

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## CHINA: FLOODS

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Appeal No. 18/2003; Operations Update no. 01

Appeal launched on 22 July 2003 for CHF 7,932,000 (USD 5,770,000 or EUR 5,120,000) in cash, kind or services to assist 440,000 beneficiaries for 9 months.

Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 300,000

Period covered: 22 July to 12 August, 2003

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### In Brief

Appeal coverage: 9.3%; for details see the attached Contributions List, also available on the Federation's website.

Outstanding needs: CHF 7,194,556 (USD 5,060,174 or EUR 4,508,612)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: 2003 Annual Appeal for China (01.66/2003)

**Operational Summary:** As of the end of July, the Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) National Office furnished RMB 22,929,548 (CHF 3,768,941) to 11 of the Society's branches in the flood affected provinces: Anhui, Henan, Guangxi, Jiangxi, Yunnan, Jiangsu, Hunan, Sichuan, Hubei, Guizhou and Chongqing Municipality. Despite significant fund raising efforts and relief activities conducted thus far by the RCSC as well as the Hong Kong and Macau Red Cross, more resources are urgently required in order to meet the needs of those who have been affected by the most severe flooding in over a decade.



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A photo gallery of the RCSC response to the floods has been placed on the Federation's website and can be found at: <http://www.ifrc.org/photo/china0703>

### Operational developments

According to the latest statistics from the Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) Relief Department, 26 provinces and 150 million people have been affected by severe flooding in the Huai He valley. A reported 814 people have died and 146,000 have been injured due to the flooding. The economic loss directly due to the floods is estimated to be RMB 65,220 million (CHF xxx.)

Some 3,854,000 people are homeless. In the Anhui Province, a reported 1,040,000 persons lost their homes when their land was inundated by floodwater diverted from the swollen Huai He (River). 320,000 people are without housing in Jiangsu Province, and 170,800 people are homeless in the Henan Province.



Altogether 2.16 million housing units have been damaged so far, and 632,841 housing units have collapsed (based on five units per house). Many of the people who lost their homes are living in dire conditions. Families are living out of small makeshift shelters, made out of plastic, scraps of wood or whatever materials they can find on isolated bits of land that have remained above the waterline. Some families were able to find shelter in schools, however, the school year is scheduled to commence in a few weeks and these families will once again find themselves without shelter. It has been over a month since families were evacuated from their homes due to the flooding, and it may be another three weeks before they can return to what remains of their homes.

Based on further information gathered during the latest assessments of the evolving situation the number of provinces identified for assistance has been increased from six to eight. The most affected provinces are Anhui, Guangxi, Henan, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangsu, and Sichuan as well as Chongqing municipality.

### **Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact**

In addition to activities outlined in the Federation's Emergency Appeal (18/2003), RCSC branches as well as the Hong Kong and Macau Red Cross Societies have been actively distributing relief items throughout the flood affected area.

### **Emergency relief**

**Objective 1: to provide recovery assistance in the form of rice quilts and mosquito nets to 110,000 families in eight provinces most affected by this year's floods.**

#### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

The RCSC is incorporating many of the suggestions made following the evaluation of the 2002 Floods Operation in China (evaluation report). Of note are changes being implemented by the RCSC to the Society's procurement procedures. RCSC has developed a framework agreement for the tendering process, and has initiated the tendering process for relief items that will be distributed to flood affected individuals in accordance with Federation standards. RCSC reviewed bids from 22 suppliers, and has now narrowed down the field to six companies that are located close to planned distribution points.

A further example of RCSC's good faith efforts to apply lessons learned from prior operations is that the evaluation report was translated into Mandarin and distributed to the Society's finance, relief and logistics departments. Department managers have assumed responsibility for implementing suggestions made in the report to improve the Society's quality of service. Additionally, following suggestions made in the evaluation report, relief and reporting delegates sent by the Federation to support the RCSC with flood relief activities will sit with the RCSC at RCSC headquarters in Beijing further improving coordination and communication between the Federation and the RCSC.

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The RCSC in cooperation with the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) completed an assessment of the Henan and Hunan provinces during the second week of August. The needs in these provinces are substantial. High temperatures (36-40 Celsius) combined with the humidity from the flooding has created a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, thus the risks of contracting malaria in these provinces is very high. As funding is not coming as quickly as anticipated, the RCSC and HKRC have identified malaria prevention as the most urgently needed area of assistance, and plans to use available funds to purchase mosquito nets.

Based on findings during recent assessments conducted by the RCSC the operation has been extended from the originally stated six provinces to eight provinces.

Upon approval from the RCSC National Office, RCSC branches in Anhui, Sichuan and Hunan distributed pre-positioned relief items, valued at RMB 1,076,400 (CHF 176,928), funded by the HKRC. The items included: 300 tents, (150 to Anhui, 150 to Hunan); 5,000 quilts (2,500 to Anhui and 2,500 to Sichuan); and 4,600 articles of clothing to Anhui.

The RCSC Disaster Management Information system is being tested, and so far has displayed its added value in providing information and statistics. The information system will play an increasingly important role in future flood response operations.

RCSC branches in the affected areas are carrying out relief operation. The following urgently required relief items worth RMB 4.15 million (CHF 682,137, were distributed by the respective branches:

- Anhui RCSC branch distributed relief items worth more than 1.6 million RMB, including tents, medicine, water purification powder, etc. Anhui branch staff are on duty around the clock monitoring the branch's donation hotline.
- Guangxi RCSC branch distributed relief items worth more than RMB 750,000, including medicine, tents, disinfectants, clothes, quilts.
- Jiangsu RCSC branch distributed relief items worth more than RMB 500,000, including 125 tents, 500 cases of disinfectants, 900 cases of water, instant food, etc.
- Sichuan RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 400,000, including rice, medicine, tents, and quilts.
- Chongqing RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 350,000, including tents, quilts and disinfectant.
- Henan RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 300,000, including clean water and sneakers.
- Hubei RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 130,000, including disinfectant, quilts, and toothpaste.
- Yunnan RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 90,000, including tents, rice, and winter coats.
- Hunan RCSC branch distributed relief items worth RMB 30,000, including tents, quilts.

### Constraints

The response of donors to the appeal has been slower than anticipated.

### Federation coordination

Since launching the Appeal, the Federation's desk officer in Geneva has been working with sister National Societies and government agencies and representatives to raise funds to support the planned RCSC activities. The Federation's Regional Delegation in Beijing is working with the RCSC and three Federation delegates recruited to work with the National Society on the relief operation, with developing plans of action for the 2003 flood relief operation that incorporate suggestions made in the evaluation report.



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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 18/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

18.08.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				7'932'000	TOTAL COVERAGE 9.3%	
AUSTRIAN - RC		40'000	EUR	61'960	05.08.03	
DANISH - RC		277'500	DKK	57'581	23.07.03	
DANISH - GOVT		30'000	USD	40'530	25.07.03	DIRECTLY TO DELEGATION
ESTEC NDF/ESA		10'000	EUR	15'490	24.07.03	
FINNISH - RC		50'000	EUR	77'150	24.07.03	
JAPANESE - RC		249'543	USD	337'133	25.07.03	
SWEDISH - GOVT		700'000	SEK	117'600	25.07.03	
TURKISH - RC				30'000	22.07.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				737'444	CHF	9.3%

### 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	