

DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND

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appeal no. 01.69/2000

situation report no. 3

period covered: August - December, 2000

The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a key emergency response tool for the Federation, allowing funds to be released immediately after a disaster and facilitating the rapid start up of an emergency operation. DREF resources are made available in response to an appeal, in the process leading to an appeal, or in response to a small scale emergency where an appeal is not feasible. Because allocations are provided on a refundable basis, the DREF is a revolving fund, and contributions are used as leverage so that one donation provides aid well in excess of the actual amount contributed.

DREF allocations during this period:

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - POPULATION MOVEMENTS w

Some 9,695 refugees originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) arrived and were registered in the Central African Republic (CAR). Responding to concerns over their health (malaria, diarrheaa, and respiratory problems) as well as their general physical condition, the Federation organized a 15-day evaluation mission. This DREF allocation allowed the mission to begin in order to assist he national society to collect information, evaluate the needs of the refugees, meet with UN agencies, and to develop a plan of action.

Allocated: CHF 6,500
Date: 12 August, 2000
Status: Complete
Report: Pending

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC - FLOODS w

In mid August, typhoon Keimi swept through southern Laos causing flooding in three districts of Saravan province. In early September typhoon Wukong hit Laos and neighbouring countries. Torrential

rainfall swelled the Mekong and its tributaries causing widespread flooding. While the human cost was fortunately relatively small with 15 deaths reported and damage to housing and loss of personal possessions and food stocks was also minimal, serious damage was caused to 62,743 ha of planted paddy fields, of a total area of 79,345 ha. This created a serious food security situation for those farmers who have no access to irrigation and who produce only one rice crop a year. CHF 50,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to begin the delivery of assistance. Following a rapid assessment by the Federation, an appeal for CHF 871,317 to assist 42,000 beneficiaries for 5 months was launched on 21 September.

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 13 September, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal 27/00 launched on 21 September, 2000.
 Situation Reports nos. 1 and 2 respectively issued 6 October and 20 November.

CAMBODIA - FLOODS w

Since mid-July 2000 localised thunderstorms and the flooding Mekong River and its tributaries had affected 10 provinces and the Municipality of Phnom Penh. Thousands of families were forced to seek safety on higher ground and tens of thousands of hectares of croplands have been inundated with flood waters. Earlier than normal heavy rains, excessive run-offs due to deforestation and river silt accumulation caused the Mekong River to overflow its banks flooding five provinces of Kratie, Stung Treng, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kompong Cham and Phnom Penh City. Thunderstorms and heavy downpours sweeping across Cambodia have caused localised flooding in five provinces of Kompong Thom, Koh Kong, Seim Reip, Oddor Meanchey and Svay Reng. Official government estimates were: 45,214 affected families; 116,874 hectares of affected croplands; 5,400 flooded homes and 15 deaths directly attributed to the flooding. Responding to the immediate needs, CHF 250,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance.

Allocated: CHF 250,000
Date: 14 September, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Alert issued on 26 July, 2000.
 Information Bulletin nos. 1 and 2 issued 3 and 10 August respectively.

VIETNAM - FLOODS w

Five Mekong Delta Provinces of Vietnam experienced the worst flooding since 1961 when flood waters rose in early July, and remained at critical levels until mid-November. Hundreds of thousands of people took refuge on the only high ground for kilometres - the flimsy earthen dykes which separate irrigation canals from rice paddies in the vast plain of reeds which is the delta of one of the world's longest rivers. The human impact of the slow onset floods was immense - with 482 lives lost, many of them children, over five million people whose homes have been flooded, and up to 60,000 households, or close to a half a million people, evacuated and in particular need of assistance. Emergency shelter, food security, health, water and sanitation became the major concerns for the Red Cross and the authorities once the initial evacuations took place. In addition, longer term food security and livelihood support for the most vulnerable of these families were among the major priorities. Responding to the immediate needs, CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 18 September, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 23/00 launched on 13 September, 2000. Revised Appeal issued on 18 September. Situation Report nos. 1, 2 and 3 issued on 11 and 31 October, and 19 December 2000 respectively.

