

DISASTER RESPONSE UPDATE

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KEY POINTS

Three individual emergency appeals were issued during this period. Four other appeals were revised.

19/2000; India: Floods: More than ten million people were affected by the floods in India as the south-western monsoon arrived early to the north and north-eastern states. Reports of flooding in the state of Assam started coming in by late July. The situation worsened dramatically at the beginning of August when flash floods resulting from heavy rains in the Himalayas swept south, causing breaches in the embankments along the Brahmaputra and Ganges rivers as well as their tributaries, inundating hundreds of districts in Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. The combined death toll due to floods, torrential rains and landslides in India and Bhutan at the time was reported to be close to 500 people, and over 3.5 million people were forced to flee their homes in India's north-eastern state of Assam.

As the waters started receding, most people have now attempted to return to their homes. However, hundreds of villages in the flood affected regions are still submerged or marooned, and tens of thousands of people who have lost their homes and land due to erosion are now living in makeshift shelters on embankments. This appeal was launched on 11 August to provide critical relief, especially clean water and basic health care.

{ **20/2000; Bangladesh: Floods:** For the third consecutive year, Bangladesh is suffering from severe flooding and river erosion. The heavy monsoon rains in Bangladesh began six

weeks early this year with no sign of letting up. The situation is further compounded with severe flooding in north-east India. The flood waters from India that are now making their way through Bangladesh have inundated large areas. Although the death toll is not high, river erosion has forced well over one million people to move their homes, especially in the three major basins of the Brahmaputra/Jumuna, the Padma (Ganges) and the Meghna. Most of the people have evacuated to river embankments where they live in squalor with the possessions they managed to rescue. Since early June, the BDRCS and the Federation conducted a series of surveys in the flood-affected areas. The findings have been reported in five Information Bulletins presently available on the Federation web site. The Federation released CHF 200,000 from the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) on 17 August, and on 18 August, launched a Preliminary Appeal for CHF 3,239,213 for 200,000 beneficiaries.

- { **21/2000; Iran Drought:** The extensive drought that presently covers the Caucasus, South Asia and Central Asia is having a significant impact in Iran. The government faces a considerable challenge in getting water supplies to the local population, including a large number of dispersed refugees, as well as the Afghan refugees located in camps. To complement the on-going work of the Iranian government, the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Nations agencies, the International Federation will increase water delivery capacity to two major cities (Zahedan and Zabul) and to refugee camps for a period of 12 months. The Iranian government, in co-ordination with the UNHCR, is responsible for water delivery to the Afghan refugee camps but with the increased demands, the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran will provide emergency water assistance for 12 months to the Afghan refugee camps to supplement the work carried out by the government. The Federation launched an appeal on 22 August.

Revised Appeals:

- { **Appeal 36/99; Namibia: Angolan Refugees; Revision no. 1:** The conflict in southern Angola continues to cause insecurity in the Angolan and northern Namibian border area, resulting in ongoing influx to Namibia of people seeking protection and assistance. After arriving, the refugees are moved from the border town of Rundu to Osire Refugee Camp approximately 671 kms from Rundu and 250 km from Windhoek. With the continuous fighting, the possibility of repatriation remains remote. During May, the refugee influx continued at an average of 100 per week and in June with as much as 300 people per week. At the end of July, the total camp population reached 12,560 with an ongoing trend. The Namibia Red Cross Society, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (the Federation), launched an appeal in December 1999, initially intended to address urgent needs in the areas of water, sanitation, shelter and preventative health. The NRCS and the Federation were subsequently requested by UNHCR to assume responsibility over all camp management. In the meantime, due to the continuing influx, the NRCS and the Federation revised the 6 months appeal and budget and expanded it to cover a period of 12 months.
- { **Appeal 01.36/2000; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Humanitarian Assistance; Revision no. 1:** Very significant humanitarian assistance activities continue to be carried out in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and yet the donor support has not met the needs nor expectations. The Federation, in support of the Yugoslav Red Cross (YRC), has therefore undertaken an exercise to review the programmes and is hereby proposing a revision which will bring the activities more in line with the budget. The overall budget will be decreased from CHF 48,087,339 to CHF 44,604,243, primarily in relief activities, while a new Home Care programme is being proposed, as well as an increase in Repatriation/Reintegration programme.

