

DREF operation



International Federation
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Montenegro: Floods

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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.

CHF 50,255 (USD 51,384 or EUR 37,763) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1350 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains over the past four days caused floods in central and northern parts of Montenegro, causing severe damage, especially in three municipalities up north. 270 families were evacuated (around 1350 persons), and are in need of basic emergency relief items. The Red Cross of Montenegro has already assisted the evacuated population with some of these items, and plans to continue with the distribution, according to the development of the situation in the field.



Plav, November 10th 2010. Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by the end of February 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by May 2011).

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The situation

Within the last four days massive rainfalls have affected Montenegro causing floods in the central and northern parts of the country. The following municipalities were affected the most: Niksic, Danilovgrad, Bijelo Polje, Berane, Andrijevica and Plav. The main road between Podgorica and Kolasin had to be closed from 4:00 P.M. on November 10th to 9:00 A.M. on November 11th, and the international airport in Podgorica was closed for four hours. The municipalities of Berane, Plav and Andrijevica suffered the greatest damages.

In Berane, 110 families were evacuated and are at the moment accommodated in the sports centre. In Plav, 150 families were evacuated and are sheltered in the hotel, mountain resorts and local schools. In Andrijevica 10 families were evacuated and are sheltered in the sports hall of the primary school.

Coordination and partnerships

Crisis headquarters were established in Berane and Plav, and Secretaries of the local Red Cross branches are members of those. Local authorities from all three municipalities in cooperation with UNHCR provided two cooked meals for all the people evacuated on a daily basis since 10th November. The Red Cross of Montenegro and UNHCR provided emergency relief items for the evacuated population in Berane. Local Red Cross disaster teams are in the field to monitor the situation and to coordinate Red Cross activities with other partners.



Distribution in Berane, November 11th 2010. Photo by Red Cross of Montenegro

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Local Red Cross branches participated, together with the local authorities, in evacuation of the affected population and providing shelter in municipalities of Berane, Plav and Andrijevica. Montenegro Red Cross provided emergency relief items in order to meet the most urgent needs of the evacuated population, as follows:

MUNICIPALITY	RELIEF ITEMS						
	BLANKETS	MATRESSES	SLEEPING BAGS	KITCHEN SETS	JERRY CANS	HYGIENE PARCELS	RUBBER BOOTS
Berane	100	160	30	30	30	110	
Plav	50	30		30	30	150	
Andrijevica	50			10	40	10	20
TOTAL	200	190	30	70	100	270	20

The needs

In the municipalities most affected by the floods, Berane, Plav, and Andrijevica, a certain number of families needed to be evacuated from their homes and sheltered in community centres allocated for this purpose specifically. In Berane, 110 families (around 550 persons) were evacuated and sheltered in the sports centre. In Plav, 150 (around 750 persons) families were evacuated and sheltered in the hotel, mountain resorts and local schools. In Andrijevica 10 families (around 50 persons) were evacuated and sheltered in the sports hall of the primary school.

In addition, the collective centre for refugees in Berane was also affected, and a certain number of families may need evacuation. This collective centre is managed by UNHCR.

	Food parcels	Hygiene parcels	Jerry cans 10 litres	Blankets	Rubber boots	Kitchen sets	Mattresses
Total needs assessed	270	540	810	1350	600 pairs	270	500
Items distributed	0	270	120	200	120 pairs	70	200
Items to be distributed	270	270	690	1150	480 pairs	200	300

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Evacuated population from the municipalities most affected by the floods, Berane, Plav and Andrijevica, is provided with emergency relief items according to the needs assessment from the field: 270 food parcels, 540 hygiene parcels, 810 jerry cans, 1,350 blankets, 600 pairs of rubber boots, 270 kitchen sets, and 500 mattresses.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

- All of the evacuated population is provided with the necessary emergency relief items.
- Continuous cooperation with local crisis headquarters and other partners at the field.
- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

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 \(NGO's\) 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 non-violence and peace.

