

DREF operation final report



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Montenegro: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

Summary: CHF 62,578 (USD 55,973 or EUR 37,926) was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 4 December, 2008 to support the national society in delivering assistance to some 1,086 beneficiaries, and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

This operation was carried out in order to provide immediate food and hygiene assistance to the population in six municipalities in Montenegro where houses were damaged by the floods in November, 2007. The Red Cross of Montenegro provided full support and assistance to 1,086 beneficiaries, meeting their needs, mainly for food and shelter, until they were able to get back to their homes.

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Relief distribution in Rozaje: Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro.

Situation

Severe flooding affected the area of Kolašin in central Montenegro on 26 November 2007, mostly in the upper stretches of the river Tara. The gravest situation was in the villages under the mountain of Kom in Mataševo and Skrbuša, but also in Kolašin, Trebaljevo and Sjerogošt.

The floods continued in the following days, affecting the municipalities of Andrijevića, Berane, Rozaje, Plav, Mojkovac, Bijelo Polje and Podgorica as well. The situation was the gravest in Rozaje, where more than a hundred families were evacuated from their flooded homes. The towns of Berane and Andrijevića also suffered great damage; around 40 more households were severely affected.



The main street in Rozaje, Montenegro. Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro.

The floods damaged part of the waterworks network, so Berane and part of Andrijevica had no drinking water. This situation needed the response of all available rescue and communal services, as well as the engagement of the municipal crisis headquarters in order to assess the damage and the needs of the affected families. The Red Cross of Montenegro participated in each of these activities with its full potential.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In the secretariat of the Red Cross of Montenegro, an operational body was formed sending and receiving information from the affected areas every six hours. In addition, a national disaster response team was put on standby.

Municipal Red Cross branches in the affected area contacted their respective municipal crisis headquarters, led by the local authorities, and subsequently participated in all the assessment, rescue and evacuation activities as an integral part of those bodies.

The proposed Red Cross operation was meant to provide immediate assistance to the affected population, as well as extended assistance to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable through a period of two months. According to the assessment conducted by the Red Cross of Montenegro, in cooperation with the local crisis headquarters, there were an estimated 1,086 people or 179 families in need of assistance across all the municipalities. Their needs were mainly food and hygiene items, as well as temporary accommodation. Some immediate needs had already been met at the beginning of the flooding, therefore part of the requested allocation was used to replenish the disaster response stocks of the Red Cross of Montenegro.

Immediately after the needs analysis in the affected municipalities, a detailed distribution plan was made:

ROŽAJE

Item	Amount	Unit	Total
Blankets	360	piece	360
Mattresses	360	piece	360
Jerry cans	-	-	-
Rubber boots	-	-	-
Plastic sheets	120	piece	120
Food parcels	120	piece	120
Hygiene parcels	120	piece	120
Disinfection material	120	piece	120
Sheets	360	piece	360

BERANE

Item	Amount	Unit	Total
Jerry cans	50	piece	50
Rubber boots	200	piece	200
Plastic sheets	100	piece	100
Food parcels	26	piece	26
Hygiene parcels	26	piece	26
Disinfection material	26	piece	26

PODGORICA

Item	Amount	Unit	Total
Jerry cans	-	-	-
Rubber boots	-	-	-
Plastic sheets	5	piece	5
Food parcels	5	piece	5
Hygiene parcels	5	piece	5
Disinfection material	5	piece	5

ANDRIJEVICA

Item	Amount	Unit	Total
Jerry cans	40	piece	40
Rubber boots	-	-	-
Plastic sheets	150	piece	150
Food parcels	40	piece	40
Hygiene parcels	40	piece	40
Disinfection material	40	piece	40

MOJKOVAC

Item	Amount	Unit	Total
Jerry cans	-	-	-
Rubber boots	-	-	-
Plastic sheets	25	piece	25
Food parcels	9	piece	9
Hygiene parcels	9	piece	9
Disinfection material	9	piece	9



A relief distribution in Mojkovac.

The first phase of the relief distribution was run immediately after the DREF request was made, between 5 and 10 December 2007. In this phase, the immediate needs of the most vulnerable population were met using the Red Cross of Montenegro stocks, which were later replenished from the DREF operation budget.