- { **Appeal 01.38/2000; Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Humanitarian Assistance; Revision no. 1:** A difficult financial situation has resulted in slowing down of the programmes and delays in reaching the objectives from the Appeal. A thorough revision of the programmes and budgets has been made with the aim to reflect the existing stage of the operations and a new prioritisation for the coming months. A midyear review of programmes and priorities in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has led to a budget revision for the year. Details are attached in Annex 1. Around 20,000 refugees remaining in the country and an increasing number of social cases made it incumbent upon the RC of FYROM to continue a full scale relief operation with distributions of food and hygiene parcels. At the same time, the Participating National Societies have continued their support to the capacity building process of the Operating National Society.
- { **Appeal 01.39/2000; Albania: Humanitarian Assistance; Revision no. 1:** The highlight of this six month period was the finalisation by the Albanian Red Cross of its new Strategy Plan 2000-2004. The Albanian Red Cross and the Federation Country Delegation hosted a PNS meeting in Tirana in May, which was important in ensuring that all assistance provided in future by PNS to the Albanian Red Cross be in line with the Albanian Red Cross Strategy Plan 2000-2004. The budget for the year has been revised reflecting changing circumstances and a review of programme priorities. Details are provided in Annex 1.

INDICATOR	AT 31/08/1999	AT 31/08/2000
APPEALS: 1999 and 2000 (Annual and individual)	1999 Annual (55 appeals) plus 21 individual	2000 Annual (77 appeals) plus 21 individual
COVERAGE	67%	55%

THE TEN LARGEST DONORS 2000 AS AT 31/08/2000
Provisional response from NS and Governments, cash/kind/services (in CHF)

GREAT BRITAIN	29,393,237
SWEDEN	27,117,161
EC (FED + NS)	24,130,093
USA	19,884,336
NORWAY	10,137,021
UNHCR	9,375,870
JAPAN	8,906,864
DENMARK	7,894,641
FINLAND	5,557,117
AUSTRALIA	5,493,919

FUNDING NEEDS FOR ACTIVE 1999 RELIEF APPEALS
(IN CHF)

(as at 31/08/00)

Appeal number	Name of Appeal	Requested in Appeal	% covered	Total needed cash/kind/serv.
29/99	RUSSIA	47,500,000	39%	29,060,200
30/99	BELARUS, MOLDOVA, UKRAINE	11,940,000	29%	8,517,318
28/99	INDIA	7,200,000	102%	Covered
32/99	VIETNAM	7,433,000	128%	Covered
35/99	VENEZUELA	13,298,000	78%	2,889,339

FUNDING NEEDS FOR 2000 APPEALS
(*IN CHF*)
(as at 31/08/2000)

Appeal	Name	CHF sought	Covered	CHF received
01.01/00	Africa - Health initiatives	1'011'000	73%	741'778
01.02/00	Western Africa RD	3'383'914	59%	1'992'494
01.03/00	Guinea	3'407'000	71%	2'416'799
01.04/00	Sierra Leone	3'135'504	80%	2'517'529
01.05/00	Liberia	3'193'000	80%	2'564'624
01.06/00	Central Africa RD	2'543'000	55%	1'407'402
01.07/00	Congo Republic	1'020'769	72%	736'366
01.08/00	Democratic Republic of Congo	1'408'000	23%	319'889
01.09/00	East Africa RD	3'295'000	67%	2'200'424
01.10/00	Eritrea	1'869'000	22%	412'888
01.11/00	Somalia	2'423'000	70%	1'686'972
01.12/00	Sudan	4'560'000	41%	1'871'993
01.13/00	Uganda	2'596'000	59%	1'540'126
01.14/00	Tanzania	13'406'000	58%	7'820'521
01.15/00	Burundi	5'883'000	39%	2'318'887
01.16/00	Angola	1'877'000	98%	1'847'830
01.17/00	El Salvador	1'139'000	47%	536'505
01.18/00	Guatemala	2'600'000	38%	983'947
01.19/00	Honduras	4'056'000	50%	2'009'542
01.20/00	Nicaragua	3'521'000	52%	1'819'041
01.21/00	Afghanistan	7'576'000	51%	3'840'026
01.22/00	Bangladesh	5'172'000	77%	3'967'160
01.23/00	Sri Lanka	427'000	27%	116'866
01.24/00	Cambodia	2'945'000	106%	3'107'092
01.25/00	Indonesia	1'907'000	32%	611'454
01.26/00	Myanmar	817'000	55%	450'176
01.27/00	Vietnam	2'727'000	66%	1'799'770
01.28/00	Papua New Guinea	3'501'000	105%	3'687'480
01.29/00	East Asia RO	1'332'000	35%	463'980

