

DREF operation update



Mongolia: 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 and 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.

Period covered by this update:
21 July to 30 September 2009

Summary: CHF 240,000 (USD 224,520 or EUR 157,868) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Mongolian Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 people. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

An extension for this DREF operation was requested for and approved to allow the implementation of activities outlined in the revised plan of action. The revised plan of action takes into account an approximate surplus of CHF 60,000 due to successful procurements below projected costs. The revised plan of action includes activities covering disaster preparedness, lessons learnt workshop, hygiene promotion and psychosocial support activities.



Relief distributions are taking place in SonginoKhairkhan district, Ulaanbaatar / MRCS

In line with the revised plan of action, this operation was extended for two months from the original three-month period, and is expected to be completed by 20 December 2009. The Final Report (narrative and financial) will be issued by 20 March 2010, 90 days after the end of the operation.

The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) has contributed EUR 115,000 (CHF 174,515) towards the replenishment of the DREF for the allocation made to this operation. The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Danish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross/ Irish government, Japanese Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross/ Monaco government, Netherlands Red Cross/ Netherlands government, Norwegian Red Cross/ Norwegian government, Swedish Red Cross/ Swedish government, Italian government, United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), ECHO, OPEC Fund for International Development, and corporate and private donors. Details of all donors can be found [here](#).

The International Federation, on behalf of the Mongolian Red Cross Society, would like to thank all donors and partners for their generous support to DREF.

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The situation

Severe consecutive floods occurred between 16 to 26 July in three districts of Ulaanbaatar city, a remote district and some areas in the countryside (Gobi-Altai, Khentii, Dundgobi provinces), causing damage to houses and infrastructure. A total of 26 people were found dead, out of which 18 were members of herding families settled in the riverbank areas of Gobi-Altai province.

The number of affected households has exceeded 3,000, out of which 126 households were reported to have had their homes completely destroyed, and approximately 2,000 households were reported to have lost more than 50 per cent of their belongings.

In Ulaanbaatar city and its surrounding areas, eight people were killed (seven children and an adult). A number of greenhouses and small factories, the main source of livelihood for families in Khan-Uul district, were destroyed in the floods. Other damages include destroyed houses, fences and personal belongings, as well as damaged water pipes, electricity lines, bridges and roads.

In Gobi-Altai province, a total of 18 persons from 12 families were killed, including eight children, two elderly persons and eight other adults. Up to 1,732 heads of livestock were killed, with an estimated loss of MNT 133.7 million (CHF 98,530). In Khentii province, reports indicate that 16 families lost their homes to the floods.

The Mongolian government has quickly responded to the disaster with the provision of *gers* to those whose housings were destroyed by the floods as well as hot meals for a week in the aftermath of the disaster. Children aged 16 and below, together with the elderly and the disabled, were provided with shelter in a sanatorium. The government has been clearing the mud and debris from the affected areas through Cash for work campaigns while providing technical facilities to the workers. The soil surface of some of the affected areas has been disinfected.

Also, it has been reported that government has allocated new land for 415 households in flood-affected districts and so far only 102 households have been resettled. People are reluctant to move to the newly allocated areas due to lack of electricity and water kiosks in these areas as well as remoteness from the education and economic facilities.

Coordination and partnerships

On 18 July, the MRCS launched a local appeal to help the victims of the floods. A donation account was opened and appeal segments are being broadcasted through TV, radio and newspapers. The American embassy in Mongolia donated USD 25,000 (CHF 26,524) earmarked for food items including wheat flour, rice, sugar, tea and salt. The distribution was conducted in accordance with Code of Conduct of the International Federation and non-governmental organizations in disaster relief. The operations were attended by American Embassy representatives, government authorities and journalists.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

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Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To ensure that up to 1,900 families or 10,000 people receive basic food and non-food items to meet the ongoing needs during the next three months, before the harsh winter arrives, in Khan-Uul, Bayan-Zurkh, Songino-Khairkhan districts and Gobi-Altai province.

Activities planned (for food items):

- To identify and register 1,900 most vulnerable families affected by flood disaster;
- Engage community participation in planning and distribution of relief items;

- Mobilize 90 volunteers in assessment, distribution, and monitoring and evaluation;
- Transportation of items from supplier to the distribution point;
- Distribution of food items to the selected families;
- Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for the continuous improvement of delivery system.

