

INFORMATION BULLETIN



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Fédération internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge
Federación Internacional de Sociedades de la Cruz Roja y de la Media Luna Roja
الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

TURKEY: EARTHQUAKE - AFYON/ ISPARTA REGION

5 February, 2002

Information Bulletin N° 2

DREF Allocated: N/A

This Bulletin is intended for information only. The Federation is not seeking any funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

Summary: The rapid response and effective coordination between the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) or Kizilay, the Federation delegation, and the PNS has demonstrated the much improved disaster response capacity of the Red Cross in Turkey. It is positive to note that the lessons gained from the 1999 earthquake operation, and that the training and capacity building efforts within the national society have been successful. The future needs that may emerge from the review and assessment of both the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the government will be evaluated in the coming days and further information will follow.

The Situation

The earthquake that hit Afyon Province just after 09h00 (Turkish time) on Sunday, 3 February had its epicenter at 38.52N 31.16E (100 kms north-northeast of Isparta). The worst hit areas were Eber town and Bolvadin and Sultandagi (sub-provinces) with a total population of 75,000 and 20,000 respectively. The earthquake was felt in the neighboring provinces of Ankara, Burdur, Isparta, Eskisehir and Sakarya. There have been 69 aftershocks following the major quake - two of them were major tremors which registered 5.0 and 5.2 on the Richter Scale (29 tremors were measured at more than 3.0 in intensity).

Three crisis centres have been set up in Cay, Sultandagli, and Aber. For the moment, there is no major water or electricity problem - the Afyon TRCS branch and local authorities have the capacity to effect repairs. The earthquake has resulted in 42 deaths, with all fatalities now believed recovered. Approximately 300 are injured, some severely. An estimated 1,000 homes have been destroyed with up to 10,000 affected to some degree. The TRCS and local officials continue to take care of the affected population. A UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team composed of 2 persons from OCHA (Geneva), 1 person from UNDP and 3 persons from UNICEF went to the affected area for a damage assessment. They have reported that the TRCS are responding very well to the situation.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

A Red Cross and Red Crescent damage assessment mission is currently in the field (including the Federation, Turkish, Italian and American Red Cross and red Crescent staff and delegates). Their report is expected shortly. The TRCS has responded rapidly and very effectively to this disaster. In the field, the TRCS had three ambulances, one mobile clinic and one blood service unit operational, and a Kizilay mobile health team consisting of three doctors, eight nurses and two technicians is providing immediate treatment. As soon as the disaster information was received at 09.20 on 03 February 2002, Kizilay alerted all its units and began to coordinate the disaster response with the office of the Prime Minister, the General Directorate of Disaster Affairs (GDDA), and the crisis desks at the Afyon governorate and sub-provincial governorates. The tents were distributed via the *Muhtars*; with authorities instructing the community on how to set up tents. A tent site was established in coordination with the sub-provincial Crisis Desk and approximately 200 disaster victims were settled in the tent site established in the market place with support from the military. The same night the distribution of hot soup started in this tent site, followed by the distribution of tents, blankets, and catalytic LPG stoves, as well as hot soup for 1,000 people in Eber and for 3,000 people in Sultandagi. The TRCS's kitchens in the region have a capacity for 10,000 people. There are now 77 TRCS personnel operational on the disaster from headquarters and Afyon and surrounding provinces. They are working in three provinces: Denizli, Isparta and Eskisehir.

Health and Welfare

Health services in Eber are provided by a modern mobile policlinic provided by the Ministry of Health, in coordination with the chief doctor of the Sultandagi State Hospital. The TRCS has made its mobile clinic operational in Sultandagi.

Relief Distributions:

The TRCS has set up and are operating 13 mobile kitchens - providing hot meals three times a day to 3,000 people in the Sultandagli region. The tables below reflect relief item distributions at this time.

BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED (OF IN PROCESS)	
Eber	1,150
Sultandagi	4,000
Cay Centre	1,000
Bolvadin	2,500
Cobanlar	1,000
Gebeciler	250
Surmenler	100
TOTAL	10,000
Enroute (as of Feb. 4)	15,000
To come later	5,000
TOTAL	30,000

CATALYTIC STOVES	
Cay Centre	500
Bolvadin	400
Sultandagi	200
TOTAL	1,100
Enroute (as of Feb. 4)	2,000
TOTAL	3,100

Tents Distributed	
Sultandagi Centre	659

Sultandagi Yesilciftlik	100
Sultandagi Yakasinek	100
Cay Centre	358
Eber	210
Cay Deresine	190
Cay Karacaoren	80
Cay Pazaragac	85
Bolvadin	522
Afyon Centre Gebeceler	76
Caldarli	95
Koprulu	30
Isiklar	90
Kocaoz	35
Sulummenli	70
Gozsuz	37
Cobanlar	215
TOTAL	2,952
To be distributed	200
Enroute (as of Feb. 4)	3,000
To come later	848
TOTAL	7,000

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

For further details please contact Penny Elghady; Phone 41 22 730 4319; Fax 41 22 733 0395; email elghady@ifrc.org

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.

For support to or for further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

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

John Horekens
Head
Relationship Management Department

Lynette Lowndes
Head
Europe Department