01.30/00	Korea, DPR	9'570'000	97%	9'279'235
01.31/00	The Caucasus	15'783'000	37%	5'850'817
01.32/00	Russian Federation	9'454'000	16%	1'478'358
01.33/00	Chernobyl	1'493'000	91%	1'364'274
01.34/00	Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova	8'908'000	4%	334'366
01.35/00	Tajikistan	11'758'000	29%	3'371'897
01.36/00	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	44'604'241	68%	30'138'060
01.37/00	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5'735'000	79%	4'551'169
01.38/99	FYR Macedonia	6'324'990	75%	4'766'706
01.39/00	Albania	8'688'551	78%	6'791'113
01.40/00	Iraq	3'965'000	50%	1'999'711
01.41/00	Palestine Red Crescent Society	2'078'000	54%	1'129'216
01.42/00	PRCS Lebanon / Syria	3'438'000	17%	572'259
01.43/00	Southern Africa RD	8'012'701	60%	4'798'652
01.44/00	Mozambique	2'284'000	38%	863'169
01.45/00	Ethiopia	1'033'000	44%	449'672
01.46/00	Kenya	1'431'000	27%	393'126
01.47/00	Nigeria	2'352'000	55%	1'300'327
01.48/00	Rwanda	2'281'000	22%	495'230
01.49/00	Caribbean RD	3'298'000	45%	1'498'097
01.50/00	Cuba	841'000	16%	135'921
01.51/00	Haiti	693'000	31%	213'341
01.52/00	Guatemala RD	4'307'000	20%	849'863
01.53/00	Buenos Aires RD	4'823'000	24%	1'158'901
01.54/00	South Asia RD	2'442'000	50%	1'227'602
01.55/00	India	1'998'000	-2%	(35'986)
01.56/00	Nepal	1'723'000	43%	749'079
01.57/00	Pakistan	1'249'000	4%	50'928
01.58/00	South East Asia RD	2'530'000	111%	2'799'295
01.59/00	Laos	336'000	75%	252'977
01.60/00	Pacific RD	1'408'000	117%	1'647'015
01.61/00	Mongolia	614'000	62%	378'081
01.62/00	Europe Budapest RD	3'864'000	107%	4'128'475
01.63/00	Europe Central Asia RD	8'507'000	62%	5'306'224
01.64/00	Amman RD	2'079'000	43%	900'339
01.65/00	Lebanon	1'475'000	44%	655'222
01.66/00	Iran	769'000	23%	177'994
01.67/00	Arabian Peninsula/Gulf	577'000	-0%	(1'592)
01.68/00	North Africa	698'000	65%	453'158

68	Total country / regional programmes	286'155'671	55%	158'261'851
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01.69/00	DREF	7'000'000	41%	2'847'887
01.70/00	Capacity building fund	2'000'000	156%	3'117'881
01.71/00	Disaster response	4'074'000	70%	2'844'068
01.72/00	Disaster preparedness	698'000	61%	425'080
01.73/99	Health and care in the community	3'045'000	48%	1'451'323
01.74/00	Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values	360'000	52%	187'540
01.75/00	Human resources and organisational development	1'761'000	57%	995'841
01.76/00	Evaluation and organisational Learning	1'000'000	46%	463'180
01.77/00	Communications and partnerships	1'272'000	39%	500'000

9	Total global programmes	21'210'000	61%	12'832'800
Ad hoc Emergency Appeals				
02/2000	China	2'798'000	21%	583'714
03/2000	Southern Africa	640'000	45%	290'683
04/2000	Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe	35'053'840	52%	18'333'040
05/2000	Mongolia	4'062'050	103%	4'179'514
06/2000	Madagascar	2'100'000	91%	1'905'840
07/2000	Paraguay	360'411	1%	4'794
08/2000	Ethiopia	10'370'380	74%	7'630'460
09/2000	CAR - Chad - Niger	503'644	85%	430'050
10/2000	Malawi	586'658	42%	249'143
11/2000	Indonesia	458'876	118%	541'475
12/2000	Sudan	2'294'270	96%	2'191'878
13/2000	Kazakhstan	178'704	63%	112'061
14/2000	Lebanon	977'528	20%	193'630
15/2000	Indonesia	4'872'920	95%	4'610'225
16/2000	Federated States of Micronesia	383'421	39%	150'638
17/2000	Afghanistan, India, Pakistan	5'603'930	6%	357'521
18/2000	Southern Africa: HIV/AIDS	4'195'040	13%	552'848
19/2000	India floods	6'000'000	28%	1'659'020
20/2000	Bangladesh floods	3'293'140	11%	348'264
21/2000	Iran drought	2'268'140		
21	Total ad hoc appeals	87'000'970	51%	44'324'800
	Total	394'366'640	55%	215'419'460

{ **DELEGATES:** as at 31 August, the Federation had 345 delegates in the field. The regional breakdown of their assignment is: Americas 35, Africa 114, Asia/Pacific 77, Europe and Central Asia 109, and MENA 10. Of these, 40 came from the Americas region, 39 from Africa, 42 from Asia/Pacific, 222 from Europe and Central Asia, and 2 from MENA. A total of 54 delegates are needed, 3 in the Americas, 14 in Africa, 22 in Asia/Pacific, 11 in Europe/Central Asia, and 4 in MENA. Cumulative number of missions from 1 January to 31 August: 515.