

KAZAKHSTAN: FLOODS

29 August 2000

***Appeal no. 13/2000; Interim financial report and appeal extension until 30 October, 2000
Situation report no. 3
period covered: July - August, 2000***

The relief operation continues in the flooded area of Kustanaj, Kazakhstan. While the Emergency Appeal issued in May initially received a positive response, allocated funding allows coverage of only 60% of the identified needs. This has necessitated a streamlining of the operation and a careful selection of which budget items to focus on. On August 15, the local Red Crescent and Red Cross Society commenced the last phase of the relief operation consisting of food distribution and individual assistance to the most vulnerable families. In order to complete this phase the Federation is extending the operation for two months.

The context

In April, heavy rains in Russia necessitated the release of water from dangerously high water levels in reservoirs, causing widespread flooding downstream in the Kustanaj Oblast in Kazakhstan. Homes were flooded, crops destroyed and many animals were killed by the floodwaters. Altogether, 2,500 people were directly affected, with most of them left homeless in four Rayons and part of Kustanaj city. The National Society of Kazakhstan, with support from the Federation, provided emergency relief to the affected population. An appeal was launched seeking funding to enable the National Society to assist the homeless and their host families with food, hygiene supplies and household items. The appeal was also intended to replenish the National Society's preparedness stocks.

While the initial relief and assistance effort has been effective, the situation remains serious in the affected region. Those buildings which survived the flooding itself are now being destroyed by its consequences: people have to leave their homes with walls and floors corroded by moisture, such houses cannot be repaired. This year's crops has been heavily affected, and people are to face the harsh winter without many of their belongings, including warm clothing, and with a lack of food supplies and in the collapsing houses smelling of moisture.

The current 63% response to the Appeal will allow the National Society of Kazakhstan to conduct the intended relief operation, but will not be sufficient to replenish its disaster preparedness stocks.

Latest events

According to official estimates, the total damage in the four districts of Denisovsky, Zhitikarinsky, Taranovsky and Kustanaiski, comprising 5,100 hectares of urban settlements and 5,760 hectares of farm land exceeds USD 1.5 million. In addition to the 2,200 people (690 families) affected, a further assessment carried out by the National Red Crescent and Red Cross Society detected 350 more people (108 families) whose gardens, houses and adjacent premises were affected by the flooding.

Some 11% of those affected by the flooding have not returned to their destroyed houses, either staying with their relatives or leaving the area. However, most of the people (80%) have started to reconstruct their dwellings, despite the fact that without assistance they may be unable to complete the reconstruction before the onset of winter. Although all the subsistence gardens were ruined, and the population experienced a lack of seeds, 85% of people attempted re-sowing.

The Government allocated 20,000 USD from its Emergency Fund to pay a compensation entitlement of 40-80 USD per family. Some of those affected received building materials and 0,5 MT of coal per family which is enough to provide heating for up to one month at the most.

A local branch of the German foundation “Vozrozhdeniye” provided food and clothing support to 30 affected families. Small support is also given by local business communities.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

The initial three-month phase of the relief programme, established by the Federation’s Regional Relief Delegate and the Red Crescent and Red Cross Society of Kazakhstan was completed in July. In addition to the food and other relief supplies distributed in the initial two weeks of the operation to 952 displaced and affected people, further distributions of clothing and bedding have taken place.

A total of 1,859 beneficiaries (582 families) have been assisted during the emergency phase of the operation, including the following particularly vulnerable groups:

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| Multi-children families | 49 families (322 people) |
| Isolated elderly and handicapped | 130 families (180 people) |
| Incomplete families with children | 30 families (94 people) |

The following food and non-food supplies have been distributed:

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| Food | 20 tons (to all groups of beneficiaries). |
| Mattresses | 500 pieces (337 families). |
| Quilts | 684 pieces (359 families). |
| Bed linen | 667 sets (382 families). |

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| Used clothing | 2 MT (to all groups of beneficiaries). |
| Floor and wall paint | 1,266 litres (126 families). |

