

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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CHINA:FLOODS

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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA017; Operations Update no. 4; Period covered: 20 November 2005- 15 February 2006;
Appeal coverage: 39.4% ([click here for the attached contributions list](#))

Appeal history:

- Launched on 11 August 2005 for CHF 5,501,604 (USD 4,274,751 or EUR 2,525,539) for 9 months to assist 400,000 beneficiaries.
- Information bulletin 1 to 7 issued prior to appeal launch.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000

Outstanding needs : CHF 3,333,972 (USD 2,546,358 or EUR 2,136,080)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [2006-2007 China Appeal MAACN001](#),
[2006-2007 East Asia Appeal MAA54001](#)

Operational Summary:

There have been a total of 1,660 deaths related to floods in 2005, according to news sources quoting the state flood control and drought relief headquarters. As many as 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities suffered from varying degrees of floods, and a reported 200 million people were affected. In December 2005, the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) provincial, prefecture and county branches carried out a second distribution of 750 MT of rice to flood-affected families in the five provinces of Anhui, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan. This followed the initial distribution of 1,500 MT rice to some 100,000 people in October 2005, bringing the operational total for rice distributed to 2,250 MT.

At the start of the spring festival, which was celebrated from 27 January to 12 February 2006, 16,330 flood-affected families in Anhui and Jiangxi provinces received quilts donated by the Danish Red Cross. For those who have lost everything and are now confronted with the challenge of rebuilding their lives amidst taxing conditions, even the smallest gestures of kindness are magnified. At a quilt distribution in Ruichang county in particular, it has been reported that beneficiaries are highly appreciative of the relief goods received.

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Background

In the past few years China has experienced increasingly longer flood seasons, with the traditional May to August season extending into the autumn months. There have been a total of 1,660 deaths related to floods in 2005, according to news sources quoting the state flood control and drought relief headquarters. As many as 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities suffered from varying degrees of floods, and a reported 200

million people were affected. Indeed, on top of economic challenges already faced by the rural population, disasters such as these floods manage to continuously erode their coping mechanisms.



A man and his child receive some comfort in the form of a quilt outside their home.

Living conditions in China's impoverished rural south pose numerous challenges to the human spirit. Life revolves around manual field work with little or no access to common recreational facilities that so many in the world have come to take for granted. Although it is the norm for lower-income households in developed countries to include features such as heating in winter, electricity, running water or a phone line, these basics are unobtainable luxuries for the majority of rural farmers in China's poorest provinces such as Guangxi, Sichuan, Anhui and Jiangxi which, according to UNDP's 2005 Human Development Index for China, all fell in the bottom third of the country in terms of development.

Every day, an increasing number of rural poor are migrating to China's cities with the dream of creating a better life for their families. For millions, the journey begins at the county-level bus stops, where the men wait with their belongings bundled in grain sacks or plastic bags under the cloudy southern winter skies, hoping to find some form of manual labour when they arrive in the cities.

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During a joint field visit to Anhui and Jiangxi in the second week of February by delegates from the Federation and staff of the respective RCSC provincial and county-level branches, it could be seen that a majority of the beneficiaries were living the same story. Household after household reported one or more family members having left for China's more prosperous cities to earn enough money to support the family following the loss of crops and/or homes to floods and other natural disasters.

The period 27 January through 12 February marked this year's spring festival and the start of the lunar new year. For centuries, the spring festival has traditionally been a time for family gatherings, during which the usually boisterous country slows down. However, with money tight for many of the families affected by floods in 2005, the year of the dog began with an empty space at the family table.

Operational developments [<click here for an attached logframe>](#)

Emergency relief [<click here for an attached logframe>](#)

Food and non-food items

Objective: Recovery assistance in the form of rice and quilts is provided to 100,000 of the neediest families (estimated 400,000 individuals) in five flood-stricken provinces (Anhui, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan).

Progress/Achievements

Further details on specific progress made under each objective are available through the logframe link above. Quilts donated by the Danish Red Cross were distributed in Anhui and Jiangxi provinces at the start of the spring festival to 16,330 flood-affected families. During a field monitoring visit to selected villages in Anhui and Jiangxi in February, it was established that the Danish Red Cross-distributed quilts delivered by the supplier were according to contract specifications and were of appropriate quality.



Affected families appreciate the quilts distributed in Ruichang county's Gang Bei village.