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA - TYPHOON w

Typhoon Prapiroon (Tropical Storm No.12) hit the north-east coast of the the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) late at night on 30 August and brought nearly 30 hours of heavy rain which caused flash flooding in many places in the eastern part of the country. Damage was extensive since the storm coincided with a tidal wave in the east sea of Korea. Roads, bridges, railways, communications, houses, paddy fields and land were seriously damaged. The scale of damage exceeds that caused by other natural disasters in the DPRK since 1995. The worst of the storm damage occurred in South Hamgyong Province where the 11 cities and counties were severely affected, leaving more than 10,000 homeless flood victims. In Hoesang District in Hamhung City, the provincial seat (350 km north east of Pyongyang), 5 villages were particularly hard hit by flash flooding and around 550 people (178 families) lost their home and property. The district Red Cross branch found 180 wounded people in the flood stricken sites and provided a first aid service for one third, while the others were referred to the upper level hospitals. The area was also slightly affected by Typhoon Saomai which hit on 15 and 16 September. Other parts of the country, in particular North Hamgyong and Kangwon Province, were also badly affected by the typhoons and tidal wave. In addition to this DREF allocation of CHF 50,000 and following a joint rapid assessment made by the DPRK Red Cross Society and the Federation Delegation, the Federation launched a preliminary appeal on 19 September for CHF 950,000 to assist 6,000 homeless people in four of the worst hit counties in South Hamgyong Province.

Allocated: CHF 50,000
Date: 18 September, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 25/00 launched on 19 September, 2000.
 Information Bulletin 1 issued 25 September, 2000. Situation Report nos. 1, 2 and 3 issued 25 September, 9 October, and 14 December 2000.

TAJIKISTAN - DROUGHT w

On 19 September, the International Federation launched an emergency appeal seeking 22.6 million CHF to assist 250,000 people with food and seeds, water and sanitation services and a community-based health programme. CHF 300,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. In the first three months of the operation, intense fund-raising efforts have been made by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and the Federation, in co-operation with the World Food Programme (WFP) and other organizations and partners.

Allocated: CHF 300,000
Date: 21 September, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 26/00 launched on 19 September, 2000.
 Situation Report nos. 1, 2 and 3 issued on 26 October, 27 November, and 21 December, 2000 respectively.

CARIBBEAN - HURRICANES w

For 3 days, from September 30 to October 2, Belize was battered by Hurricane Keith (category 4). The most severe wind damage occurred on the cayes (Caulker and Ambergris). The Belize Red Cross Society (BRCS) responded immediately by shipping out emergency supplies from its disaster preparedness stocks which had been supplied by the Japanese Red Cross. However, the mainland districts of Belize and Orange Walk suffered extensive flood damage, along with the associated health risks and economic setbacks. For weeks after the Hurricane struck, the water levels continued to rise as persistent, heavy rains caused more flooding. CHF 120,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. The Red Cross emergency relief focused its efforts on assisting the flood victims on the mainland, while the government, aided by the British Army and others, have concentrated their relief efforts on the cayes.

Allocated: CHF 120,000
Date: 2 October, 2000
Status: Ongoing

Report: **Appeal no. 29/00 (Preliminary) launched on 6 October, 2000. Full appeal issued on 30 November, 2000. Situation Report nos. 1 and 2 issued on 16 October and 22 December 2000 respectively.**

BOLIVIA - FIRE w

CHF 5,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the Bolivian Red Cross to assist 47 families left homeless following a family in Reyes village in Beni Department. Family parcels were distributed consisting of rice, sugar, oats, and one blanket.

Allocated: CHF 5,000
Date: 3 October, 2000
Status: Complete
Report: No.

