Richter scale shook Adana province and a total of 25 persons who jumped from the balconies were injured and hospitalized.

#### *Heavy rainfalls*

Heavy rainfalls continued in various regions of Turkey which caused landslides and floods during last two months. Officials kept warning the residents especially in the Black Sea Region while some houses were evacuated.

According to reports from the Meteorological Bureau, there will be further rain in the Black Sea provinces which may cause effective floods and huge landslides.

### *Economical Developments*

The economical situation in Turkey continues to be uncertain although there have been positive developments. A report prepared by the State Planning Organisation showed that half of the population is below the poverty limit in East, South East and Black Sea regions. The number of persons who get poverty aid from the government increased significantly during last two months. In the past, four million people benefited from this aid, but the number increased to six million in the first nine months of this year. Meanwhile the World Bank has sent Bitlis province approximately 170 thousand US dollars as part of its "Decreasing Social Risk Project." The priority was given to support education and offer financial aid to students coming from families with low incomes. Surveys revealed that the number of people who committed suicide due to economic problems has increased sharply throughout Turkey. 16 million students and 526 thousand teachers at 51 thousand schools started the 2001-2002 education year with unusual problems of shortage of water, electricity and fuel.

The European Union (EU) Commission prepared a report on Turkey's present status in regard to their EU membership application. The document praises the measures taken by Turkey to overcome recent economic and financial crisis, constitutional reforms to improve fundamental rights but points out some areas that need further improvement.

### *Changes in Turkish Civil Code*

The studies on the Turkish Civil Code composed of ; individuals law, family law, inheritance law and property law, have been continuing. As a result, equality of sexes with equal rights for men and women have been considerably improved and approved by parliament.

### *Security Conditions*

With refugee inflow being one of the most likely outcomes of the ongoing military operation following the September 11th, Turkey continued preparations for such a scenario. Turkish Armed Forces rapidly began to implement additional measures after NATO put the 5th article into practice. Requested leaves in all units of the Armed Forces were banned for an indefinite period of time. Controls increased in air space. For people in general, including minorities, the security conditions related to the September 11th, continue to be basically good.

## ***Disaster Response***

In the month of October, the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) sent relief supplies to Pakistan and Afghanistan at a total value of TL 100 billion and in co-ordination with and /or through the Pakistani and Iranian Red Crescent. The aid provided through the Iranian Red Crescent C consisted of 51 tons of food, 6000 blankets and a large quantity of medicine. The relief goods sent to Pakistan by air consisted of 5 tons of wheat, 750 kg of sugar, 170 kg of vegetable oil and 1,200 blankets.

The American Red Cross shared information on the Liberty Fund and the offer to have Turkish Citizens take advantage of the financial assistance provided by this fund to travel to the US to pick up remains or resolve personal matters of their relatives killed in the event. There were 151 Turkish Citizens unaccounted for at the World Trade Centre towers.

## ***Disaster Preparedness***

The DPP activities carried out in order to support the TRCS during this reporting period are as follows:

- The DPP department of the TRCS and the Federation was partly engaged in developing a contingency plan for the possible influx of refugees, following the September 11 attacks in USA. As a preparedness measure, the TRCS pre-positioned tents for 10,000 people in Van province and tents for 5,000 people in Solidi township. Further, 50,000 blankets and 10 mobile kitchens was sent to the region. However, no unusual movement has been reported so far from the eastern boarder

- The Telecom delegate of the Federation conducted an on-the-job training for the core staff of the TRCS for a period of one month. This task was carried out in October and included training, monitoring of the installation of the crisis communication radios and Satellite telephones. The delegate also prepared a draft of the Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) for the network, to be reviewed by the staff of the TRCS and the Federation.
- Federation staff and Pass have participated and contributed in a number of DP seminars /workshops that were organised by local agencies.
- The American Red Cross has attended several conferences including the Medics 2001 in Istanbul to present the Research Centre and the US Emergency Management System.
- The American Red Cross hosted two presentations on a Geographic Information System (GIS) software packages for the TRCS staff..
- The American Red Cross met with the three Universities in Ankara in order to develop the Terms of Reference (TOUR) for the assistance to TRCS in regard to their Training Needs Assessments and the design of their Training Plan.
- In accordance with an agreement signed between TRCS and the German Red Cross, a Tented Hospital Training Course will be held in November. The venue of the training will be in Yenikoy and will also give an opportunity to monitor whether all equipment and the materials on hand for the Yenikoy container hospital are adequate to enable the hospital to become operational in case of need.

