

DREF operation update



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Pakistan: Cyclone PHET and 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.

Period covered by this update: 8 June to 25 June 2010.

Summary: CHF 192,872 (USD 166,717 or EUR 139,717) was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 8 June 2010 to support the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to at least 1,000 families (7,000 beneficiaries) affected by the Cyclone PHET and the floods.

A joint rapid assessment was carried out by the PRCS and International Federation country office in the affected areas in the immediate aftermath of the disaster. The assessment findings indicated that the needs on the ground were not as high as initially anticipated, with the government and other agencies responding effectively. As a result, following the assessment teams' recommendations, PRCS scaled down its response operation and the budget significantly. The budget has now been revised to CHF 50,000 (USD 45,935 or EUR 37,671).



A local inhabitant being examined by a Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) medical officer at a mobile medical camp organised at Thatta (Sindh) for Cyclone PHET affectees. Photo: International Federation.

The national society provided food, non-food items (kitchen sets, tarpaulin sheets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, and tents) and emergency health services to the affected populations of Gwadar, Pasni and Surbandar districts of the Baluchistan province. The DREF allocation of CHF 50,000 was used to support PRCS in conducting rapid assessments and providing food packages to 1,000 families. Other parts of the PRCS operation was supported by the national society's and the International Federation's existing in-country resources.

This operation is implemented from 8 to 25 June 2010. In line with the International Federation's reporting standards, the Final Report (narrative and financial) will be made available 90 days after the end of the operation (by 25 September 2010).

The Canadian government contributed funds for the replenishment of this DREF. Other major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and the European Commission (ECHO). Details of all donors can be found on:

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

Tropical Cyclone PHET in the Arabian Sea hit the coast of Oman on 4 June. Under the influence of this system, heavy to very heavy thunder storms and rainfall occurred in the coastal areas of Baluchistan and Sindh. The average rainfall recorded in the coastal regions of Sindh and Baluchistan is as follows:

Sindh: Karachi Masroor 133 millimeter (mm), Faisal Base 92mm, Karachi Saddar 84mm.

Baluchistan: Gwadar 370mm, Jiwani 208mm, Pasni 130mm.

Due to the early warning system, evacuation from the vulnerable villages took place well in time. Thus, there has been no death recorded. Heavy rains caused flash flooding in the coastal areas of Sindh and Baluchistan, damaging some houses, bridges and the coastal highway at some points. The fishermen of Sindh and Baluchistan were warned not to venture in open sea until further notice. The means of livelihood in these areas is mainly fishing; however, heavy rainfalls and the harsh condition of sea prohibit the fishermen to get back to work and start a normal life. Also, during the storm, many poor fishermen either lost or sustained damage to their boats to such an extent that they could not get back to sea.

The PRCS Sindh and Baluchistan provincial branches established control rooms for the Cyclone PHET operation at the provincial headquarters. The control rooms have been working 24/7 from 1 to 10 June in order to stay in touch with the latest situation and response teams in the field. The trained PRCS staff in both the provinces has been working with trained volunteers in the vulnerable areas for timely evacuation. The PRCS health and response teams from the provincial branches have also responded immediately for possible support.

Coordination and partnerships

The PRCS provincial and district branches have been working in close coordination with the local administration and provincial and district disaster management authorities, Pakistan Navy, district government and other agencies working in the affected areas.

The International Federation disaster management coordinator has been working closely with PRCS, supporting with assessments, development and revision of the operational plan. The International Federation regional disaster preparedness delegate from the South Asia regional office provided in-country support to the country office and PRCS during the disaster. The partner national societies have also been keen to provide possible support to the national society.

The International Federation country office staff also supported the national society in the rapid assessment in Sindh and Baluchistan.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Local PRCS branches of the affected areas responded swiftly, supporting the government with evacuating people to safe locations and camps, provision of food and non-food items in the camps, and providing emergency health services to the affected population. In addition, the PRCS provincial headquarters in Quetta, Baluchistan, deployed its water purification plant. PRCS mostly used available in-country resources in this response operation. The DREF allocation was used to support PRCS in conducting rapid assessments and providing food parcels to 1,000 affected families.