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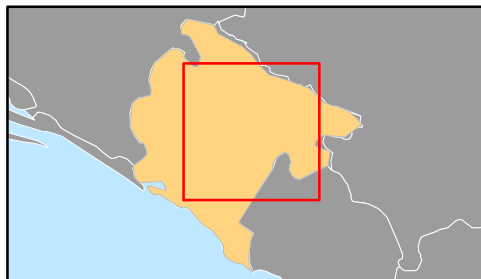
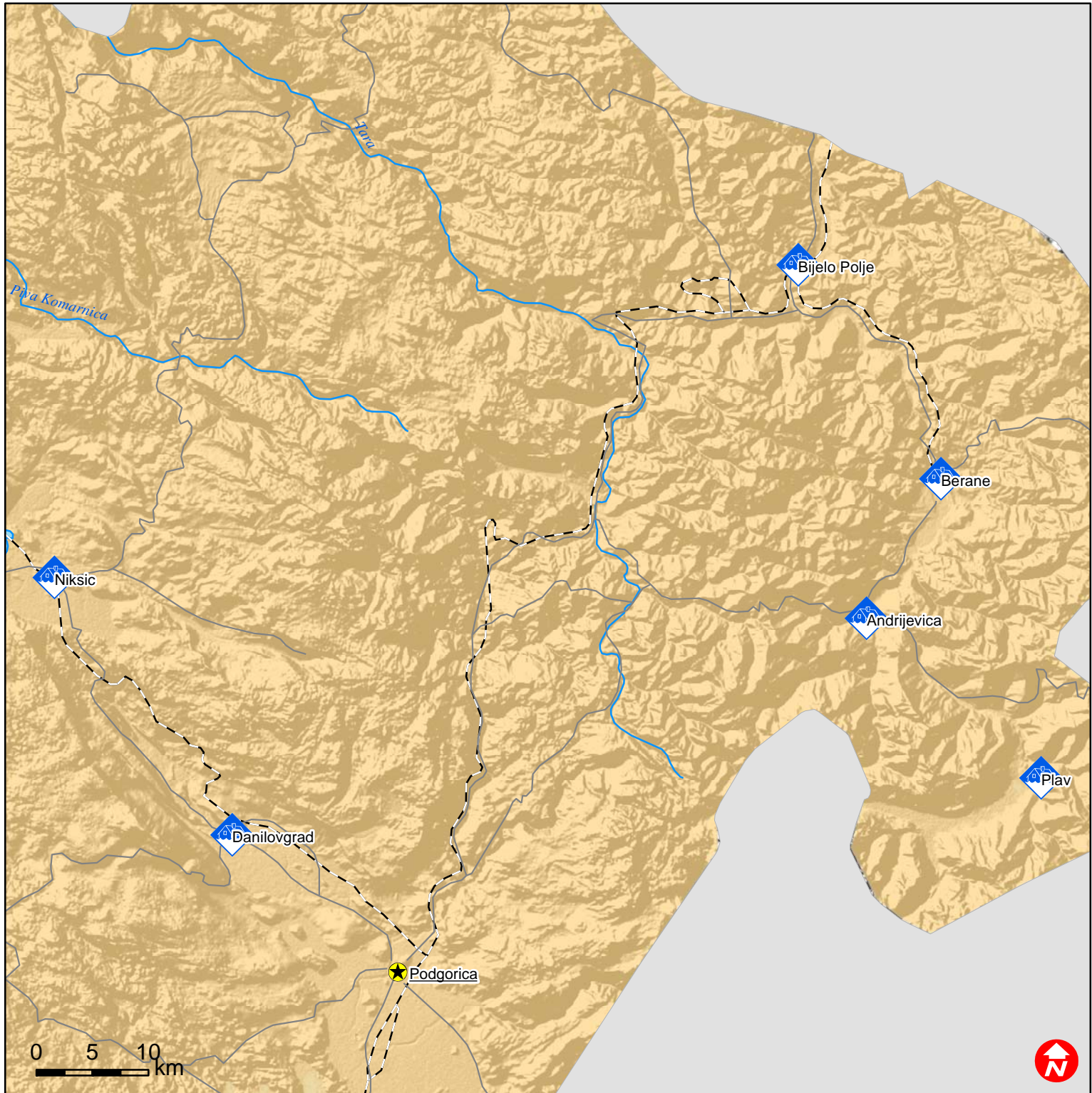
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	6,345	6,345
Clothing & Textiles	19,969	19,969
Food	6,009	6,009
Water & Sanitation	5,381	5,381
Ustensils & Tools	4,863	4,863
Total Supplies	42,567	42,567
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,603	1,603
Distribution & Monitoring	668	668
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,082	1,082
Total Transport & Storage	3,353	3,353
National Staff	1,002	1,002
Total Personnel	1,002	1,002
Total Workshops & Training	0	0
Communications	267	267
Total General Expenditure	267	267
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	3,067	3,067
Total Programme Support	3,067	3,067
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	50,256	50,256



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Most affected municipalities