### *Construction*

The construction programme of the International Federation related to disaster preparedness and mitigation, which covers the construction projects of 3 hospitals, 4 schools, 1 social centre and 1 rehabilitation centre, has been in full progress.

Derince Primary School, initiated by the Kocaeli Teachers Society, was completed with the support of TRCS and the Federation and was inaugurated on October 22, 2001 with a ceremony, well attended by media.

Presently the Federation has six construction sites in progress:

- The construction of the Sakarya State Hospital has reached the completion stage. After a testing period of the systems following the inauguration before the end of the year, the hospital extension will be fully operational with 170 beds including its operational theatres.
- The parallel project Duzce State Hospital scheduled to be finished in February 2002 has encountered some set backs due to poor soil conditions. The Delegation and the Ministry of Health have now revised their contract in order to concentrate on the remaining construction works.
- The largest school project, Inkilap Primary School in Izmit, which has 2500 m<sup>2</sup> area, has been in full progress. The main steel structure has been completed and no major problems have surfaced during this reporting period.
- The Cubuklu Primary School has approached the stage of assembling the steel skeleton. Though the septic tank was not included in the main project, this was ultimately added with high strains on the budget.
- In order to complete the third school project, which is Samat Primary School in Bolu province, the Federation's construction team and the contractor have been working at high speed, taking the early winter weather conditions into account.
- The construction of the Kaynasli Community Centre has been completed.
- The Federation in co-operation with TRCS and Ministry of Labour has interviewed ten consultants in order to give a start to designing works of Yalova Health Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre project.

Regarding the construction project of the TRCS Branch Building in Golcuk, the German Red Cross has received proposals from the construction companies and this is now evaluated.

The progress of the TRCS Branch Building in Duzce, another construction project supported by the German Red Cross, still needs some clarification by the TRCS headquarters.

### *Water-sanitation*

The new Federation Wat/San delegate arrived in Turkey early September. The Addendum, related to the Catholic Protection, of the MoU of Kandira Pipeline project, was signed in September. The tendering procedure of the project was finalised and a qualified contractor assigned in October. The project will be completed within November as planned.

In the month of October, the MoU of the Avluburun Water Treatment Plant (WTP) project, financed by the Swiss Red Cross, was signed between the Federation, the TRCS and the Kocaeli Governorship. The representative of the Swiss Red Cross was present at the ceremony. The Federation water sanitation team is presently reviewing the drawings prepared by local authorities, specifications and bill of quantities to ensure they are in line with the stipulations in the signed MoU. This will be followed by the design, documentation, pre qualification and tendering stages.

The Governorship of Kaynasli has submitted a request to the Federation for the construction of a water sewerage system and for the implementation of a water supply system in Kaynasli town relating to outstanding needs from earthquake damage. A project proposal is presently prepared by Kaynasli governorship after the Swiss Red Cross indicated its potential interest for support of these additional water projects.

### **Humanitarian Values**

Nothing to report.

### **Health and Care**

#### *Community Centres Programme*

Kaynasli Community Centre will be available for social activities and psychological support of the local community following the inauguration beginning of 2002.

During this reporting period the activities of the PSP centres, were developed and implemented by the contribution of volunteers and include;

#### Pusula PSP Centre (Duzce):

- supporting groups in the Dialyzes Centre of Düzce State Hospital and City Agriculture Administration in collaboration with German Red Cross,
- organising individual counselling sessions in Kaynasli Health Unit,
- Model building course for children, poetry club, play and discussion group for child hawkers, theatre group and music group.

#### Amindos PSP Center (Avcilar):

- establishing the discussion groups on various topics,
- trekking in the surrounding nature of Istanbul,
- organising the First Aid training courses in collaboration with the TRCS.

