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## CHINA: FLOODS

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### In Brief

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Central and Southwestern China have been hit by incessant rains causing severe flooding in Jiangsu, Anhui, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan, Chongqing and Shaanxi provinces. The flooding and resulting landslides have caused 94 deaths and affected nearly 16.7 million, with some 555,000 having been forced to evacuate their homes. The Red Cross Society of China have been actively involved in distributing relief supplies to those affected.

**The Federation is seeking funding through the China 2007 annual appeal (MAACN001) to support the Red Cross Society of China's disaster management programme.**

### The Situation

Torrential rains battered large swathes of China on Monday after killing 94 people and displacing more than half a million over the past week according to the Red Cross Society of China. At least 24 people are reported missing.

The rain has affected about 16.7 million people and caused the evacuation of some 555,000 people in Jiangsu, Anhui, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan, Chongqing and Shaanxi provinces. More than 49,000 houses have collapsed and an estimated 240,000 damaged as a result of torrential rains which began lashing Huaihe River valley, east area of Sichuan Province and south area of Shaanxi Province. Heavy rains have also triggered mountain torrents, water loggings, land and mudslides.



*A man walks out from his house after a landslide triggered by heavy rains hit the district in Chongqing. Reuters/Stringer, courtesy [www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org)*

Altogether 1.23 million hectares of farmland were affected, with agricultural losses estimated at CNY 1.95 billion (CHF 312 million) while total direct economic losses could reach CNY 3.83 billion (CHF 612 million).

More rain is forecasted for the next few days along the Huahe River, flowing through the central province of Henan and the eastern provinces of Anhui and Jiangsu.

A total of 545 people were killed by natural disasters in China in the first half of the year according to a report released by the ministry of civil affairs. Another 78 people went missing as a result of natural disasters, including floods, landslides, mudflows, droughts, gales, snowstorms and earthquakes. More than 143 million people were affected by natural disasters and some 2.45 million people were evacuated in the first six months of the year. More than 346,000 houses collapsed and nearly 22 million hectares of farmland were affected. Total direct economic losses could reach CNY 50.4 billion (CHF 8.1 billion).

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) headquarters continues its effort to support the provincial branches in responding to these floods. Relief supplies have been sent to floods affected areas in Hubei, Jiangsu, Anhui, Chongqing and Sichuan provinces in south and central China. The supplies included quilts, tents, mosquito nets and disinfectant, shipped from the national society's six regional warehouses.

Needs assessments are ongoing in the affected provinces while RCSC headquarters and the Federation's East Asia office continue to monitor the situation very closely.



*RCSC Sichuan branch volunteers distributing family packs to those affected by the floods.*

### *RCSC relief distribution as at 10 July 2007*

Month	Type of Disasters	Types of Relief Supplies	Value (CNY)	Value in CHF
March	Snowstorm	Quilts	153,600	24,420
March	Snowstorm	Quilts	76,800	12,190
April	Hailstorm	Warm clothes, quilts	188,200	29,873
April	Hailstorm	Quilts	79,500	12,619
April	Hailstone	Quilts, tents	191,232	30,354
April	Hailstorms(2)	Quilts, tents	289,692	45,983
June	Floods	Water purification tablets, disinfectant, quilts, summer family kits	325,000	51,587
May	Heavy rain	Summer family kits, tents, water purification tablets	318,991	50,633
May	Heavy rain	Water purification tablets, disinfectant, quilts	137,000	21,746
June	Floods	Water purification tablets, disinfectant, coat	226,200	35,905
June	floods, landslides	Quilts, disinfectants, rice	496,620	78,829
June	floods, landslides	Quilts, tents	298,464	27,027
June	Earthquake	Tents, quilts, summer family kits, cash, water purification tablets, rice, mobile lavatories, medicine (CNY 1,003,750)	2,070,906	328,715
June	floods, landslides	Tents, quilts, mosquito net, water purification tablets	345,164	28,775
June	floods, landslides	Water purification tablets, disinfectant	168,000	26,709
June	floods, landslides	Water purification tablets, disinfectant, clothes	162,800	25,882
June	floods, landslides	Quilts, family kits, water purification tablets	302,000	47,937
June	Floods	Tents, mosquito net	91,204	14,477
July	Floods	Rice	126,590	20,094

July	Floods	Quilts, water purification tablets, disinfectant, cash, rice	416,510	66,113
July		Rice	100,000	15,873
July	floods	Disinfectant, family kits, water purification tablets	318,000	50,476
July	floods	Rice	100,000	15,873
July	Floods	Quilts, disinfectant	299,800	47,587
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,282,273</b>	<b>1,109,677</b>

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## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

