

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## CHINA: FLOODS

25 February 2004

Appeal No. 18/2003; Operations Update no. 8

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: 10 December 2003 - 23 February 2004

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### In Brief

Appeal coverage : 73%; See the Contributions List attached to this report.

Outstanding needs: CHF 2,128,496

**Related Annual Appeals:** For further information regarding the Red Cross Society of China's Federation supported activities please refer to the 2004 country appeal.

**Operational Summary:** Following the operation's initial positive momentum in both the procurement and distribution of relief supplies and capacity building activities from August through December, there has been a significant lull in activities due to the closure of the Federation's Geneva Secretariat in December and early January, immediately followed by the slow down of business transactions in China due to the celebration of Spring Festival.

As of the third week of February the rate of activity is beginning to approach the level it was at prior to the end of December. The Red Cross Society of China's (RCSC) relief division has gathered the statistics on the final distribution of mosquito nets and quilts. The national society is now working closely with the Federation to monitor the distribution of rice and wheat flour in eight provinces and to finalise details of the procurement of rice for Jiangsu.

### Operational developments

Following the slowdown due to the respective holiday periods around the world, the flood relief operation is once again beginning to pick up momentum. Distributions of quilts and mosquito nets have been finalised and rice and wheat flour, funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), is in the final phases of production and delivery. Field visits to follow up on the effectiveness of quilt and net distributions as well as to monitor the distribution of food items will commence in March. For the most part efforts are being made to coordinate joint RCSC/Federation field visits. Some concerns have been raised that there may be some difficulty accessing certain counties in Guangxi due to the outbreak of avian flu, but this point will be clarified as the situation in the province evolves.

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

### Emergency relief

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

### Distribution of relief items

#### Progress/Achievements

- **Planning**

The plans of action (PoA) for the RCSC Federation funded distributions in regard to flooding in 2003 are as follows:

Plan of action	Relief items
1	Tents (Anhui, Jiangsu) Water purification tablets (8 provinces) (DREF)
2	136,300 mosquito nets
3	31,900 quilts (German Red Cross)
4	16,210 quilts for Shaanxi (American embassy and Norwegian Red Cross) 16,390 quilts for eight provinces (Canadian Red Cross)
5	36,600 (estimated) quilts (Swiss Red Cross and Monaco Red Cross)
6	7,400 MT food items (rice or wheat flour) (ECHO)
7	11,500 quilts (Danish Red Cross)

- **Tents and water purification tablets (Plan of Action 1)**

Plan of Action 1, funded by the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF), comprised the distribution of tents to Anhui and Jiangsu, as well as the distribution of water purification tablets in Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Guangxi, Hunan, Hubei, Sichuan, and Chongqing.

Province	No. of boxes of water purification tablets	No. of beneficiaries	Distribution date
Henan	224	13,000	August 2003
Chongqing	224	10,214 (100 villages)	August 2003
Jiangsu	224	N/A	August 2003
Sichuan	224	11,200	August 2003
Hunan	224	13,800 (4,600 families)	August 2003

- **Mosquito nets (Plan of Action 2)**

#### Final distribution to beneficiaries

The RCSC relief division in Beijing received reports from all operating provincial branches about the final distribution figures of mosquito nets. The nets are well-suited for use on double beds and have been packed to prominently display the Red Cross emblem. Packaging of the nets has contributed somewhat to increasing awareness of the RCSC at the village level since many people in farming communities are unable to read and rely, therefore, heavily on visual communications methods. Since the nets were distributed after the summer months most of the households visited had used their old damaged nets during the summer. At this stage, the impact of distributing the nets cannot be confirmed.

A total of 136,300 mosquito nets were distributed throughout the nine provinces as indicated in the table below (prepared and compiled by the RCSC relief division). The number of mosquito nets exceeded the original target number of 110,000 because of the favourable exchange rate between Swiss and Chinese currencies.

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<b>Plan of action 2 – Mosquito nets (136, 300 distributed)</b>						
<b>Province</b>	<b>Total number</b>	<b>Date arrived in province</b>	<b>Number of nets distributed</b>	<b>Date distribution completed</b>	<b>Number of nets distributed per prefecture/county</b>	
<b>Anhui</b>	13,000	9/25	13,000	10/10	Bengbu	4,800
					Huainan	4,200
					Hefei	4,000
<b>Jiangsu</b>	13,000	9/30	13,000	11/30	Siyang	4,000
					Sihong	4,000
					Xuyu	5,000
<b>Henan</b>	19,000	9/23	19,000	9/28	Xinyang	4,500
					Zhoukou	4,500
					Nanyang	4,000
					Zhumadian	6,000
<b>Hunan</b>	19,000	9/28	19,000	9/29	Xiangxi	5,000
					Zhangjiajie	5,000
					Changde	5,000
					Chengzhou	4,000
<b>Guangxi</b>	13,000	9/29	13,000	Not available	Hegang	1,400
					Beihai	2,000
					Qingzhou	3,500
					Fangchenggang	2,000
					Hechi	3,500
					Guilin	600
<b>Chongqing</b>	19,000	9/14	19,000	10/17	Wulong	1,800
					Wuxi	1,800
					Shizhu	1,800
					Zhongxian	1,800
					Fengjie	1,800
					Yunyang	1,800
					Chengkou	1,000
					Qianjiang	1,800
					Pengshui	1,800
					Youyang	1,800
					Xiushan	1,800
<b>Sichuan</b>	19,000	10/14	19,000	11/13	Guangyuan	4,000
					Luzhou	4,000
					Liangshan	4,000
					Nanchong	3,000
					Leshan	4,000
<b>Hubei</b>	13,000	9/28	13,000		Jingzhou	3,000
					Huanggan	2,800
					Yichang	2,800
					Xianning	2,400
					Shiyan	2,000
<b>Shaanxi</b>	8,300	10/21	8,300	10/27	Weinan	4,000
					Ankang	4,300