Relief distributions (basic food and non-food items)

Outcome: Immediate needs of at least 7,000 people (1,000 families) residing in affected areas have been met through relief distribution.

Activities planned:

- Rapid needs assessment;
- Local procurement of relief items following International Federation procurement procedures;
- Despatch and transportation by PRCS to the distribution sites;
- Storage and distribution of relief items by trained volunteers and staff;
- Regular detailed monitoring and reporting of distributions;
- Ongoing monitoring and technical advice by the PRCS national headquarters and the International Federation.

Progress

Food and non-food items were distributed to 7,000 people (1,000 families) affected by the cyclone and floods. The DREF allocation was used to provide food parcels to beneficiaries. The food packs constituted of basic food items like flour, rice, lentils, ghee, sugar, tea, salt, spices, while non-food items includes, tents, jerry canes, tarpaulin sheets, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets.

Challenges

- The road network was poor resulting in delayed response.
- Due to a distance of over 1,800 km from Quetta, the labour and transportation proved to be very costly.



Distribution of food items in UC South in Gwadar. Over 1,000 food packs were distributed among the effectees. Photo: International Federation.

Emergency health services

Outcome: Reduced health risks through the provision of primary health care services and safe health hygiene practices among affected families.

Activities planned:

- Assess and regularly monitor the health and hygiene situation and immediate needs of the affected population, particularly women, children and the elderly;
- Deliver preventive and curative services for common health problems of the most vulnerable people in the affected areas; establish a referral system with health authorities/facilities in host communities;
- Provide health teams and trained volunteers working in camps with locally-procured basic medicines and first aid kits;
- Conduct, through health teams and volunteers, disease prevention and health/hygiene promotion activities together with affected families;
- Produce and distribute information, education, communication (IEC) materials that addresses key/common health and sanitation problems;
- Conduct ongoing monitoring and technical advice by the PRCS national headquarters and the International Federation.

Progress

The PRCS branches provided emergency health services to the affected population through mobilization of their own resources. The progress of mobile health teams in Gwadar district is as follows:

Diseases	Injury	Diarrhoea	Anxiety	Reproductive tract infection	Eye infection	Dysentery	Skin disease	Others
Patients	13	183	06	248	140	32	142	127
Total	891							

Mother and child health care (MCH):

Ante Natal	Post Natal	Abortions	Counselling	Condoms	Total
29	1	1	287	45	363

Health and hygiene sessions:

Male Participants	Female Participants	Children	Total
14	259	55	328

First aid sessions:

Male Participants	Female Participants	Children	Total
6	26	11	43

In Pasni district (Baluchistan), a total of 920 patients were treated by the mobile health teams of PRCS and free medicines were provided to them.

Challenges

- Though women patients were more in number, they were sidelined by the men among the effectees.
- When a basic health unit is used to be wrapped up in one area, the effectees there used to ask the medical teams to hand them the leftover medicines.

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.

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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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DREF BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	ORIGINAL BUDGET CHF	REVISED BUDGET CHF	VARIANCE
Shelter - Relief	92,000	-	(92,000)
Food	28,000	37,400	9,400
Water & Sanitation	17,000	-	(17,000)
Other Supplies (Hygiene kits)	15,000	-	(15,000)
Total Supplies	152,000	37,400	(114,600)
Storage	1,500	-	(1,500)
Distribution & Monitoring	15,000	-	(15,000)
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,300	5,350	3,050
Total Transport & Storage	18,800	5,350	(13,450)
National Society Volunteers	1,800	-	(1,800)
Total Personnel	1,800	0	(1,800)
Workshops & Training (Lessons Learnt, PHAST)	3,000	-	(3,000)
Total Workshops & Training	3,000	0	(3,000)
Travel	1,000	2,000	1,000
Information & Public Relation	3,000	1,000	(2,000)
Communications	500	-	(500)
Other General Expenses	1,000	1,198	198
Total General Expenditure	5,500	4,198	(1,302)
Program Support	11,772	3,052	(8,720)
Total Programme Support	11,772	3,052	(8,720)
TOTAL BUDGET	192,872	50,000	(142,872)