

DREF operation update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

India: Floods

DREF operation n° MDRIN006
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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 emergency response. 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 December 2010 to 27 January 2011.

Summary: CHF 358,313 was allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 30 September 2010 to support the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) in delivering assistance to some 25,000 beneficiaries (5,000 families), or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

Based on the requests from the branches of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, IRCS national headquarters released stocks from its strategically located warehouses. District branches in turn received the relief supplies and the distribution of these stocks has been completed.

The Canadian Red Cross/government has made contributions towards the replenishment of the DREF for the allocation made to this operation.

This operation was expected to be implemented within four months, and completed by 31 January 2011. However, as the replenishment of stock is in progress and which can only be completed by 31 March 2011, the DREF operating timeframe has been extended up to 31 March 2011. In line with the IFRC reporting standards, a Final Report (narrative and financial) will be due 90 days after the end of the operation (by 30 June 2011).

IFRC, on behalf of the Indian Red Cross Society, would like to thank all partners for their generous contribution to this operation.

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Distribution of family pack items in Saharsa district, Bihar, to the flood affected people. Photo: Indian Red Cross Society.

The situation

This DREF was launched to support the relief efforts in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Bihar following severe flooding which affected more than three million people.

State	Affected Population
Uttar Pradesh	1,345,183
Uttarakhand	1,200,000
Bihar	722,000

Source of Information: Secondary source- media and Ministry of Home Affairs

Though a large number of people were affected, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) initially decided to assist 5,000 families (approximately 25,000 beneficiaries) based on the assessment reports, capacities and the requests from the state branches for assistance.

The Indian government and the affected state governments were quick to respond to the disaster with emergency supplies and cash grants to those most affected. IRCS national headquarters and its state and district branches analyzed the unfolding situation in coordination with local authorities and decided to scale down its operations. Relief supplies were released based on needs assessed from the field and adjustments in relief items and the quantities for distribution.

Uttarakhand state branch has been working in the Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Uttarkashi, Udham Singh nagar, Haridwar and Almora through its network of district branches and volunteers. They have distributed relief supplies of family tents, garments, woolen blankets in addition to food parcels. District branches conducted health checks in camps for the flood affected people with the help of its volunteers. Medicines were distributed through local health authorities.

Uttar Pradesh state branch and its district branches mobilized locally additional relief supplies which include food and non food items and were distributed with the relief supplies received from the national headquarters.

Bihar state branch, through its Siwan, Saharsa, Chapara, Gopalganj, and Mujaffarpur branches, distributed relief to the flood affected people.

Coordination and partnerships

Being an auxiliary to the government, IRCS has complimented and supplemented the efforts of the state governments and district authorities.

The beneficiaries were identified in close coordination with the district authorities in order to reach the most needy and vulnerable flood affected families in order to avoid duplication of assistance.

IRCS national headquarters and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) conducted regular coordination meetings for quick decisions and to monitor the relief operation.

The Movement partners in the country were also kept informed about the progress of the relief operation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (basic non-food and emergency shelter items)

Objective: To assist up to 25,000 flood affected people (5,000 families) in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Bihar with non-food items.

Activities planned:

- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.

- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Replenishment of 5,000 family pack items. (Each family pack consists of kitchen set, dhoti/lungee, saree, blanket, bed sheet, towel, tarpaulin, plastic mug.) The replenishment of these family pack items are done in accordance to IFRC procurement procedures.
- Transportation of family packs item from the regional warehouse to Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar until it reaches beneficiaries.

Progress and impact: Based on the recommendation of the rapid assessment reports and requests of state branches following relief supplies were dispatched by IRCS national headquarters to the state branches from Bahadurgarh and Salt Lake warehouses:

Relief Items	Uttarakhand	Bihar	Uttar Pradesh	Total
Tarpaulin	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
Woollen blankets	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
Sarees	1,000	2,500	1,000	4,500
Kitchen sets	1,000	500	0	1,500
Plastic buckets	1,000	2,500	0	3,500
Bed sheets	1,000	2,500	0	3,500
Towels	1,000	2,500	0	3,500
Kerosene stove	1,000	0	0	1,000
Cotton blankets	0	2,500	0	2,500
Gents dhoties	0	2,500	1,000	3,500
Mosquito nets	0	2,500	0	2,500
Tents	50	0	0	50
New garments	500	0	0	500

IRCS revised its target beneficiaries from 25,000 people (5,000 families) to 17,500 people (3,500 families) as beneficiaries' needs in the field changed drastically after considering the domestic assistance rendered.

