

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Indonesia: Sumatra Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDRID002
GLIDE n° [FL-2006-000192-IDN](#)
Operations update n° 3
5 August 2008

Period covered by this Operations Update: 1 January to 30 May, 2008;

Appeal target (current): CHF 520,632 (USD 496,929 or EUR 318,903)¹;
[<click here to view the attached Revised Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

Appeal coverage: 100%
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Appeal history:

- Request for assistance was launched on 12 January 2007 to assist 100,000 beneficiaries (20,000 families) for three months;
- Appeal budget revised down to CHF 708,824 (USD 651,942 or EUR 438,941)¹
- On 18 January 2008, the operational timeframe was extended until May 2008;
- This operations update seeks a non-cost extension of the operational timeframe until end of December 2008.

The situation

The torrential rains between December 2006 and February 2007 caused serious floods and landslides covering wide geographical areas in the provinces of Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau. More than 500,000 people across the three provinces were reported affected by the floods and landslides, which disrupted their livelihoods and destroyed infrastructure, damaging public facilities such as schools and hospitals.

Immediately after the disaster struck, the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) with support from its partner national societies (PNS), delivered essential humanitarian services including food and non-food item distribution, mobile health services and water sanitation activities. PMI continued providing relief items in the recovery phase.

Almost a year later, during the last week of December 2007, torrential rains hit the island of Nias in the North Sumatra province, causing many flash floods in the districts of Gunung Sitoli Idanoi, Gunung Sitoli Selatan, Gido, Ulugawo and Bawolato on Nias Island. While no human casualties were reported, many houses were damaged along with rice fields and cattle, mostly in Gido, Gunung Sitoli Idanoi and Bawolato. In addition, shallow tube wells were contaminated by mud due to the floods.

Response to this disaster situation was aided by a portion of the funding originally meant for the floods and landslides operations in 2006/2007 which was unspent after the completion of the recovery phase. Up to August and September 2007, 600 family kits were procured for the PMI branch of Aceh Utara with the consent of the donor, Hong Kong branch of the Red Cross Society of China. The funding from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) was reallocated to pre-positioned emergency funding.

¹ See attached revised emergency appeal budget summary for details.

A request for extension of the operational timeframe was also made to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with the proposal of procuring relief items for Nias. The non-cost extension until May 2008 was granted in March 2008.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In response to the situation, the local government distributed 26 tonnes of rice, and provided daily meal allowances of IDR 3,000 (CHF 0.34 or USD 0.32) per person. The Nias branch of PMI distributed family kits from the disaster preparedness (DP) containers, which serves as the emergency storage facility for branches. In early January 2008, a multi-agency team including members of the International Federation and the PMI, organized several demonstration sessions on water purification and well cleaning techniques to the flood-affected population in the sub-district of Bawolato. This effort was undertaken because transporting clean water by other means was too risky, due to damaged bridges.

Although the situation slowly improved, it was obvious that more adequate preparedness was urgently required on Nias. This is particularly in pre-positioning relief items in isolated geographic locations where limited infrastructure provides logistics challenges in carrying out humanitarian operations.

Therefore, the Nias branch of PMI, with support from the International Federation country office proposed to procure key relief items. The proposal was approved in March 2008 to procure the relevant relief items with CHF 75,000 (USD 73,590 or EUR 46,286) of the balance from the original floods operation.

The content of the proposal was mainly for the procurement of relief items including hurricane lamps, tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans and family kits. By May 2008, all relief items were procured as originally planned. However, it was decided at the last minute to procure an additional 500 tarpaulins to a total amount of 1,500 pieces. The delivery of these additional tarpaulins took another three weeks. The total relief items procured are as below.

Relief Items Purchased	Quantity	Remarks
Tarpaulins	1,500	
Hurricane lamps	1,500	
Blankets	1,500	
Jerry cans	1,500	Support from the regional logistics centre in Kuala Lumpur
Mosquito nets	1,500	
Family kits	70	Replenishment of family kits that have been mobilized from the disaster preparedness containers.

The International Federation has global agreements with several suppliers for key relief items. With the technical support from the regional logistics unit based at the Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur, the jerry cans and mosquito nets were procured through the global agreements to meet international specifications.