The second phase of the relief distribution included the distribution of the remaining food and hygiene parcels, in total 50 food parcels and 50 hygiene parcels, in the areas where the damage caused by the floods still had not been repaired. This distribution was carried out on 18 January 2008.

The Red Cross of Montenegro monitored the situation throughout and communicated with governmental and other services and agencies, in case new needs should arise, and in order to prevent overlapping in the affected areas.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective 1: 180 families affected by the floods across six municipalities are provided with canned food to assist them through the first several days of coping with the damage done to their households, until they are able to prepare their own food again.

Objective 2: 120 evacuated families are provided with 360 sets of blankets, mattresses and bed linen, responding to their needs for accommodation outside their own houses, until the damage to their houses is mitigated and they can move back in.

Activities planned:

- assessment of needs
- creation of beneficiary lists
- distribution of food and non-food items
- monitoring

Impact: Both goals were successfully met, the affected families were provided with immediate assistance and the Red Cross of Montenegro fully responded to the needs of the affected population.

Challenges: Considering the fact that at the moment of the floods the Red Cross of Montenegro was still in the phase of forming an efficient system for disaster response at the national level, additional efforts were

made in order to establish the best possible coordination in the field and with the local branches. Standard operating procedures of the Red Cross of Montenegro were also being created, so this was an opportunity to verify their functionality in a real situation. Beside these challenges, the Red Cross of Montenegro established excellent cooperation and coordination with all local branches taking part in the operation as well as with governmental and other actors, which contributed to the provision of aid to the most affected population going smoothly.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, through the use of water tanks and jerry cans, as well as hygiene promotion, until the existing water infrastructure is safe to use again.

Activities planned:

- assessment of needs
- provision of potable water and hygiene promotion for 180 families in the affected area

Impact: The distribution of jerry cans to the families in the areas that had no drinking water facilitated the provision and storage of water. Along with the distribution of disinfectants, the Red Cross volunteers also helped organize hygiene promotion lectures in order to ensure safe water-related behaviour on the part of the beneficiaries.

Challenges: The challenges in this area were the same as above. However, the Red Cross of Montenegro dealt with them successfully and managed to reach the main goal of helping those in need of assistance.

Conclusion

Lessons learned:

- Maintaining constant communication with the communal services in the field is essential in order to ensure a clear picture of the changing situation.
- Establishing a clear system of communication and reporting with the operational municipal Red Cross branches in the field is important.
- Having a clearly defined role of the Red Cross in the local crisis headquarters is of key importance for communication and cooperation with the partners in the field.
- Regular monitoring facilitates flexible approach towards the situation development, as well as clearer insight in the current needs of the affected population.

The remaining balance of 161 Swiss francs will be returned to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund.

How we work	
<p><i>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.</i></p>	
<p>The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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MDRME001 - MONTENEGRO - FLOODS

Final Financial Statement

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/12-2008/02
Budget Timeframe	2007/12-2008/02
Appeal	MDRME001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		62,578				62,578
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		62,578				62,578
C5. Other Income		62,578				62,578
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		62,578				62,578
D. Total Funding = B + C		62,578				62,578
Appeal Coverage		100%				100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		62,578				62,578
E. Expenditure		-62,417				-62,417
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		161				161

III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		62,578					62,578	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	2,310		2,982			2,982	-672	
Clothing & textiles	32,043		33,629			33,629	-1,586	
Food	11,088		11,929			11,929	-841	
Water & Sanitation	2,146						2,146	
Utensils & Tools	1,634		268			268	1,365	
Other Supplies & Services	3,432		4,254			4,254	-822	
Total Supplies	52,653		53,062			53,062	-410	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	3,384		2,698			2,698	686	
Transport & Vehicle Costs			1,804			1,804	-1,804	
Total Transport & Storage	3,384		4,502			4,502	-1,118	
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,474		571			571	1,902	
Communications			132			132	-132	
Financial Charges			91			91	-91	
Total General Expenditure	2,474		795			795	1,679	
Programme Support								
Program Support	4,068		4,057			4,057	10	
Total Programme Support	4,068		4,057			4,057	10	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	62,578		62,417			62,417	161	
VARIANCE (C - D)			161			161		