

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Turkey: 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.

CHF 294,118 (USD 283,725 or EUR 194,421) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Turkish Red Crescent Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 5,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Flash floods triggered by torrential rains killed 33 people and left another 7 people missing in north western Turkey. More than 35,000 people have been affected. The Turkish Red Crescent has started to distribute emergency shelter items, food parcels, bottled water and hygiene kits to the affected people and will also provide psychosocial support.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 14 December 2009. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (14 March 2010).



Two major highways leading to Istanbul were closed down.

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The situation

On 8 September 2009 flash floods triggered by torrential rains killed 7 people in Tekirdag, in the north western part of Turkey and another 26 people on the following day in Silivri and Catalca districts of Istanbul. As per 10 September, seven people remained missing. Officials report that some 35,000 people have been affected by the floods immersing homes and roads. According to the Istanbul Meteorology Department the rainfall on 8 September was the heaviest recorded in the last 80 years.

A disaster coordination centre under the Istanbul metropolitan municipality has been established immediately after the flash floods, headed by the governor of Istanbul. At the same time, crises desks reporting to the coordination centre have been set up in the districts where the population was heavily affected.

According to the governor of Istanbul the total damage from the floods could be about 70-80 million US dollars. The Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed condolences to the families that lost their relatives and pledged billions of Turkish Lira for disaster relief in Istanbul and Tekirdag provinces.

Istanbul authorities launched a major rescue operation, deploying 900 fire fighters and rescuers, 6 military helicopters and 30 inflatable dinghies. During the acute phase of the floods, many people have been rescued by these means. According to the Turkish prime minister the emergency workers rescued an estimated 1,300 people from the flash floods.

After rescuing people, the teams from the municipality and governance have started to clean up the debris forming a mass in the junctions of water courses and motorways. The teams have been working 24 hours a day to reduce the damage caused by the floods.

Coordination and partnerships

The Turkish Red Crescent's disaster operation centre cooperates its activities with the Turkish Emergency Management Agency (TEMAD) at central level while the National Society's coordination and response teams are in direct contact with the disaster coordination centre and the crises desks established at district level as well as the local authorities in the flood affected regions.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Turkish Red Crescent immediately dispatched 20 prefabricated houses, 1 mobile bakery, 1 mobile kitchen, 800 blankets, 433 beds, 100 kitchen sets, 1,160 bottles of drinking water, 500 mattresses, 1,200 food parcels and 8,500 bars of soap and 1,000 liquid soaps to be distributed to the people in need in the flood affected areas. The National Society also deployed 73 staff, 2 of them psychosocial support delegates, and 14 vehicles to Silivri, Catalca, Basaksehir, Ikitelli, Kucukcekmece and Saray districts which were heavily affected by the flash floods, to conduct needs assessments and relief distributions. After the detailed assessment of the situation, a psychosocial support programme will be implemented by social workers.

Furthermore, the Turkish Red Crescent is planning to provide stationery kits to the students in the schools of the affected areas, which will open in ten days.

The needs

In Silivri and Catalca districts some 850 resident houses, 1,200 business premises and hundreds of cars have been swept away by the flash floods. About 5,000 most vulnerable people have been identified, out of the 35,000 affected, to be targeted by this DREF operation. These 5,000 people are in urgent need of food, drinking water, hygiene items, stationery kits in the case of students, as well as psychosocial support.

The beneficiaries of the DREF operation will be selected according to the following criteria:

- People whose houses are destroyed
- People whose houses are severely damaged
- Elderly people
- Families with children
- Schoolchildren

The proposed operation

The Turkish Red Crescent will distribute food and basic non-food items, provide drinking water, promote sanitation and safe hygiene practices, and will also provide psychosocial support to the affected population.

The Turkish Red Crescent has already started purchasing food items, clean drinking water and hygiene items and distribution has started on 9 September 2009.

Relief distributions (non-food items)
Objective: To provide food parcels and kitchen sets to 1,000 households or 5,000 people and stationery kits to the affected students in Marmara region.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a rapid emergency need and capacity assessment • Procure and distribute 3,000 food parcels to 1,000 families for a period of three months • Distribute 1,000 kitchen sets for the affected people • Procure and distribute 1,500 stationery kits for the affected students • As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out whether their needs were met

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion
Objective: To provide safe drinking water to 1,000 households or 5,000 people for a 10-day period, and hygiene kits to 1,000 households or 5,000 people.
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide safe drinking water to 1,000 families for a 10-day period • Distribute hygiene kits to 1,000 families for a one-month period

Budget

	BUDGET CHF
<u>RELIEF NEEDS</u>	
Food	100,000
Water & Sanitation	75,000
Utensils & Tools	30,000
Other Supplies & Services	30,000
Total Relief Needs	235,000
<u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u>	
Distribution & Monitoring	5,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	15,000
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	
Travel	10,000
Other General Expenses	10,000
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>	
Programme Support - PSR	19,118
Total Operational Needs	59,118
DREF ALLOCATION	294,118

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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