

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Pakistan: Humanitarian assistance for internally displaced people

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK003
Operations update n° 3
23 June 2009

Period covered by this Ops Update: 12 to 21 June 2009;

Appeal target (current): CHF 23,926,179 (USD 22.44 million or EUR 15.76 million); [click here to view the attached Emergency Appeal Budget](#)

Appeal coverage: 4% with further contributions in the pipeline. Funds are very urgently needed to enable Pakistan Red Crescent Society to scale up its response to this humanitarian crisis. [click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details](#)

Appeal history:

- The Emergency Appeal was launched on 4 June 2009 for CHF 23.9 million for seven months to assist 140,000 people (20,000 families).



Pakistan Red Crescent Society/International Federation's joint rapid assessment team talks with community members about their needs at a school in Hattar village in Haripur district. (Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation).

Summary:

With the prevailing humanitarian crisis in the country, the government and various humanitarian actors are actively serving the displaced population. The overall funding response has been slow so far. According to the latest UN reports, only 26 per cent of the total humanitarian response need has been funded.

Based on the joint Pakistan Red Crescent Society's (PRCS)/International Federation's rapid assessment results, a plan of action has been developed. This plan is a road map to carry out the response operation. The operation is divided into two phases: emergency and early recovery. Activities under the emergency phase will be starting immediately while a detailed assessment for the early recovery phase specially focusing on livelihoods will be carried out in the coming month.

Under the newly developed plan of action, food and camp management which was in the original plan of action has been taken out. Food has been distributed by the World Food Programme (WFP) in Swabi and is planned to be distributed in the Hazara Division. It has been agreed between PRCS, the International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) that Swabi will be supported by ICRC.

PRCS'/International Federation's interventions under this emergency appeal will be focused in the areas of Mansehra, Haripur and Abbottabad (in the Hazara division) and other urban areas where displaced people have moved to.

In the areas of the Hazara division, an integrated programme approach was being adopted in order to efficiently and effectively serve the displaced people. On-ground activities will be starting from 25 June 2009.

To date, the Japanese Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross/Swedish Government have made contributions to this appeal; and other contributions are in the pipeline.

In addition, PRCS has received bilateral contributions from the following; American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, United Arab Emirates Red Crescent, Turkish Red Crescent, Telenor Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd and the Pakistan Army.

The International Federation, on behalf of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, would like to thank all partners for their response to this appeal to date.

The situation

According to the North-West Frontier Province's (NWFP) government Emergency Response Unit, 3.5 million displaced people (due the conflict between government and militants) are living with support of host families. Out of camp internally displaced people (IDP) are also staying in vacant schools (where students are off for summer holidays), caves and other ad-hoc shelters. A total of 261,525 displaced persons are residing in 27 camps. The national database registration authority (NADRA) has so far completed the registration of 1.9 million IDPs -- numbers are likely to fluctuate after the completion of the registration process. More sporadic camps are opening, which is a concern for the authorities. Most camps have reached their full capacity. Due to high temperatures, displaced families are moving to cooler locations.

Immediate needs for IDPs are shelter, food, non-food items as well as health and care, water and sanitation, psychosocial and livelihoods support.

The government in NWFP has started the distribution of PKR 25,000 (CHF 335 or USD 312) per family. Specifically, for registered families through bank cash cards.

Population movement from South Waziristan, Shangla and Kohistan is now being witnessed. The monsoon season will be starting from July in the northern parts of the country. One of the priorities for most humanitarian actors is to prepare IDP camps for the rainy season.

Coordination and partnerships

All Movement partners in the country are working in close coordination for the IDP operation. Frequent meetings are organized by the host national society for Red Cross Red Crescent partners. Tripartite meetings between PRCS, International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are also held.

National Society Capacity:

Apart from the provincial branch, the national society has 10 district branches in NWFP. In the Hazara division the PRCS has two district branches: in Haripur and in Mansehra. The national society also maintains a disaster management cell in Batagram. For the Pakistan earthquake operation, a field office is also being maintained by the PRCS in Mansehra. This field office carries out activities in the earthquake affected areas and has expertise in health, disaster management, water and sanitation, livelihoods, logistics, Information Technology (IT) and gender. Joint Coordination Meetings are organized monthly by the International Federation with PRCS and all partner national societies (PNSs) active in the on going earthquake operation. Staff from the field office are already being utilized by PRCS in the IDP camps. There are a total of 17 PRCS national disaster response teams (NDRTs) trained in NWFP. Two staff in NWFP also trained to be part of the regional disaster response team (RDRT).

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

During the reporting period, the national society acquired two more IDP camps, bringing the total PRCS/ICRC managed camps to nine. These camps are accommodating approximately 40,000 people. Apart from shelter (tents) and non-food items, the IDPs in the camps are also provided with meals. Provisions for community kitchens are currently being developed.