Floods Operation Plan of Action 2: 16,330 quilts

Province	Total Quantity for Quilts	County								
		Anhui	8,165	Tongqiao 1400	Woyang 1200	Maoji 900	Huaiyuan 900	Linqun 900	Yingshang 1065	Suixi 1150
Jiangxi	8,165	Yongxiu 1660	Jing an 1420	An yi 825	Ruichang 1080	Xingzi 1100	Wuyuan 580	Shicheng 580	Fengxin 580	Leping 340

A second distribution of 750 MT of rice, purchased with funds received from the British government through the British Red Cross, was carried out by RCSC provincial, prefecture and county level branches to flood-affected families in the five provinces during the second week of December. This distribution follows the operation's initial distribution of 1,500 MT rice to some 100,000 people in October, thus bringing the operational total for rice distributed to 2,250 MT. Rations varied between 15 kg to 45 kg of rice per family depending on family size and the degree of loss sustained by the family due to the floods.

Floods Operation Plan of Action 4: 750 MT of Rice

Province Relief items	Hunan	Anhui	Sichuan	Guangxi	Jiangxi	Total Units
	Rice	150 mt	150 mt	150 mt	150 mt	150 mt

Quilts purchased with funds received from the Belgian Red Cross (Flanders) will be distributed in Sichuan, Hunan and Guangxi provinces benefitting more than to 57,000 households beginning the final week of February. Following the distribution of the quilts the operation will be completed.

Floods Operation Plan of Action 3: 57,226 quilts

Province	Total Quantity for Quilts	County								
		Sichuan	19,076	Guang an 2000	Yibin 2000	Nanchong 2000	Dazhou 2000	Ganzi 2000	Wenchuan 3000	Nanjiang 1000
		Zhigong 576	Leshan 500	Naijiang 500	Mianyang 500	Guangyuan 500	Yaan 500	Shuining 500	Deyang 500	
Hunan	19,075	Xin shao 4100	Xinhua 3260	Zhonfang 3360	Changning 1000	Pinjiang 4225	Longhui 1100	Lianyuan 1100	Yuanling 930	
Guangxi	19,075	Liuzhou 2300	Laibin 2800	Guilin 2800	wuzhou 2400	Hezhou 2000	Guigang 2000	Fang Cheng Gang 1000	He Chi 2500 and Baise 1275	

Restocking of relief supplies

Objective: A minimum emergency stock of non-food relief items is rebuilt to allow RCSC to respond to future disasters

Progress/Achievements

Lack of funding prevented the implementation of this activity. Nonetheless, it is hoped that further work can be done in meeting this objective and improving the RCSC's level of preparedness through the Federation's annual disaster management programme with the RCSC.

Federation Coordination

In China, the government takes the lead role in response and recovery, while other aid agencies such as World Vision have responded to floods with lower-scale interventions.

Communication – Advocacy and Public Information

Local branches of the Red Cross Society of China receive large amount of coverage by local media, especially during distributions, which are well attended by local print journalists and television stations.

[Contributions list below; click here to return to the title page.](#)

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**China: Floods
 Appeal 05EA017**

Timeframe: 11 August 2005 – 11 April 2006

Number of beneficiaries: 100,000 Households (400,000 individuals)

Overall Objective: Contribute to the nutritional and health security of China's flood affected population in Anhui, Gu angxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan provinces.

Food and non-food				
Objective: Recovery assistance in the form of rice and quilts is provided to 100,000 of the neediest families (estimated 400,000 individuals) in five flood-stricken provinces (Anhui, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan).				
Expected Results	Activities	Indicators	Assumptions/Risks	Progress to Date/Comments
1. 400,000 people have received food assistance for one month in: Anhui, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Sichuan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary selection process Procure rice Distribute 15 kg of rice to beneficiaries in the five provinces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rice is procured in accordance with international standards. At least 400,000 people have received the full ration within the operation's timeframe. <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary lists Field visits Household visits to ensure that assistance was appropriate. Lab testing of rice Final evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prices for rice and transport remain stable. Access to villages remain s unhampered by adverse weather. Movement of goods, staff or beneficiaries not affected by quarantines imposed to control spread of bird flu. <p>Comment: although restrictions have been placed on areas in the respective provinces following outbreaks of bird flu none, to the best of our knowledge, have occurred in the operational areas. Restrictions include the closing down of poultry markets, and monitoring of vehicles and people entering or leaving restricted areas.</p>	<p>8 Sept: Operational Planning meeting.</p> <p>15-26 Sept: Tender for rice; 3 suppliers identified.</p> <p>8 Oct: contracts signed for 1500 MT of rice (15kg/100,000) (PoA 1)</p> <p>14-21 Oct: Rice delivered to the county level.</p> <p>21 Oct: (PoA 1) Distributions commence in selected villages in five provinces.</p> <p>24 -28 Oct: Monitoring visits Sichuan and Anhui (PoA 1)</p> <p>21-31 Oct: Donor support confirmed to purchase MT 750 rice for five provinces (15 kg/50,000)-(PoA 4).</p> <p>Week 2 Nov: Counties identified for distributions of rice (PoA 4). Procurement of rice. Monitoring visit Guangxi (PoA 1)</p>