• **Quilts: (Plan of Action 3, 4, 5 and 7)**

**Final distribution to beneficiaries**

All quilts procured and funded under Plans of Action 3 (German Red Cross), 4 (American embassy in Beijing/Norwegian Red Cross/Canadian Red Cross), 5 (Swiss Government and Monaco Red Cross) and (Danish Red Cross) have been distributed. Although it is difficult to estimate the long term impact of distributing the quilts, household visits have indicated that the item is appreciated and necessary. Most households are unheated and people living in rural areas stay warm throughout the colder months by wearing several layers of clothing. Indoor and outdoor temperatures are often indistinguishable because houses do not possess glass windows or wood shutters, and windows are simply covered with a piece of tarpaulin or cardboard. Thus quilts become essential for staying warm. Many of the beneficiary families visited were only in possession of tattered worn out quilts and

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welcomed the high quality quilts. Relations between the RCSC and the supplier in Shanghai were quite good and the good flow of information for plans of action 3, 4 and 5 quilts meant items were distributed according to plan. Miscommunication by the Federation about the procurement of quilts by the Danish Red Cross also led to the Chongqing branch distributing 1,725 quilts to flood affected beneficiaries not part of the planned distribution list for Federation funded family package.

A total of 114,604 quilts were distributed throughout the nine provinces as indicated in the table below (prepared and compiled by the RCSC relief division).

Plans of Action 3, 4, 5 and 7 – Quilts (114,604 distributed)							
Province	Total number	Date arrived in province	Number distributed	Date completed	Number subdivided to prefecture/county		Remark
<b>Anhui</b>	10,404	1/9/04	10,404	Not available	Bengbu Huainan Hefei	3,960 3,406 3,038	
<b>Jiangsu</b>	10,404	12/25/03	10,404	1/16/04	Siyang Sihong Xuyu	3,442 3,442 3,520	
<b>Henan</b>	15,604	1/13/04	15,604	1/20/04	Xinyang Zhoukou Nanyang Zhumadian	3,200 3,250 3,154 6,000	
<b>Hunan</b>	15,604	12/25/03	15,604	1/8/04	Xiangxi Zhangjiajie Changde Chengzhou	4,166 4,200 4,313 2,925	
<b>Guangxi</b>	10,404	2/5/04	10,404	Not available	Guigang Beihai Qingzhou Fangchenggang Hechi Guilin	804 1,530 2,896 1,628 2,946 600	
<b>Chongqing</b>	15,604	1/3/04	15,604	1/3/04	Wulong Wuxi Shizhu Zhongxian Fengjie Yunyang Chengkou Qianjiang Pengshui Youyang Xiushan	1,860 1,157 1,116 1,116 1,181 1,116 1,116 1,116 1,116 1,869 1,116	1,725 quilts, funded by Danish Red Cross and distributed as part of PoA7 were not distributed in previously identified counties .
<b>Sichuan</b>	15,604	12/29/03	15,604	1/6/04	Guangyuan Luzhou Liangshan Nanchong Leshan	3,614 2,809 3,563 2,809 2,809	
<b>Hubei</b>	10,406	1/6/04	10,406	Not available	Jingzhou Huanggan Yichang Xianning Shiyan	1,296 3,214 2,256 1,640 2,000	
<b>Shaanxi</b>	10,570	10/10/03	10,570	10/12/03	Weinan Ankang	5,570 5,000	Quilts distributed in Shaanxi were solely funded by earmarked distributions



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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 18/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

18/02/2004

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

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				7,932,000	TOTAL COVERAGE 73.2%	
AMERICAN - GOVT		100,000	USD	141,400	05.09.03	SH'ANXI PROVINCE
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT/RC		516,447	AUD	467,385	04.09.03	
AUSTRIAN - RC		40,000	EUR	61,960	05.08.03	
CANADIAN - RC		205,978	CAD	208,141	11.09.03	
CANADIAN - RC		38,478	CAD	39,055	14.11.03	
CANADIAN - RC		49,827	CAD	47,510	07.01.04	
DANISH - RC		277,500	DKK	57,581	23.07.03	
DANISH - GOVT		30,000	USD	40,530	25.07.03	DIRECTLY TO DELEGATION
DANISH - GOVT				6,688	03.11.03	PROGRAMME SUPPORT
ECHO (01001)		2,000,000	EUR	3,107,000	03.11.03	
ESTEC NDF/ESA		10,000	EUR	15,490	24.07.03	
FINNISH - RC		50,000	EUR	77,150	24.07.03	
GERMAN - GOVT		225,241	EUR	346,646	22.08.03	PURCHASE, TRANSPORT, DISTRIBUTION OF 30'000 QUILTS
JAPANESE - RC		249,543	USD	337,133	25.07.03	
LIECHTENSTEIN - RC				10,000	29.08.03	
MALAYSIAN - PRIVATE DONORS				231	01.10.03	
MONACO RC		7,500	EUR	11,543	07.10.03	
NORWEGIAN - RC		350,000	NOK	64,925	16.09.03	RELIEF OPERATION IN SHAANXI PROVINCE
PRIVATE DONORS				6,687	15.01.04	
SWEDISH - GOVT		700,000	SEK	117,600	25.07.03	
SWISS - GOVT(SDC)				400,000	17.10.03	
TURKISH - RC				30,000	22.07.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				5,594,655	CHF	70.5%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CANADA	DELEGATE(S)			30,226		
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			35,647		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			40,082		
DANISH - GOVT				102,894	03.11.03	11'500 QUILTS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				208,849	CHF	2.6%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	