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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued to provide an update of the situation and the needs of the on-going relief operation.

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

Summary

The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) and authorities are actively involved in emergency relief and rehabilitation operation. Red Crescent branches from neighbouring provinces have been allocated certain areas where they provide temporary shelter to affected people and distribute essential relief items. PSP teams started providing psychological support to earthquake victims.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) delegation in Tehran and the Middle East and North Africa department, supported by the Operations Support Department, are providing coordination of information. A team from the Federation's Iran Delegation arrived in Borujerd on 2 April to assess the situation and the needs of the affected people. Basic needs of affected people such as tents, blankets, kitchen sets and food are met by the pre-positioned disaster preparedness items of the IRCS.

While the IRCS does not call for any international appeal, it would welcome voluntary contributions or donations for immediate supply of group tents to be used as public tents for accommodating those people who prefer to sleep outdoors.

Several governments and UN agencies have made cash or in-kind donations to support the on-going relief operation in the quake-affected areas. On 3 April 2006 the OPEC Fund for International Development pledged a grant of USD 500,000 to the Federation to support the IRCS' emergency relief operation.

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The Situation



The IRCS has provided temporary shelter to those people who have become homeless after the devastating.

According to the latest figures, the earthquakes in Lorestan left 70 people dead, 1,300 injured and 15,000 families homeless. The total number of quake victims in various towns, townships, and villages of the province is 250,000. A total of 330 villages were levelled, between 30 to 100 per cent, with 70 of those completely destroyed. The most affected villages are Darbastaneh, Ganjineh and Bozazna. It is reported that around 50 per cent of the population in Boroujerd has been displaced. Out of 130 schools in the Boroujerd area, 30 have suffered serious damage, while the remaining school buildings are not considered safe for reopening. The quakes claimed the lives of 42,000 livestock. Recent quakes also damaged 18 historical monuments, 12 tourist sites and facilities in Lorestan, including mosques, religious venues and mausoleums, which suffered up to 70 per cent damage.

Since the earthquakes hit Lorestan Province, Iran on 30-31 March 2006, 107 aftershocks have shaken the affected areas, forcing many people to sleep outdoors in tents, parks, public places or inside their vehicles.

This is a mountainous region at 1,000 metres above the sea level, so the weather is not favourable for people to stay outside. On 2-3 April it rained on and off, sometimes with torrential rains pouring for several hours, making the life of quake victims more difficult.

Therefore, there is a high demand for tents and blankets. The priority for sheltering is to provide the homeless with family tents and IRCS is planning to set up group tents to accommodate people at night.

The supply of drinking water has become a serious issue in Boroujerd and affected areas. In Boroujerd, where the water from the city water network and taps in Boroujerd is muddy, 19 water tankers are delivering water and relief workers are distributing bottled water to people. Food baskets are also being distributed.

Ministries, along with the IRCS and the national army, are actively working in operational areas. Twenty teams from the Ministry of Agriculture are in the field to disinfect and clean areas from dead animal bodies. Twelve assessment teams have been sent to the affected areas from the Ministry of Health (MoH) to assess health needs. The MoH has set up a field hospital to give medical care to affected people. All injured people are getting medical treatment in hospitals in Boroujerd and neighbouring provinces.

According to the UN Resident Coordinator, the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has indicated that the Government welcomes assistance from the United Nations and other bilateral donations.

Governments of Russia, Kuwait, Japan and other countries sent emergency relief items to Iran or pledged cash contribution to support the relief operation for affected people. UN agencies, including OCHA, UNDP, UNICEF and WHO, also pledged cash donations and allocated relief items for distribution in affected areas.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The IRCS continues to play a lead role in the emergency relief operation in Lorestan. A total of 100 relief teams with 975 relief workers are working in operation areas, providing needy support to the quake victims. Three PSP teams, each composed of 11 people, are giving psychological support to affected people.



Providing needy support to quake victims.

For the sake of smooth implementation of the operation, the IRCS has divided the Doroud villages into seven operational areas and Boroujerd city into four areas. The relief operation in each area is administered by a provincial branch of the IRCS. The provincial branches of Esfahan, T hran, Markazi, Qazvin, Qom, Hamedan, Khuzestan and Kermanshah are involved in it.

10,000 distribution booklets are being distributed amongst affected people in villages. The distribution of food baskets and relief items is carried out by IRCS staff from provincial branches. Each food basket consists of rice, vegetable oil, sugar, pulses, tea and other food stuff.

The IRCS has so far distributed the following relief items to beneficiaries:

No	Description of Items	Unit	Quantity
1	Family tents	Piece	33,724
2	Moquettes	Piece	2,767
3	Blankets	Piece	29,765
4	Plastic Sheets	Piece	82,308
5	Food Baskets	Set	5,000
6	Sugar	Kilo	16,909
7	Cooking Oil	Kilo	33,240
8	Rice	Kilo	24,180
9	Canned Food	Can	157,030
10	Stoves	Piece	2,170
11	Lanterns	Piece	600
12	Hygiene Sets	Set	5,100
13	Kitchen Sets	Set	1,400

14	Mineral Water	Bottle	46,920
15	Tea	Kilo	2,015
16	Group Tents	Tent	40

The IRCS set up, or plans to set up, the following camps for people who prefer to stay outdoors for the fear of more shakes:

- a) Camp No.1 (Stadium Camp) in Boroujerd
 - Capacity 150 families
 - Occupied by 1,000 people now
- b) Camp No.2 (Azad University Camp) in Borujerd for university students.
- c) The establishment of two other camps in Borujerd are under discussion.
- d) Camp No.1 in Doroud
 - Capacity 40 families
 - 25 families registered till 3 April 2006
- e) The establishment of some other camps are under discussion.



IRCS pick up trucks in the earthquake affected areas.

The IRCS assessment teams are continuing the needs assessment. Each assessment team includes one leader, 23 staff, one ambulance, one pick up, four tents, and other needed food stuffs and materials.

The IRCS is meeting the basic needs of the affected people and has not requested the Federation to issue an international appeal. However, it welcomes voluntary cash and in-kind donations for immediate supply of group tents to the affected areas.

In his message of 3 April 2006 addressed to the Federation's Iran Delegation, Dr. Seyed Hadi Samaei, Director General of the IRCS International Affairs Department, said:

“With reference to the previous discussion regarding the PNS contribution to the affected people in Lorestan, I would like to inform you that the IRCS is covering the basic living items such as tents, moquettes, blankets, canned food, stoves, lantern, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, mineral water, food stuff, for the people in the affected areas. There is no need for international assistance. However, in case donors are interested to assist the IRCS in this situation, we would be glad to receive group tents of different sizes.”

The IRCS urgently needs group tents (bigger than the size of 24 square metres) in order to accommodate several thousands of families who wish to sleep outdoors because of fear of more aftershocks.

Those National Societies and donor agencies wishing to contribute to supporting the on-going relief operation are kindly requested to directly contact the Federation Secretariat or the IRCS for more details.

On 3 April the OPEC Fund for International Development pledged a grant of USD 500,000 to the Federation to support the IRCS in procurement of essential relief items and the emergency relief operation of the IRCS.

A team from the Federation's Iran Delegation is based in Boroujerd to assess the situation and the needs of the affected people.