

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## **IRAN (QAZVIN/HAMADAN AREA): EARTHQUAKE**

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*Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: Pending*

*This Bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below reflecting the information available at this time. Based on needs assessments focusing on rehabilitation, the Federation may consider international support through an Appeal.*

### ***The Situation***

An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 on the Richter scale struck north-western Iran (Qazvin/Hamadan area) on 22 June at 7:28 am local time. Aftershocks of a magnitude of 4.1, 4.8, and 5.2 were recorded. Reports as of 16:00 hrs Geneva time (23 June) indicate a downward adjustment of casualties to 237 dead and 1,000 confirmed injuries with only two villages left to search. The affected villages are:

- 52 villages in Qazvin.
- 11 villages in Hamedan.
- 4 villages and the town of Khodabande in Zanjan.

Water, electricity and phone services are disrupted. The government and the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) are confirming that the search and rescue phase is coming to an end. At this point no additional help is required for the emergency stage. Relief efforts are now turning to post emergency relief. UN/OCHA has been in contact with the Federation and will send an UNDAC team to Iran early next week. They will link up with IRCS and Federation officers.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The Iranian Red Crescent confirm that 515 of their relief workers, including dog teams, working in the affected area along with 25 ambulances. 100 tons of food and non-food relief goods have been sent to the area with more en route. The IRCS is distributing non-food and food item relief assistance (blankets, tents, utensils, lanterns, stoves, shrouds, shovels and picks, jerry cans, tea, sugar, canned beans, rice and tuna fish) to a homeless population estimated at 25,000.

The Federation's Director of the Disaster Management and Coordination Division (DMC) and an Operations Manager remain in frequent contact with the IRCS and the Federation delegates supporting the society.

The IRCS confirms they have no immediate emergency needs and the stock available to maintain ongoing activities is sufficient. The IRCS has expressed appreciation for offers of support and assistance from other national societies. Discussions are underway to review the need for a damage and needs assessment (DANA) for

the next phase of the operation. The Federation will propose the inclusion of technical delegates on the assessment teams, particularly in the areas of water and sanitation, construction, health and relief. The results could serve as the basis for a rehabilitation appeal. The decisions on this will be made early next week and a further bulletin will inform PNS of the details.

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*For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal.*

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