PRCS medical teams have provided health and care to more than 73,000 patients since August 2008. Main diseases are scabies, heat stroke, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections. Psychosocial support has been provided to 3,300 people in the camps in Swabi. These camps have 785 latrine-pits and 289 community showers. A total of 19 water bladders have been installed. Through ICRC, the national society is also carrying out assessments for restoring family links. To date, the PRCS has received bilateral contributions in kind and cash with a total value of CHF 597,148. The International Federation will regularly monitor the situation and adapt the plan of action according to needs.

The details of the PRCS camps as of 17 June are as follows:

Camp location	Families	individuals
Rang Mala, Malakand	1,134	7,030
Pallai Adda, Malakand	153	1,635
Pitao, Malakand	270	1,542
Shah Mansoor Township, Swabi	1,998	12,754
Shah Mansoor Township 2, Swabi	1,138	7,300
Government college, Timargarah	375	2,708
Commerce college, Timargarah	407	2,764
Technical college, Timergarah	226	1,702
Benazir Camp	400	2,545
TOTAL	6,101	39,980

Progress towards objectives

The comprehensive plan of action revises the total number of families for both emergency and early recovery phases. Under the emergency phase, the PRCS/International Federation's operation targets to assist 56,000 IDPs (8,000 families) east of the Indus river and 35,000 displaced people (5,000 families) in the early recovery phase; bringing the total number of targeted families to 13,000 (91,000 individuals). The proposed operation will include relief, shelter, health and care, water and sanitation, psychosocial social and livelihood interventions.

Under the plan of action, the proposed operational areas are south-east of the affected zone, including Haripur and Mansehra and Abbottabad (of the Hazara division) and other urban areas.



Jahangir Khan, 15 years of age, with his siblings are living in a mud cave with no latrines and safe water available. (Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation).

In Haripur, Mansehra and Abbottabad, the most vulnerable IDPs are the ones living in schools. They do not have any host families to support them. These people have not received any assistance apart from local communities or local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Based on several discussions in tripartite meetings between PRCS, the International Federation and ICRC, it has been agreed that ICRC will be assisting the IDPs in the Swabi area (both in and off camps).

In major urban centres, the proposed operation will be focused on IDPs living with host families. Detailed assessment in

the urban areas will be carried out to identify the targeted families. The proposed urban centres are Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Hassan Abdal, Attock and Lahore. The plan is to support up to 3,000 families in these areas in the emergency phase.

As a result of consistent coordination, the World Food Programme (WFP) is planning to distribute food packages

in the areas of Haripur and Mansehra. At the same time, during rapid assessment, it was decided that 1,000 IDP families will be supported through shelter provisions rather than camp management.

For early recovery, the plan is to support the IDP families upon return to their homes through giving return packages (for 2,500 families) and later-on providing livelihood assistance (for 2,500 families). A detailed assessment for the early recovery phase has been planned in the coming months. Given the uncertainty of the situation and expanding military operations, a timeframe is not clear for early recovery. Hence, implementation of the activities under this phase will be carried out when “*safe and voluntary return*” is possible.

The identified vulnerable groups for this operation are women and children (a majority of the IDP population); female headed households; the socially isolated (minority groups); those who are isolated from services; those who lack transport options; the ill, frail, elderly, disabled and people with no financial reserves or income generation.

Emergency phase:

Non-food items

Progress: Non-food items will be distributed to 8,000 displaced families: Mansehra -- 2,000 families; Abbottabad -- 1,000 families; Haripur -- 2,000 families; and other urban centres -- 3,000 families, in the next three months.

Each family will receive the following:

Item	Quantity
Kitchen set	1
Sleeping mats	2
Mosquito nets	2
Hygiene parcel	1
Jerry cans	2
Bed sheets	4
Foam mattresses	2
Buckets	2
Kerosene stove	1
AM/FM Radio	1

Target families living in schools and other rented places either have limited or no access to radio sets. It was recommended that one simple radio set per family may be included in the non-food items package. The radio can also prove to be a good source of information that the targeted people reached can rely on for information about their areas. It will also be used as an entertainment device for the families and can provide relief from psychosocial problems.

From 22 June, the PRCS/International Federation disaster management team will be starting field work through the collection of IDPs’ data from the authorities. Detailed assessment (verification and registration) of displaced people will then start in the areas of Haripur, Mansehra and Abbottabad.

Shelter:

Progress: The PRCS/International Federation will be distributing emergency shelter provisions to 1,000 IDP families in Mansehra and Haripur in the form of toolkits, basic shelter materials and tarpaulins according to the needs in the next seven months.

A detailed assessment for emergency shelter will be done with the non-food assessment starting from 25 June.

Health and care:

Progress: Under this programme, the plan is to provide health and care services to 30,000 people (living outside the camps in public buildings and with host families) in Mansehra and Haripur for seven months. The health services will cover primary health care and community based health and first aid. The health and care

programme will also provide psychosocial support to 10,000 families. Additionally, post traumatic stress is common among the IDPs.