The family kits were procured locally in Medan, North Sumatra. Each kit consists of a cooking pot, a jerry can, shampoo, sleeping mats, towels, toothpaste and toothbrush, washing and laundry soap, spoons, plastic plates and cups, candles, matches and sarong.

A rubbhall was erected to store the purchased relief items within the International Federation's warehouse compound, located next to the Nias airport in Gunung Sitoli. In addition to the stocks already stored in disaster preparedness containers, the Nias branch of PMI now has the capacity to provide essential relief items to a minimum of 1,500 families in times of disaster.

Even after the completion of the relief item replenishment using the USAID funding, there is a balance of approximately CHF 250,000 (USD 238,618 or EUR 153,133) from non-earmarked funding to the original request for assistance launched in 2006. While seeking for donor consent, the International Federation plans to use these unspent funds in procuring relief items for the PMI central warehouse in Gresik (near Surabaya) in East Java, which was just inaugurated on 26 May 2008. A small amount will also be allocated to buy equipment and gear for the PMI response teams (satuan penanggulangan bencana/SATGANa) in Sumatra.

How we work

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 (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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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MDRID002 - Indonesia - Sumatra Flash Floods

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/12-2008/6
Budget Timeframe	2006/12-2008/12
Appeal	MDRID002
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		520,632				520,632
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>		194,800				194,800
<i>Hong Kong Red Cross</i>		31,824				31,824
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		172,000				172,000
<i>USAID</i>		122,007				122,007
C1. Cash contributions		520,632				520,632
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		520,632				520,632
D. Total Funding = B + C		520,632				520,632
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		520,632				520,632
E. Expenditure		-270,338				-270,338
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		250,293				250,293

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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)		520,632					520,632	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	119,342		94,565				94,565	24,777
Clothing & textiles	84,000		15,046				15,046	68,954
Water & Sanitation	940		940				940	0
Medical & First Aid			4,025				4,025	-4,025
Utensils & Tools	27,000							27,000
Other Supplies & Services	79,704		34,685				34,685	45,019
Total Supplies	310,986		149,261				149,261	161,725
Transport & Storage								
Storage	1,617		6,394				6,394	-4,777
Distribution & Monitoring	15,000		1,651				1,651	13,349
Transport & Vehicle Costs	34,735		19,735				19,735	15,000
Total Transport & Storage	51,352		27,780				27,780	23,572
Personnel								
International Staff	47,053		27,053				27,053	20,000
National Staff	45,618		36,629				36,629	8,989
National Society Staff	23,128		8,128				8,128	15,000
Total Personnel	115,799		71,810				71,810	43,989
General Expenditure								
Travel	4,135		1,635				1,635	2,500
Information & Public Relation	1,051		551				551	500
Office Costs	1,674		424				424	1,250
Communications	1,774		870				870	904
Financial Charges	19		-234				-234	254
Total General Expenditure	8,653		3,246				3,246	5,407
Programme Support								
Program Support	33,841		17,526				17,526	16,316
Total Programme Support	33,841		17,526				17,526	16,316
Services								
Services & Recoveries			715				715	-715
Total Services			715				715	-715
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	520,632		270,338				270,338	250,293
VARIANCE (C - D)			250,293				250,293	

REVISED APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

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MDRID002

	ORIGINAL	REVISED	VARIANCE
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>			
Shelter	105,000	119,342	-14,342
Clothing & Textiles		84,000	-84,000
Water & Sanitation	15,000	940	14,060
Utensils & Tools		27,000	-27,000
Other Supplies & Services	402,000	79,704	322,296
Total Relief Needs	522,000	310,986	211,014
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>			
Storage - Warehouse	1,000	1,617	-617
Distribution & Monitoring	7,000	15,000	-8,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	27,750	34,735	-6,985
<u>PERSONNEL</u>			
International Staff	25,000	47,053	-22,053
Regionally Deployed Staff			0
National Staff	33,000	45,618	-12,618
National Society Staff	40,000	23,128	16,872
Consultants			0
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>			
Travel	3,000	4,135	-1,135
Information & Public Relations		1,051	-1,051
Office running costs	2,000	1,674	326
Communication Costs	2,000	1,774	226
Financial Charges		19	-19
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>			
Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total)	46,074	33,841	12,232
Total Operational Needs	186,824	209,646	-22,822
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	708,824	520,632	188,192
Less Available Resources		520,632	
Net Request	708,824	0	