#### Hare PSP Center (Izmit):

- organising nature walks
- establishing painting groups for 7-12 years old children,
- organising physical exercises for women,
- organising support groups for people becoming non-smokers.

Some statistics:

|                        | <b>Avcilar</b> |         | <b>Izmit</b> |         | <b>Düzce</b> |         |
|------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                        | September      | October | September    | October | September    | October |
| Individual counselling | 19             | 14      | 13           | 23      | 96           | 104     |

|                            |            |           |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Getting information, visit | 81         | -         |            | 101        | 107        | 80         |
| Group counselling          | 19         | 90        | 19         | 8          | 16         | 13         |
| Social activities          | 37         | 17        | 17         | 219        | 145        | 111        |
| Outreach programme         | 2          | -         | 70         | -          | 35         | 100        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>171</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>351</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>408</b> |

Follow-up trainings called “Community Mental Health Prevention Training” by the volunteers, have been held in both Avcilar and Duzce centres and continued for 18 days. This training was based on a participatory approach and permits volunteers and the staff of the centres to identify the needs of the community and to come up with social activities related to these needs, together with the members of the community.

The first module of the Training of Trainers (ToT) was held in Istanbul in early October with 16 participants including staff of the PSP centres, TRCS, the German Red Cross and the Administration of the Society of Children’s Protection and Social Services. The aim of the training was to provide a permanent pool of people being able to train new volunteers in using participatory methods to help their community with psychological support and rehabilitating social activities.

A Canadian Red Cross representative, who has earlier assisted in planning and merging the PSP and SWP into the CCP, revisited the Delegation to monitor and continue her valuable support towards the implementation of the CCP. This visit included working sessions on planning issues of the programme, designing of a Community Centre model, organising and facilitating a two days workshop. The objective of the workshop was to emphasise the importance of how to approach volunteers and how to collaborate with them. The Federation CCP team, TRCS Headquarters, German Red Cross and the volunteers of the PSP centres participated. A presentation of the objectives and achievements so far of the CCP was presented to the TRCS central board.

Two representatives of the Federation’s CCP team and one TRCS staff participated the 4<sup>th</sup> International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference on Psychological Support in October in Copenhagen. The main objectives of the conference were to discuss and develop Guidelines for Psychological Support in Emergencies, to develop a protocol for programme development for PSP in the National Societies and to develop a psychological support programme for persons infected with HIV/AIDS

### *First Aid (FA)*

The French and Italian Red Cross have continued to work on FA training projects. The French Red Cross is organizing FA trainings at branch level in Istanbul and the Marmara region. To facilitate the plan the TRCS’s FA program for 2002, Central Team Trainers (CTT) organized a discussion session with FA trainers in Istanbul and one day CTT’s auto-evaluation workshop (SWOT).

The Italian Red Cross and TRCS signed a project agreement on FA training for the Public (“FA-2”). The project focuses on three particular branches - Duzce, Van, and Eskisehir - to which the Italian team has made several visits to discuss the objectives. The branches have expressed great interest in this project and four courses, prepared by TRCS and the Italian Red Cross, are already in progress with a participation list of two hundred people. In the meantime, the Italian Red Cross designed posters and brochures on FA-2” awaiting approval from TRCS before used.

### ***Institutional and Resource Development***

During the reporting period the Federation and the PNSs in Turkey have continued focusing on the Capacity Building of the TRCS including various initiatives. However, the event of September 11 in the USA slowed down planned activities.

The Delegation, the PNSs and TRCS held three brain storming sessions on the intended Branch Development Program. The purpose and goal of the brainstorming was to assist the TRCS in its efforts to develop a global

strategic plan for their Branch Development/Support Program. Further discussions on this issue, with participation of the TRCS's President is planned.

Meanwhile the American Red Cross has developed and received a positive response for two concept papers on Branch Development, focusing on two selected branches.

An agreement was reached between the TRCS and the British Red Cross on the financial responsibilities for the warehouse refurbishment project in Erzerum. Further, the British Red Cross, Kizilay, and the American Red Cross have agreed that the British Red Cross will purchase tents through the American Red Cross to be handed over to the Kizilay warehouse in Erzerum.