The local branch of the National Society is currently preparing to finish the last phase of the relief operation. Taking into consideration the limited response to the Appeal along with the existing needs, it has been decided to focus on the distribution of food and hygiene supplies, including an in-kind donation of 17 MT of food and 20 MT of relief supplies donated by the Iranian Red Crescent Society to support over 2,000 beneficiaries, and humanitarian assistance mini-projects according to the individual needs of the most vulnerable to help them prepare for the winter period. The National Society have selected suppliers for the former, prepared the visibility materials (plastic bags for the food parcels, stickers) and at the moment are preparing the budgets for individual mini-projects (from 50 to 200 USD) for each of 65 families identified as the most vulnerable. The assistance will be provided for the repair of dwellings, medical treatment, procurement of warm shoes and clothing for children, and school accessories. The budgets for each individual mini-project are to be revised and approved by a special commission, consisting of a representative of the National Society and the Federation Regional Delegation.

Representatives of the National Society and the Relief Department of the Regional Delegation will visit the Kustanaj area in mid-September to ensure proper monitoring of the relief operation in the field. The relief operation is planned to be completed by the end of October.

Outstanding needs

There remains an acute need for food supplies, shoes, clothing and hygiene items to enable the affected population to survive an extremely cold winter. Building materials, which were not part of the original appeal, are needed in view of revised assessments of the extent of the damage to houses.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Throughout the operation the National Society has maintained close contacts with the Government Agency for Emergencies at the local and national level, although Government resources are severely limited. The Government's current capacities have been limited to the costs of the disaster response operation and the compensation entitlement paid to the affected population. Local authorities also assigned new apartments to 15 families, but some of the beneficiaries refused to move due to the unaffordable public utility costs and the need for repairs.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details. Certain contributions do not yet appear on the interim financial report either because of a time-lag in accounting or due to incomplete pledge management notes.

Conclusion

The summer period is now nearing an end in this remote northern region of Kazakhstan and the ongoing activities must be completed by the onset of the forthcoming harsh

winter. The National Red Crescent and Red Cross Society plans to accomplish the last phase of the relief operation within the following 2 months, focusing on the alleviation of the suffering of the most vulnerable people who have been left to struggle with the consequences of this disaster on their own and unable to persist without additional support.

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| APPEAL N°13 / 2000 | | | | | |
| Period: 26/05/2000 - 26/10/2000 | | | | | |
| Currency: CHF | | | | | |
| I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL 13/2000 - Kazakhstan Floods | | | | | |
| FUNDING | CASH | | KIND | | TOTAL INCOME |
| | Contributions | Reallocations | Goods/Services | Personnel | |
| Appeal budget | 178,704.00 | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Contributions consolidated by donor | | | | | |
| Japan - RC | 15,572.00 | | | | 15,572.00 |
| Kuwait - RC | 16,395.00 | | | | |
| Monaco - RC | 4,768.00 | | | | |
| Republic of Korea - RC | 10,000.00 | | | | |
| Sweden - Govt. via RC | 37,400.00 | | | | 37,400.00 |
| United Arab Emirates - RC | 10,000.00 | | | | |
| Other income | | | | | |
| DREF | | 50,000.00 | | | |
| TOTAL | 94,135.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,972.00 |
| Coverage | 52.68% | 27.98% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 29.64% |
| II - Balance of funds - CASH ONLY | | | | | |
| | | | Opening balance | 0.00 | |
| | | | INCOME Rcv'd | 144,135.00 | |
| | | | EXPENDITURE | 57,085.10 | |
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| | | | BALANCE | 87,049.90 | |