Two mobile health units will be mobilized in the Hazara division. Preliminary work for making resources available has started. From early stages, health teams from the earthquake operations are being utilized until new medical personnel can be recruited. Medicines from the PRCS medical warehouses in Mansehra and Islamabad will be used in this operation on replenishment basis. For health promotion, information, education and communications (IEC) materials and first aid kits are developed -- reordering will be done based on needs.

Water and Sanitation: emergency phase

Progress: Water-borne diseases are common among the IDPs. Apart from this, living conditions are also very unhygienic. The water and sanitation programme will provide access to safe water, appropriate sanitation and will carry out hygiene activities for 5,000 families (2,000 in Haripur; 2,000 in Mansehra, and 1,000 in Abbottabad).

Early recovery phase:

Winter assistance and returnee packages: early recovery phase

Progress: An early recovery assessment is planned and will be carried out in the coming month to assess the needs of 2,500 families for 'return packages'

Livelihoods : early recovery phase

Progress: Detailed livelihood interventions for 2,500 displaced families will also be planned through assessment in the coming months.

Note: The implementation of the activities under the early phase will be carried out when "*safe and voluntary return*" is possible.

Overall operational constraints: Low funding response to the appeal has been a challenge for the operation and has hampered the start of operations. Due to the complexities of the operation, the initial setting up of Movement coordination has taken time, again slowing down the interventions.

Logistics

Progress: The mobilization table will be updated according to the needs identified during the field assessment and covered by the plan of action. Key areas where the International Federation's logistics team has been working during the last days;

- A field logistics assessment has been carried out in the area.
- Warehousing: The disaster preparedness stocks from the PRCS warehouses in Mansehra and Nowshera are available for this operation on replenishment basis.
- Pipeline: Three containers loaded with tarpaulins (10,000 pieces) have been received and two more containers will arrive in the coming days with jerrycans (15,000 pieces) and two additional Rubhalls.
- Transportation: The logistics team is ready to provide logistical and transportation support for the relief to an assigned distribution point.
- Fleet management: Five new vehicles have been received in Islamabad, and five more are expected to be released shortly.
- Procurement: contacts have been established with local suppliers to initiate the purchase process of those items not available ex PRCS stock.
- A new logistics delegate has been recruited to reinforce the team.
- Logistics coordination meetings with other Movement members as well as other organisations have taken place.

Close communication is kept with the regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur for technical support, advice and international coordination.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The International Federation and the ICRC communications teams are coordinating closely on communications and public information activities. The first PRCS/International Federation/ICRC communications meeting for the IDP operation was organized during the reporting period. Communications towards beneficiaries remains essential. Customized information, education and communication material in national and local languages is under development, and radio programming will be carried out for targeted beneficiaries for wider dissemination of the Red Cross Red Crescent operation.

A story entitled “Displaced families face further worry” was posted on the International Federation’s website on 11 June. A photo gallery for the displaced people is being organized and will soon be posted on the website. One information bulletin and three operation updates (including this one) have been posted to date. International media inquiries are being supported by communications team members within Pakistan.

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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MDRPK003 - Pakistan - Humanitarian assistance for IDPs

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/12
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/12
Appeal	mdrpk003
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	23,926,179					23,926,179
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	219,484					219,484
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	704,235					704,235
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	923,719					923,719
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	923,719					923,719
D. Total Funding = B + C	923,719					923,719
Appeal Coverage	4%					4%

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	923,719					923,719
E. Expenditure	0					0
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	923,719					923,719

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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)		23,926,179					23,926,179	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	4,584,400						4,584,400	
Clothing & textiles	187,500						187,500	
Food	2,442,000						2,442,000	
Water & Sanitation	1,937,250						1,937,250	
Medical & First Aid	549,000						549,000	
Teaching Materials	15,000						15,000	
Utensils & Tools	270,000						270,000	
Other Supplies & Services	9,810,000						9,810,000	
Total Supplies	19,795,150						19,795,150	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	204,000						204,000	
Computers & Telecom	185,847						185,847	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	336,665						336,665	
Medical Equipment	20,000						20,000	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	746,512						746,512	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	28,020						28,020	
Distribution & Monitoring	11,000						11,000	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	413,695						413,695	
Total Transport & Storage	452,715						452,715	
Personnel								
International Staff	504,000						504,000	
National Staff	100,000						100,000	
National Society Staff	180,000						180,000	
Consultants	10,000						10,000	
Total Personnel	794,000						794,000	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	70,000						70,000	
Total Workshops & Training	70,000						70,000	
General Expenditure								
Travel	66,000						66,000	
Information & Public Relation	204,500						204,500	
Office Costs	151,096						151,096	
Communications	50,008						50,008	
Professional Fees	11,000						11,000	
Financial Charges	4,996						4,996	
Other General Expenses	25,000						25,000	
Total General Expenditure	512,600						512,600	
Programme Support								
Program Support	1,555,202						1,555,202	
Total Programme Support	1,555,202						1,555,202	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	23,926,179						23,926,179	
VARIANCE (C - D)		23,926,179					23,926,179	