Our efforts to provide translated Federation policies and basic documents for TRCS, continues. The translated versions of the Code of Conduct and Strategy 2010 have been completed for distribution to the TRCS staff/volunteers and other relevant agencies.

Federation continues to support induction courses at central level. In order to increase the level of knowledge about the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in the TRCS branches, several Basic Induction Course were held by the TRCS in coordination with and support of the Federation.

A new tent production unit of TRCS was completed and inaugurated last week of October. The Federation has supported the construction of the building, new machinery and equipment. The unit is now operational and produces high quality tents for the use of TRCS but have a capacity to supply tents to potential buyers. The Netherlands Red Cross has donated and shipped 250,000 square meters of canvas that will arrive Turkey within short.

### ***Regional Co-operation***

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) held a meeting in Ankara on October 18 to discuss plans and coordination issues related to the present humanitarian crises in and around Afghanistan. Representatives of ICRC, Federation and thirteen National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe attended the meeting. The participants agreed that all components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement have to join efforts and resources in order to provide a strong, united and effective response to the humanitarian needs in Afghanistan as well as in neighbouring countries. The meeting, held in a very positive and united atmosphere, stressed that the delivery of aid to Afghans inside Afghanistan was a matter of priority. Several Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies pledged support in terms of human resources, donations in kind and logistical support.

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*All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

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| <b>Turkey</b>  |             |                         |      |                   |            | ANNEX 1   |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|------------|---|
| <b>APPEAL No. 01.57/2001</b>                             |             | <b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b> |      |                   |            | 19.12.2001  |
| DONOR  | CATEGORY    | QUANTITY                | UNIT | VALUE CHF         | DATE       | COMMENT   |
| <b>CASH</b>  |             |                         |      |                   |            |   |
| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->                           |             |                         |      | <b>21'558'834</b> |            | <b>TOTAL COVERAGE<br/>102.4%</b>                          |
| CASH CARRIED FORWARD (estimated as of 15/12/2000)        |             |                         |      | 21'558'834        |            |   |
| AMERICAN - PRIVATE                                       |             | 75                      | USD  | 126               | 24.01.01   |   |
| CANADIAN - RC  |             |                         |      | 2'472             | 12.01.01   | COVERING PART OF DELEGATE'<br>MISSION EXTENSION SEPTEMBER |
| DANISH - RC  |             | 274'926                 | DKK  | 55'837            | 23.08.2001 |   |
| IRISH - PRIVATE  |             | 25'395                  | EUR  | 39'133            | 09.05.2001 |   |
| LITHUANIAN - RC  |             | 386                     | USD  | 676               | 26.06.2001 |   |
| NEW ZEALAND - RC   |             | 1'376                   | NZD  | 1'015             | 28.06.2001 | DELEGATION GENERAL  |
| SWEDISH - RC   |             | 250'000                 | SEK  | 43'425            | 01.03.01   | BTC COURSE  |
| SWISS - RC   |             | 24'241                  | USD  | 39'367            | 25.10.2001 | LOCAL WATSAN ENGINEER                                     |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH                               |             |                         |      | 21'740'885        | CHF        | 100.8%  |
| <b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>           |             |                         |      |                   |            |   |
| DONOR  | CATEGORY    | QUANTITY                | UNIT | VALUE CHF         | DATE       | COMMENT   |
| Canada   | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 28'912            |            |   |
| Denmark  | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 59'959            |            |   |
| Great Britain  | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 64'065            |            |   |
| Japan  | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 90'184            |            |   |
| Sweden   | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 59'959            |            |   |
| Switzerland  | Delegate(s) |                         |      | 25'297            |            |   |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES                      |             |                         |      | 328'376           | CHF        | 1.5%  |
| <b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>                       |             |                         |      |                   |            |   |
| DONOR  | CATEGORY    | QUANTITY                | UNIT | VALUE CHF         | DATE       | COMMENT   |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED                                       |             |                         |      | 0                 | CHF        |   |
| <b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b> |             |                         |      |                   |            |   |
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