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				<p>Week 3 Nov.: Monitoring visit Jiangxi – Hunan (PoA 1). <i>26 Nov.: EQ in Jiangxi</i> 29 Nov: RCSC forms contracts with suppliers for 750 MT of rice (PoA 4) Brit Govt. 15-16 Dec: 750 MT Rice delivered to counties in all five provinces .</p>
<p>2. 100,000 households have received one quilt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary selection process • Procure quilts • Distribute 1 quilt to households in the five provinces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quilts are procured in accordance with international standards. • At least 100,000 households have received a quilt. <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary lists • Field visits • Household visits to ensure that assistance was appropriate. • Final evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices for quilts and transport remain stable. • Access to villages remains unhampered by adverse weather. • Movement of goods, staff or beneficiaries not affected by quarantines imposed to control spread of bird flu. 	<p>8 Sept: Operational Planning meeting. Sept: In-kind support pledged for quilts for Anhui and Jiangxi (PoA 2) Oct: Donor support for purchase of quilts for Guangxi, Hunan and Sichuan pledged (PoA 3) Nov. Week 1: Terms and conditions of external support finalized. Nov. Week 2: RCSC logistics publishes RFQ as part of national tender. 11 Jan: DRC procurement of quilts finalised (PoA 2) Jan. Week 3: Distribution of 16,330 quilts donated by Dan Cross in Anhui and Jiangxi. Feb. Week 2: Monitoring visit made to Anhui and Jiangxi provinces. Feb. Week 3: Distribution of 49,998 quilts funded by BRC-F</p>

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				commences in Guangxi, Hunan and Sichuan provinces. (PoA 3)
Restocking of relief supplies Objective: A minimum emergency stock of non-food relief items is rebuilt to allow RCSC to respond to future disasters				
Expected Results	Activities	Indicators	Assumptions/Risks	Progress to Date/Comments
1. RCSC is able to effectively respond to sudden onset disasters occurring during the last quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure quilts, tents and water purification tablets. Restock appropriate RCSC DP centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items are procured in accordance with international standards. DP centres possess sufficient amounts of quilts, tents and water purification tablets to respond to frequently occurring disasters: i.e. earthquakes and floods. <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse inventory lists Reports to donors on how stocks are used over the coming 12 months. Final evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prices for relief items remain stable. 	<p>Aug –Nov 05: Priority was given to meeting immediate relief needs with funding received in response to the appeal (approx. 35 %).</p> <p><i>This objective could not be met due to a lack of funding.</i></p>

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05EA017

PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/02/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				5,501,604	TOTAL COVERAGE 39.3%	
AUSTRALIA - RC		20,000	AUD	18,970	29.08.05	RICE, QUILTS
AUSTRALIA - RC		8,116	AUD	7,864	13.12.05	RICE, QUILTS
BELGIUM - GOVT		351,039	EUR	546,568	12.10.05	PROCUREMENT OF QUILTS, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION
BRITISH - GVT		196,078	GBP	446,666	05.10.05	RELIEF ACTIVITIES
CANADA - RC		50,000	CAD	52,275	12.08.05	
FINLAND - RC		50,000	EUR	78,025	19.08.05	
GREEK - GOVT		40,000	EUR	61,820	31.10.05	
ICELANDIC - RC		250,000	ISK	4,900	26.08.05	
IRELAND - GOVT		100,000	EUR	155,000	9.08.05	
JAPAN - RC		213,700	USD	275,032	17.08.05	
MONACO - RC		10,000	EUR	15,570	25.10.05	
PRIVATE DONORS ON LINE				622	25.08.05	
SWEDEN - GOVT		2,000,000	SEK	332,000	16.08.05	
TURKEY - RC		20,000	USD	25,740	26.08.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2,021,052	CHF	36.7%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DANISH - RC				141,100	07.11.05	16'331 QUILTS PROCURED LOCALLY
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				141,100	CHF	2.6%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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