

DREF operation final report



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Tajikistan: Earthquake

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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 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.

Summary: CHF 95,705 was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 6 January, 2010 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 640 beneficiaries, and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

An additional DREF contribution of CHF 36,317 was allocated on 15 January according to the revised plan of action. The additional allocation aimed to address the psychological effects of the earthquake and its aftershocks, and the increase of the number of fully destroyed houses from 98 to 162 as well as the total number of affected households to 958. Up to 140 households (980 people) were reached through the operation by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan.



Beneficiary satisfaction survey, Rokharv village.
Photo: Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan.

On 2 January an earthquake hit 23 villages in Yazgulyam and Vanj jamoats¹ of Vanj district and affected totally 958 households. Aftershocks resulted in an increase of the number of fully destroyed houses from 98 to 162 affecting 1,134 residents. The total number of affected households was 958 with 6,706 residents.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan reached 98 of the 140 affected households by providing non-food items. Winterized tents were distributed to the 50 most affected households (261 people) in Vanj district centre and Gishkhun village and construction materials were procured and sent to Vanj district for further distribution to 10 households (79 people). A psychosocial support workshop was conducted for Red Crescent staff and volunteers with the aim of establishing a team that could provide assistance to the affected families. In total, 140 most affected and vulnerable households (980 people) received psychosocial support by the members of the psychosocial support team.

ECHO contributed EUR 17,670 and EUR 24,410, the Netherlands Red Cross contributed CHF 44,630 and the Canadian government CHF 25,268 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The Turkish Red Crescent contributed around CHF 6,930 directly to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. Details of all donors can be found on <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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¹ In Tajikistan "jamoat" refers to third-level administrative level, similar to communes or municipalities. Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamoats_of_Tajikistan

The situation

An earthquake measuring 5.0 on Richter scale hit 23 villages in Yazgulyam and Vanj jamoats² of Vanj district on 2 January 2010. According to the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan more than 417 aftershocks were registered. The noise and frequency of the aftershocks terrified people. In fear of additional earthquakes the affected population refused to remain in their houses and were accommodated in public buildings and with relatives.

As a result of the earthquake and the aftershocks the total number of affected households reached 958 with 6,706 residents. Totally 162 houses were uninhabitable, 106 houses under threat of collapse, 130 houses partially damaged and some 560 houses slightly affected with small cracks on the walls. People with completely destroyed houses were moved in with their neighbours and relatives. The basic needs of the affected population were identified as shelter and non-food items.

Because of heavy snowfall on 6 February, some 31 winterized tents in 5 villages collapsed. Later, 25 tents were reinstalled by the Red Crescent national disaster members while the remaining 6 tents were seriously damaged and could not be restored.

A joint assessment carried out by rapid emergency assessment and coordination team (REACT) members and the governmental disaster response commission identified 264 houses in Vanj district in need of reconstruction or major rehabilitation works.

A vulnerability capacity and livelihood assessment was conducted by a team of 16 members representing CoES, UNDP, Focus Humanitarian Assistance, Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP), Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and independent specialists. The assessment showed that 71 per cent of the households were highly vulnerable and were lacking the resources to reconstruct their houses.³

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Following the earthquake the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan immediately mobilized resources to respond to the needs of the families whose houses had been destroyed or whose property had been damaged. In total, 21 National Society staff and volunteers were deployed in response to the disaster. National disaster response team members conducted rapid assessment, rendered first aid and participated in evacuation activities.

The National Society's trained staff and volunteers also actively participated in the implementation of the joint REACT vulnerability assessment.

The National Society strengthened its capacity for rendering psychosocial support (PSP) through a training workshop and by practicing the gained knowledge in the most affected villages of Vanj district. In total, 140 most affected and vulnerable households (980 people) received psychosocial support by trained psychosocial support team members.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan participated in recovery phase of the operation by providing construction tools and materials to 10 households.

Achievements against outcomes

The operation was implemented according to the plan of action. The humanitarian aid provided met the needs of the target group including food and non-food items, psychosocial support and shelter as well as construction tools and materials.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: 98 most affected households (640 people) in Vanj district are provided with basic non-food items

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³ For more information please visit: www.untj.org/?c=7&id=307

Activities planned:

- Conduct detailed emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver assistance.
- Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with the local authorities and in accordance with the Red Crescent's assessment procedures and format.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and report on the relief distributions.
- As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out what they felt about the goods and services received.

Impact: In total, 98 most affected households were provided with basic family sets including winterized tents, bedding sets, blankets, hygiene kits, water cans, kitchen sets, hoes and shovels. The people received non-food items according to criteria agreed with local authorities, beneficiary representatives, CoES and REACT partners. Items were distributed from the disaster preparedness stock in Vanj and the central warehouse in Dushanbe.

The disaster preparedness stock replenishment in Vanj district and Dushanbe warehouse was completed.

The monitoring of the activities was done by IFRC and disaster management staff from the National Society's headquarters and confirmed that all items were distributed according to the prepared list. In order to involve people reached in the monitoring of the operation, people assisted were asked by team members on the activities implemented and the appropriateness of the distributed items.

Moreover, to further involve people reached, a beneficiary satisfaction survey was conducted in June 2010. The survey aimed to find out about the quality of the services provided to the affected people. The survey was carried out by the Vanj national disaster response team and local disaster committee members, and supervised by officers from the National Society headquarters disaster management department.