The relief supplies were sent to the state branches with the free rail transport facility available with IRCS. The family packs have been distributed at the district level. The distribution of the relief supplies has been completed in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Bihar. As there is no further request from the state branches, IRCS national headquarters will not release any more relief supplies.

The replenishment of relief items distributed is in progress. The status of the relief supplies being procured is as follows:

Relief Items	Total	Remark
Tarpaulin	2,000	Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) to supply. Consignment has been dispatched from Kuala Lumpur. <i>It is expected to arrive in Mumbai on 2 February 2011.</i>
Woollen blankets	2,000	Local procurement. Purchase order has been issued to framework agreement supplier. <i>Delivered in Bahadurgarh warehouse on 26 January 2011.</i>
Sarees	4,500	Tendering process is over. Local vendor has been selected. <i>Delivery is expected by 28 February 2011.</i>
Kitchen sets	1,500	RLU to supply. <i>Delivery is expected by 31 March 2011.</i>
Plastic buckets	3,500	Tendering process is over. Local vendor has been selected. <i>Delivery is expected by 28 February 2011.</i>
Bed sheets	3,500	
Towels	3,500	
Kerosene stove	1,000	

Cotton blankets	2,500	RLU to supply. Consignment has been Dispatched from Kuala Lumpur. <i>It is expected to arrive in Mumbai on 2 February 2011.</i>
Gents dhoties	3,500	
Mosquito nets	2,500	

Capacity Building and technical support

Objective: To build the capacity of the community and state and affected branches in disaster response.

Activities planned:

- Conduct a joint (IFRC and IRCS) rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Provide technical support in conducting assessments, resource mobilization, information dissemination, reporting, relief distribution and community empowerment.
- Mobilize the national disaster response team to support the state and district branches with coordination and response operation.

Progress and impact:

- The IFRC and IRCS joint rapid assessments have been completed in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh from 5 to 9 October 2010.
- The services of state disaster response team members were taken for the distribution of the relief supplies in Bihar and Uttarakhand.

How we work

All IFRC 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 the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of nonviolence and peace.

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Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/9-2010/12
Budget Timeframe	2010/9-2011/1
Appeal	MDRIN006
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	358,313					358,313
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	358,313					358,313
C6. Other Income	358,313					358,313
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	358,313					358,313
D. Total Funding = B + C	358,313					358,313
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	358,313					358,313
E. Expenditure	-2,043					-2,043
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	356,270					356,270

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		358,313					358,313	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	139,778							139,778
Utensils & Tools	133,333							133,333
Other Supplies & Services	22,222							22,222
Total Supplies	295,333							295,333
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	22,222							22,222
Total Transport & Storage	22,222							22,222
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	8,889							8,889
Total Workshops & Training	8,889							8,889
General Expenditure								
Travel	6,667	1,917				1,917		4,749
Information & Public Relation	1,111							1,111
Office Costs	500							500
Communications	1,500	2				2		1,498
Other General Expenses	222							222
Total General Expenditure	10,000	1,919				1,919		8,081
Programme & Service Support								
Programme & Service Support	21,869	125				125		21,744
Total Programme & Service Support	21,869	125				125		21,744
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	358,313	2,043				2,043		356,270
VARIANCE (C - D)		356,270						356,270

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Goal 1: Disaster Management							
PIN014	Floods (DO)	0	358,313	-2,043	356,270	358,313	356,270
Sub-Total Goal 1: Disaster Management		0	358,313	-2,043	356,270	358,313	356,270
Total	India - Floods	0	358,313	-2,043	356,270	358,313	356,270