GEORGIA - DROUGHT w

Georgia faces a severe food crisis due to a current severe drought that has damaged 60 to 95 percent of the cereal crops in southern and eastern Georgia. According to the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), some 696,000 people will require external food aid through next year's harvest and some 26,000 tonnes of seeds are needed for planting in the next season (based on a FAO/WFP Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission to Georgia, September 2000.) Following its own assessment, including discussions with government representatives, humanitarian organizations, local administrative authorities in various regions, and private households, the Federation delegation in Georgia has established a plan of action that is an integral part of and complementary to the operations planned by WFP, FAO, and various NGO's. CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance, and Appeal 31/00 was launched on 10 October seeking CHF 4,720,000.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 13 October, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 31/00 launched on 10 October, 2000.

NIGERIA - COMMUNAL CLASHES w

The tensions associated with the adoption of Sharia law supported by the Hausa ethnic people of the northern states, the growing militancy and vigilante activity of the OPC Yoruba political organisation, and general socio/economic/political problems increased in Lagos. The situation first exploded almost a year ago when in December 1999 there was a significant outbreak of violence between the Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo communities of the Mile 12 area of Lagos in which some 50 people were killed and many homes and properties destroyed. The situation suddenly deteriorated on Sunday 15 October, and the Federation responded by allocating CHF 75,000 from its DREF to deliver limited assistance to victims.

Allocated: CHF 75,000
Date: 25 October, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin no. 1 issued 25 October, 2000,

INDONESIA - FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES w

Heavy October rains affected most of Southeast Asia, causing flooding and landslides in Indonesia. An estimated 100 people are thought to have perished, with at least 4,200 families having losing their homes. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia - PMI) responded to these disasters and continues to support relief operations in several affected provinces. CHF 107,500 was released in two tranches from the Federation's DREF to begin the delivery of assistance. With the support of the International Federation, an appeal for CHF 252,984 was issued on 30 November to provide assistance to 4,000 families (20,000 people) for a period of three months.

Allocated: CHF 107,500

Date: 6 November, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 34/00 launched on 30 November, 2000.
 Situation Report no. 1 issued on 27 December 2000.

SOUTH AFRICA - CHOLERA w

An outbreak of cholera in Kwazulu Natal Province, on South Africa's Eastern seaboard, was first identified in August this year and later officially confirmed in the northern coastal area of the Province. An increase in the number of cases (more than 7,000) and deaths (more than 30) and the spread of the disease to the southern Coastal area clearly indicated the severity of the situation. The main affected areas were the Port Shepstone area, Eshowe/Nkandla and Lower Umfolozi districts. The Government established re- hydration centres in the affected areas, deployed health teams and provided water tanks. The South Africa Red Cross Society (SARCS) assisted the Government in distributing household bleach to disinfect water and also helped mobilized other support. Responding to a request by the SARCS, the Federation (Harare Regional Delegation) sent a regional Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team (FACT) to assess the situation at an initial stage. Responding to the situation and to provide support and assistance to the SARCS, the Federation allocated CHF 100,000 from its DREF, followed by the launch of an appeal on 8 November targeting two districts with an emphasis on volunteer mobilization and training for health education and diarrhoea treatments, distribution of ORS (Oral Rehydration Salts), and water source chlorination in the short-term, leading to improved cholera awareness and the establishment of sustainable and appropriate safe water supplies and sanitation facilities.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 7 November, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 32/00 launched on 8 November, 2000.
 Situation Report nos. 1 and 2 issued on 21 November and 29 December 2000 respectively.