### The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet 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.

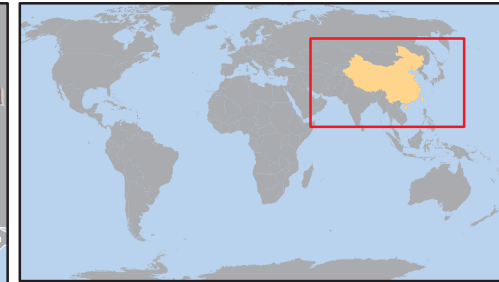
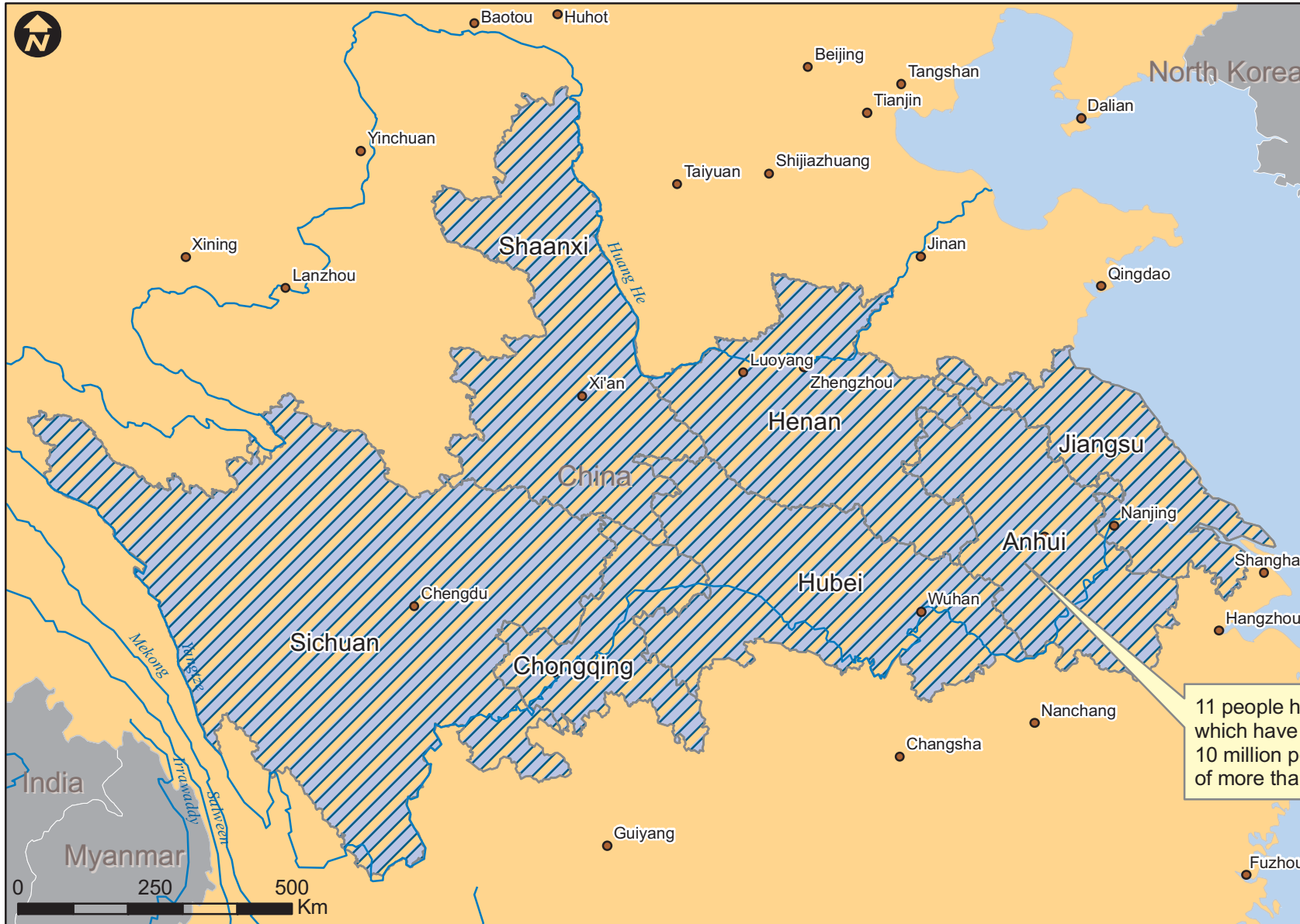
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# China: Floods



The torrential rains were expected in Jiangsu, Anhui, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan and Shaanxi provinces and the city of Chongqing

11 people have died in the floods, which have also affected nearly 10 million people, forced the evacuation of more than 120,000 people

 Affected provinces