| III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures | | | | | | |
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| Description | Appeal Budget | CASH Expenditures | KIND | | TOTAL | Variance |
| | | | Goods/services | Personnel | Expenditures | |
| SUPPLIES | | | | | | |
| Shelter - Construction Material | | 1,861.10 | | | 1,861.10 | -1,861.10 |
| Clothing & Textiles | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Blankets | 18,150.00 | | | | 0.00 | 18,150.00 |
| Sheets | 19,800.00 | | | | 0.00 | 19,800.00 |
| Mattresses | 7,511.00 | | | | 0.00 | 7,511.00 |
| Other clothing supplies | 31,680.00 | 26,604.82 | | | 26,604.82 | 5,075.18 |
| Food/Seeds/Water | 30,566.00 | 11,427.62 | | | 11,427.62 | 19,138.38 |
| Medical & First Aid | 4,851.00 | | | | 0.00 | 4,851.00 |
| Teaching materials | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Utensils & Tools | 165.00 | | | | 0.00 | 165.00 |
| Other relief supplies | 8,250.00 | | | | 0.00 | 8,250.00 |
| Sub-Total | 120,973.00 | 39,893.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 39,893.54 | 81,079.46 |
| CAPITAL EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Computers & Telecom equip. | 1,980.00 | | | | 0.00 | 1,980.00 |
| Others | | 650.76 | | | | 0.00 |
| Sub-Total | 1,980.00 | 650.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,980.00 |
| PROGRAMME SUPPORT | | | | | | |
| Programme Management | 12,050.00 | 3,793.18 | | | 3,793.18 | 8,256.82 |
| Technical Support | 3,597.00 | 1,135.70 | | | 1,135.70 | 2,461.30 |
| Professional Services | 4,010.00 | 1,259.84 | | | 1,259.84 | 2,750.16 |
| Sub-Total | 19,657.00 | 6,188.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,188.72 | 13,468.28 |
| TRANSPORT & STORAGE | | | | | | |
| Sub-Total | 13,200.00 | 2,476.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,476.52 | 10,723.48 |
| PERSONNEL | | | | | | |
| Personnel (delegates) | 4,378.00 | 539.32 | | | 539.32 | 3,838.68 |
| Personnel (local staff) | 3,814.00 | 3,557.98 | | | 3,557.98 | 256.02 |
| Training | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sub-Total | 8,192.00 | 4,097.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,097.30 | 4,094.70 |
| GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION | | | | | | |
| Travel & related expenses | 3,300.00 | 2,346.85 | | | 2,346.85 | 953.15 |
| Information expenses | 1,650.00 | 757.82 | | | 757.82 | 892.18 |
| Administrative expenses | 3,894.00 | 673.59 | | | 673.59 | 3,220.41 |
| Professional fees | 5,858.00 | | | | 0.00 | 5,858.00 |
| Sub-Total | 14,702.00 | 3,778.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,778.26 | 10,923.74 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | 178,704.00 | 57,085.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 56,434.34 | 122,269.66 |
| Consumption rate - Total Expenditure vs. Total Income: | | | | 39.15% | | |
| Execution rate - Total expenditures vs Budget: | | | | 31.58% | | |

| Kazakhstan Flood | | | | | | ANNEX 1 |
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| APPEAL No13 / 2000 | | PLEDGES RECEIVED | | | | 30/08/00 |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| CASH | | | | | | |
| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | | | | 178,704 | | TOTAL COVERAGE 62.7% |
| Balance carried forward from 1999 | | | | 0 | | |
| CANADIAN - GOVT | | 15,000 | CAD | 16,836 | 02.08.00 | |
| JAPANESE - RC | | 1,000,000 | JPY | 15,561 | 30.05.00 | |
| KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC | | | | 10,000 | 07.06.00 | |
| KUWAIT - RC | | 10,000 | USD | 17,000 | 26.05.00 | |
| MONACO - RC | | 20,000 | FRF | 4,744 | 23.07.00 | |
| SWEDISH - RC | | 200,000 | SEK | 37,920 | 30.05.00 | |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC | | | | 10,000 | 04.06.00 | |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | | 112,061 | CHF | 62.7% |
| KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL) | | | | | | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES | | | | 0 | CHF | 0.0% |
| ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET | | | | | | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED | | | | 0 | CHF | |
| THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL: | | | | | | |
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