GUINEA-CONAKRY - POPULATION MOVEMENTS w

Liberia and Sierra Leone have been subject to civil war for the last 10 years. The intensity of the conflicts have varied at times, and has caused some 450,000 Liberian and Sierra Leonan refugees to seek shelter and assistance in Guinea from the violence in their countries of origin. While the political and security prospects appeared favourable at the beginning of 2000 with relative stability returning to Liberia and the signature of a peace agreement between the government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), the situation has changed dramatically in the last few months. Conflict broke out in Liberia's northern Lofa area as well as in Sierra Leone where several thousands were forced to flee across the border. Following these events, the authorities restricted the refugees to their camps and took the decision to repatriate Liberian refugees. The national authorities also insisted on the transfer of the camps which are close to the border. Following the Government decision to integrate all the refugees in camps and to close the sites close to the border, a reorientation of the operation became essential, requiring the transfer of 125,000 refugees to new sites, the transfer of 40,000 refugees in Forecariah, and the repatriation of almost 60,000 Liberian refugees in N'Zerekore. At the beginning of October activities in Guinea had evolved to a point where humanitarian organisations, with the exception of the UN agencies, could consider a return to the area. Initial indications showed that the situation of the refugees is extremely worrying: sanitary conditions in the camps had deteriorated, refugees had been intimidated and stripped of belongings, and the operational agencies lacked the means to provide the needed assistance. To respond to the needs, CHF 75,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF, followed by Appeal 33/00 seeking CHF 377,087.

Allocated: CHF 75,000
Date: 21 November, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 33/00 launched on 28 November, 2000.

UKRAINE - STORMS w

Severe ice storms have been ravaging 11 regions of the Ukraine since 27 November 2000, leaving 4 people dead, more than 700 injured, and knocking down electricity lines thereby cutting power supplies to large areas of the country. The Ukrainian Emergency Situations office deployed some 7,200 workers in order to restore electricity to the hardest hit regions, focusing in particular on affected hospitals, 743 kilometres of railway power grids, and bakeries. The storms also affected the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant which resulted in a temporary closure of its only working reactor. A similar situation occurred at the Yuzhna Nuclear Power Plant where two reactors were temporarily shut down. The regional offices of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, together with the Ukrainian Emergency Departments and Health Services, conducted surveys throughout the affected regions and requested assistance from the International Federation for relief supplies to alleviate the immediate suffering of those in most need. To immediately respond to the situation, CHF 32,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to begin the delivery of assistance.

Allocated: CHF 32,000
Date: 11 December, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Information Bulletin no. 1 issued 11 December, 2000.

SRI LANKA - FLOODS w

Cyclone 04B swept across central Sri Lanka on Tuesday December 26 bringing 48 hours of heavy rains and winds gusting up to 120 km per hour. The cyclone hit land on the eastern coast in a 150 km wide band from Tirukkivil to Trincomalee. The cyclone moved north west leaving Sri Lanka's western coast between Mannar and Puttalam on Wednesday 27 December. The Sri Lanka Red Cross have received reports from Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Manmar, Polonaruwa and Amparai districts indicating 42,000 families affected, many with their houses destroyed in the cyclone or by floods. Tidal surges swept 100 metres inland on the eastern coast causing severe damage to many villages. With electricity and telecommunications severely disrupted in many areas the number of those affected by the cyclone rose as reports came in from other districts. The cyclone lost intensity as it moved south west across the southern tip of Tamil Nadu state in India. CHF 100,000 was released from the Federation's DREF to support the immediate disaster response action by the Sri Lanka Red Cross. The DREF funding was used immediately to start procurement of the key items that are not available from the Sri Lanka Red Cross stocks.

Allocated: CHF 100,000
Date: 27 December, 2000
Status: Ongoing
Report: Appeal no. 36/00 launched on 28 December, 2000.

Outstanding needs and Contributions

- *The attached table provides a detailed account of the DREF. The funds currently available in DREF have reached a critically low level. To ensure future support to new emergencies further funding is urgently required.*
- *For more information please contact the Operations Funding and Reporting Department (OFR) at the International Federation's Secretariat in Geneva. Tel: ++4122 7304222.*

