

DREF operation update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Myanmar: Earthquake

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The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is a source of un-earmarked money created in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. DREF is a vital part of the IFRC's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

Period covered by this update: 29 April to 15 June 2011

Summary: On 30 March 2011, CHF 157,540 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to 1,500 households (7,500 beneficiaries) affected by an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter Scale in Shan (East) State, Myanmar, on 24 March 2011. Replenishment of the DREF funds has been received from Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Netherlands Red Cross/Netherlands government, and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (DG ECHO).

As described in DREF Operation Update No. 1, IFRC revised the plan of action and the budget of the DREF operation to reflect the new operational needs in the field. According to the revised plan of action, IFRC has requested its regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur to initiate the process of procuring 229 family tents. These tents will partially replenish the family tents distributed by MRCS from its own stocks. Tarpaulins, blankets and mosquito nets have already been replenished and the procurement of remaining items is in progress.

MRCS has distributed food items and is also involved in the construction of houses of affected families with the support of its bilateral partners.

Given the delay in procurement of relief items for replenishment and the difficulty in transportation of family kits because of the monsoon season and cold weather, this DREF operation, which was expected to be completed by 30 June 2011, will be extended a further two months to complete all planned activities.

On behalf of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, IFRC would like to thank all donors for their generous support of the DREF.

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The situation

On 24 March 2011, an earthquake of magnitude 6.8 on the Richter scale struck the southern part of Shan (East) State, Myanmar, destroying 80 villages in Tachileik Township and some parts of Tarlay sub-township. Immediately following the disaster, Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) launched an emergency relief operation by mobilizing its volunteers and pre-positioned disaster preparedness stocks and with the support of IFRC and other partners. *Please see the DREF [Operations Update No. 1](#) for details of the situation and MRCS' relief operation.*

Coordination and partnerships

The overall operation in the affected areas is carried out with a relatively low profile since there is no specific coordination mechanism in the field. However, MRCS keeps its programme coordinator based in operational areas to support its Township Red Cross branch in relief distribution and coordination. IFRC shares the information about the progress and challenges of the earthquake operation, with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). The government is taking initiatives of housing construction, in which sector MRCS is also taking part.

MRCS has received in-kind and cash contributions from the following government and organizations:

No	Name of donor	Type of donation	Amount (USD)
1	Red Cross Society of China	Cash	50,000
2	Government of the Republic of Korea	Cash	200,000
3	Private donors in Myanmar	Cash	3,303
4	Thai Red Cross Society	Kind	28,691

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Progress towards outcomes

Distribution of non-food items

Objective: 1,500 families (7,500 people) who are the most affected households (i.e. who have lost their homes and belongings completely), or those displaced in evacuation centres, are supplied non-food items to match their emergency needs.

Activities planned:

- Set clear beneficiary selection criteria and define distribution protocols
- Mobilize trained staff members as well as trained volunteers for beneficiary selection and relief distribution
- Dispatch addition 1,000 non-food packages from MRCS warehouses
- Monitor distribution of non-food items
- Review the impact of the assistance
- Replenish 1,500 non-food relief packages comprising kitchen sets, blankets, tarpaulins, materials and tools for house repair, clothing materials and mosquito nets through either local, regional or international procurement/sourcing options (with necessary support from the regional logistics unit based in Kuala Lumpur) following IFRC procurement procedures
- Improve residential conditions and individual privacy in the evacuation centres.
- Develop a plan for follow-up action.

Progress

The original output planned was revised down to 700 non-food item family kits and included distribution of 229 family tents that were needed at the immediate response (see Operations Update 1). This was done after detailed assessment in the affected area was made. MRCS has already dispatched the last of the family kits from its warehouse at the Tarlay sub-township but their distribution has not begun because of a problem in transporting them to affected villages. The distribution is expected to be completed by early July 2011.

A purchase order of 229 family tents has been sent to the IFRC regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur and these are expected to arrive in Yangon in July. MRCS has received tarpaulins, blankets and mosquito nets from the regional logistics unit. The national society has started the procurement process for clothing and kitchen sets, which are expected arrive at the end of July 2011.

MRCS received in-kind donations of instant noodles, rice bags, canned tuna fish and slippers for around 500 families, from Thai Red Cross Society, and has distributed them to affected people. It also distributed construction materials to 50 families as part of its housing construction project.

Considering the reduced workload in earthquake areas, the MRCS township branch has reduced the number of volunteers involved in the operation from 60 to 20.

Challenges

The current monsoon and cold weather create difficulties in transporting the relief items from the township warehouse to different distribution sites. The suppliers are also facing problems to obtain the items locally. The IFRC country office is requesting the two-month extension of the DREF operation to complete these unfinished activities.

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.

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.

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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/3-2011/5
Budget Timeframe	2011/3-2011/8
Appeal	MDRMM004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	157,534					157,534
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	157,540					157,540
C4. Other Income	157,540					157,540
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	157,540					157,540
D. Total Funding = B + C	157,540					157,540
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	157,540					157,540
E. Expenditure	-89,703					-89,703
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	67,837					67,837

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Appeal Launch Date: 29 mar 11

Appeal Timeframe: 29 mar 11 to 31 aug 11

Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/3-2011/5
Budget Timeframe	2011/3-2011/8
Appeal	MDRMM004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

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)		157,534					157,534	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	97,080	34,258				34,258	62,822	
Clothing & textiles	21,858	20,829				20,829	1,029	
Utensils & Tools	4,786						4,786	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	123,724	55,087				55,087	68,637	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	6,000						6,000	
Distribution & Monitoring	4,000						4,000	
Logistics Services		2,573				2,573	-2,573	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	10,000	2,573				2,573	7,427	
Personnel								
International Staff		132				132	-132	
National Society Staff	7,850						7,850	
Total Personnel	7,850	132				132	7,718	
General Expenditure								
Travel	4,750	224				224	4,526	
Communications	1,595						1,595	
Financial Charges		-505				-505	505	
Total General Expenditure	6,345	-281				-281	6,626	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		26,719				26,719	-26,719	
Total Operational Provisions		26,719				26,719	-26,719	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Service Support	9,615	5,475				5,475	4,140	
Total Indirect Costs	9,615	5,475				5,475	4,140	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	157,534	89,703				89,703	67,831	
VARIANCE (C - D)		67,831				67,831		