Non-food items	Distributed	Replenished
Tarpaulins	196	196
Blankets	640	640
Bed linen	640	640
Mattresses	640	640
Pillows	640	640
Kitchen sets	98	98
Water cans	196	196
Hygiene kits	98	98
Hoes	98	98
Shovels	98	98
Tents	50	50

Table 1: Items distributed and replenished

The survey showed that:

- all affected families received non-food items according to the beneficiaries list developed by the Red Crescent and local authorities;
- participation of affected people in the selection and registration of people to be reached was confirmed as the best way for selecting target groups;
- the received items met the requirements of the affected people and local customs;
- the distribution points were set up close to where people resided. No difficulties in receiving items were reported;
- the information on distributions, items and distribution points was provided on time by Red Crescent staff and volunteers.
- all families that were visited expressed their thanks to the National Society for timely support.

Challenges: The spring of 2010 was characterized by unusual heavy precipitation, floods, mudslides, rock flows and landslides all over the country slowed down the operation.

Emergency health

Outcome: 140 households (980 people) have benefited from psychosocial support to recover from the effects of the earthquake aftershocks

Activities planned:

- Complete the detailed psychosocial support needs assessment.
- Develop community and beneficiary targeting strategy in coordination with local and health authorities.
- Prioritize beneficiaries (children, women, and older people).

- Establish a psychosocial support team with support from an internationally deployed consultant who will provide training to 16 Red Crescent staff and volunteers.
- Deliver psychosocial support to prioritized beneficiaries.
- Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey in all targeted villages.

Impact: During the operation the National Society strengthened its capacity on rendering psychosocial support through a workshop for 22 staff and volunteers. The gained knowledge was put into practice in the most affected villages of Vanj district. In total, 140 most affected and vulnerable households (980 people) received psychosocial support by the trained team members.

In total eight trained people from the National Society headquarters and Gorno-Badakhshan autonomous oblast Vanj branch were deployed to conduct a psychosocial needs assessment. The assessment was carried out in May and June in close cooperation with UNCIIEF and the local NGO “Sarparast” and revealed that affected people were showing signs of stress and were in of psychosocial support. Consequently support was provided to schoolchildren in six schools in Uskrogh, Paishanbeobod, Gishkhun, Dashtirogh, Rokharv and Yazgulom jamoats as well as in six mosques and tea-houses.

Emergency shelter

Outcome 1: 50 most affected households out of 98 preliminary targeted households are provided with family winterized tents.

Outcome 2: 10 households out of 98 households are provided with construction materials and tools to help them cope with the consequences of the earthquake, and preserve their human dignity.

Activities planned:

- Complete the detailed emergency shelter needs.
- Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with the local authorities and in accordance with the assessment procedures and format.
- Procure and transport items to affected areas.
- Distribute supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief and psycho-social support activities and report on the relief distributions.
- Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey in all targeted villages.

Impact: In coordination with REACT partners the National Society provided 50 most affected households with 50 winterized tents. Totally 98 households out of the 140 reached by the operation were provided with construction tools to rebuild their houses and to repair damages. Furthermore the 10 most vulnerable families who did not receive construction tools and materials from other organizations were provided with construction materials including nails, roofing nails, roof iron, cement, framing timber, doors, windows, door and window hinges to help them in the recovery process.

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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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/1-2010/7
Budget Timeframe	2010/1-2010/5
Appeal	MDRTJ007
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	132,022					132,022
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	132,022					132,022
C6. Other Income	132,022					132,022
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	132,022					132,022
D. Total Funding = B + C	132,022					132,022
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	132,022					132,022
E. Expenditure	-131,986					-131,986
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	36					36

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/1-2010/7
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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)		132,022					132,022	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	23,500	30,811					30,811	-7,311
Construction Materials	24,230	20,110					20,110	4,120
Clothing & textiles	28,659	22,325					22,325	6,334
Utensils & Tools	3,920	2,706					2,706	1,214
Other Supplies & Services	3,430	2,543					2,543	887
Total Supplies	83,739	78,494					78,494	5,245
Transport & Storage								
Storage		67					67	-67
Distribution & Monitoring	2,970	2,394					2,394	576
Transport & Vehicle Costs	13,200	6,674					6,674	6,526
Total Transport & Storage	16,170	9,134					9,134	7,036
Personnel								
National Staff		312					312	-312
National Society Staff	6,865	12,284					12,284	-5,419
Consultants	7,000							7,000
Total Personnel	13,865	12,597					12,597	1,268
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	7,000	10,266					10,266	-3,266
Total Workshops & Training	7,000	10,266					10,266	-3,266
General Expenditure								
Travel		4,721					4,721	-4,721
Information & Public Relation	2,240	2,353					2,353	-113
Office Costs		263					263	-263
Communications	950	1,140					1,140	-190
Financial Charges		4,164					4,164	-4,164
Total General Expenditure	3,190	12,642					12,642	-9,452
Programme Support								
Program Support	8,058	8,056					8,056	2
Total Programme Support	8,058	8,056					8,056	2
Services								
Services & Recoveries		798					798	-798
Total Services		798					798	-798
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	132,022	131,986					131,986	36
VARIANCE (C - D)		36					36	