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The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund					
The Reserve Fund for Relief Operations of The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies					
DREF STATUS					CHF
Opening balance 2000			01/01/00		2,930,142
Income (contributions + refund)				5,277,337	
Allocations granted				(5,032,057)	
Outstanding pledges / Provisions				1,805	
Net reserve available as at			31.12.2000		3,177,227
List of grants made in 2000					
<u>Location</u>	<u>Disaster type</u>	<u>EA N°</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Refund</u>
Namibia	Population Movemen	AP36/99	06/01/2000	150,000	
Zambia	Population Movement		07/01/2000	50,000	45,677
Bangladesh	Cold wave		19/01/2000	50,000	
China	Earthquake	AP02/00	21/01/2000	300,000	
Southern Africa (Regional)	Cholera		04/02/00	100,000	100,000
Bolivia	Drought		7/02/2000	80,000	
Russian Federation	Bomb explosion		9/02/2000	8,657	
Mozambique	Floods	AP04/00	10/02/2000	100,000	
Botswana	Floods	AP04/00	11/02/2000	50,000	50,000
Colombia	Floods		17/02/2000	100,000	
Mongolia	Snowfalls		22/02/2000	100,000	100,000
Zimbabwe	Floods	AP04/00	23/02/2000	100,000	50,000
Russian Federation	Relief items	AP05/99	8/03/2000	323,500	
Nigeria	Communal clashes		10/03/2000	100,000	
Madagascar	Cyclone Eline	AP06/00	10/03/2000	50,000	50,000
Central Africa	Meningitis outbreaks	AP09/00	20/03/2000	21,000	
Paraguay	Drought	AP07/00	04/04/2000	100,000	
Ethiopia	Drought	AP08/00	06/06/2000	328,400	328,400
Central Africa/Chad/Niger	Meningitis	AP09/00	14/04/2000	170,000	
Hungary	Floods		25/04/2000	10,000	
South Asia (Afghanistan/Pakistan)	Drought		05/05/2000	50,000	
Russia	Floods		08/05/2000	50,000	
Kazakhstan	Floods	AP13/00	08/05/2000	50,000	50,000
Indonesia	Earthquake	AP11/00	12/05/2000	100,000	50,000
Bolivia	Flooding		19/05/2000	31,500	
Sudan	Population Movemen	AP12/00	22/05/2000	150,000	150,000
Federated States of Micronesia	Cholera		24/05/2000	25,000	
Indonesia	Earthquake	AP15/00	05/06/2000	340,000	340,000
Chile	Floods		09/06/2000	73,000	
South Asia (Pakistan /India)	Drought	AP17/00	28/06/2000	100,000	
Ukraine	Hurricane		10/07/2000	35,000	
Nicaragua	Earthquake		7/07/2000	50,000	
India	Floods	AP19/00	09/08/2000	100,000	
Russian Federation	Floods	AP24/00	16/08/2000	25,000	
Central Asia (Tajikistan/Uzbekistan)	Drought	AP26/00	22/08/2000	50,000	
Cameroon	Floods		22/08/2000	40,000	
Central African Republic	Population Movement		12/08/2000	6,500	
Laos	Floods	AP27/00	13/09/2000	50,000	
Cambodia	Floods	AP22/00	14/09/2000	250,000	
Vietnam	Floods	AP29/00	18/09/2000	100,000	
Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea	Typhoon	AP25/00	18/09/2000	50,000	
Tajikistan	Drought	AP26/00	21/09/2000	300,000	300,000
Caribbean	Hurricanes	AP29/00	02/10/2000	120,000	
Bolivia	Fire		03/10/2000	5,000	
Georgia	Food crisis	AP31/00	13/10/2000	100,000	
Nigeria	Communal clashes		25/10/2000	75,000	
Indonesia	Floods & Landslides	AP34/00	6/11/2000	40,000	
Southern Africa	Cholera outbreak	AP32/00	7/11/2000	100,000	
Guinea Conakry	Population Movemen	AP33/00	21/11/2000	25,000	
Indonesia	Floods & Landslides	AP34/00	29/11/2000	67,500	
Guinea Conakry	Population Movemen	AP33/00	28/11/2000	50,000	
Ukraine	Storms		11/12/2000	32,000	
Sri Lanka	Floods	AP36/00	27/12/2000	100,000	
Total as at		31.12.2000		5,032,057	1,614,077
List of Income - 2000					