Food parcel composition

Quantity/family	Per item
Wheat flour	15 kg
Rice	15 kg
Salt	1 kg
Tea	1 cube
Cooking oil	1 bottle

Activities planned (for non-food items):

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Non-food parcel composition

Quantity/family	Per item
Warm clothes	1
Warm clothes for children	1
Boots	1
Children boots	1
Blanket	1
Jerry can	2
Soap	3
Towel	3

Progress:

Beneficiary lists were developed based on database of respective sub-district and sub-province authorities. In order to avoid overlapping of material assistance with aid from other assisting parties and to make sure that the most vulnerable are reached, Red Cross branch staff and volunteers made home visits and conducted interviews with the people affected.

In addition, based the health assessment conducted on 23 July by the MRCS jointly with the International Federation's regional and country office representatives, the initial relief items' composition was further expanded to include jerry cans, soaps and towels.

With assistance from Red Cross volunteers actively engaged in the logistics process (including registration of beneficiaries, stocking and counting relief items, delivery of items to beneficiaries) the distributions were completed between 10 August – 10 September.

Location	Dates distributions were carried out	Number of households reached
Tseel and Togrog soums of GobiSumber province	10 August	65
Songinokhairkhan district	20 August - 10 September	322
KhanUul district	20 August - 10 September	403
BayanZurkh district	21 August - 10 September	1,110
Total		1,900

The MRCS, supported by the International Federation, formed a monitoring team comprised of headquarters staff, branch representatives and the International Federation's finance and administration manager to ensure effective and timely delivery of relief items to the affected communities. The team monitored the distribution process through regular visits to selected districts and checked the accuracy and completeness of financial and narrative reports as well as other supporting documents.

DREF operations revision

Objective: To meet new vulnerabilities identified during the operations and ensure that organizational capacity is able to address those needs.

Activities planned:

Replenishment of the MRCS stocks:

The MRCS will procure non-food relief items such as mattresses, blankets, warm clothes and boots for 600 households and *ger* canvas for 428 households. Also, based on lessons learnt from the recent floods, the MRCS plans to procure 20 dispensary tents in order to be prepared for relocation of affected community to the temporary shelter. A total of 2,000 plastic collapsible jerry cans will be purchased to meet hygiene and sanitation vulnerabilities caused by rapid and unplanned urbanization.

Lessons learnt workshop/meeting:

The workshop is expected to provide an opportunity for approaching systematically the roles and responsibilities of actors involved, best practices, addressing gaps and weaknesses identified during the DREF operations as well as possible solutions to avoid replicating mistakes made, in future operations.

Hygiene promotion activities:

MRCS volunteers will be mobilized for distribution of information, education and communication materials, promotion of basic hygiene messages such as “washing hands” combined with A (H1N1) preventative messages. Schools and kindergartens in flood-affected areas will be one the target locations for the promotion. Furthermore, short term mobilization of Red Cross volunteers trained in hygiene promotion will take place in order disseminate the proper design of latrines as most of the families are now building new latrines. As two of the affected districts have been implementing water and sanitation project funded by the Netherlands Red Cross there are trained volunteers, designs of latrines for demonstration and information, education and communication materials in place.

Psychosocial support training and mobilization of trained in psychosocial support volunteers:

As three of the affected districts are target locations of EU and Finnish Red Cross-supported community-based social care project, the MRCS is planning to provide psychosocial support to the beneficiaries while using already existing facilities including the social care centre and trained instructors.

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 \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response](#) (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/7-2009/8
Budget Timeframe	2009/7-2009/10
Appeal	MDRMN002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	240,000					240,000
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	240,000					240,000
C5. Other Income	240,000					240,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	240,000					240,000
D. Total Funding = B + C	240,000					240,000
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	240,000					240,000
E. Expenditure	-153,102					-153,102
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	86,898					86,898

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)	240,000						240,000	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	145,768	96,637				96,637	49,131	
Food	43,610	25,657				25,657	17,953	
Water & Sanitation		10,544				10,544	-10,544	
Other Supplies & Services	13,680	5,481				5,481	8,199	
Total Supplies	203,058	138,319				138,319	64,739	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring		791				791	-791	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,790						5,790	
Total Transport & Storage	5,790	791				791	4,999	
Personnel								
Regionally Deployed Staff	3,152	567				567	2,585	
Total Personnel	3,152	567				567	2,585	
General Expenditure								
Travel	12,200	1,928				1,928	10,272	
Information & Public Relation		1,240				1,240	-1,240	
Office Costs	100	99				99	1	
Communications	100	100				100	0	
Other General Expenses		105				105	-105	
Total General Expenditure	12,400	3,473				3,473	8,927	
Programme Support								
Program Support	15,600	9,952				9,952	5,648	
Total Programme Support	15,600	9,952				9,952	5,648	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	240,000	153,102				153,102	86,898	
VARIANCE (C - D)		86,898				86,898		