

## TURKEY

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*Appeal 19/99, "Turkey: Earthquakes", was closed at the end of 2000. A Final Report is under preparation and will be issued in May 2001. The activities planned in Appeal 19/99 are now being effectively carried out under the Federation's 2001 Annual Appeal for Turkey (no. 01.57/2001). With the reallocation of the remaining funds, the 2001 Appeal is fully covered.*

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### *The context*

In the second half of 1999, two massive earthquakes struck northwestern Turkey, the country's most densely populated region and industrial heartland. The first on 17 August 1999, centred on the industrial city of Izmit, left 17,100 people dead and a further 44,000 injured. Responding to the Turkish government's plea to the international community for immediate assistance, the International Federation launched a preliminary appeal, followed by a full appeal for CHF 65 million, on 8 September 1999. Two months later, a second major quake occurred in the Bolu/Duzce region, on 12 November 1999, the death toll reached 845 and nearly 5,000 people were injured.

An estimated 400,000 buildings either collapsed or were badly damaged by the two earthquakes. Thousands of aftershocks and moderate tremors have occurred since August 1999, not only in northwestern Turkey but also in all quake-prone regions of the country. The socio-economic impact of the 1999 earthquakes will be felt in Turkey for years to come. The disasters have left a long-term legacy, severely damaging the country's infrastructure and having a devastating effect on the lives of the affected population. Unemployment, physical disabilities and psychological trauma are among the most common problems still faced by Turkey's population.

### *Latest events*

Tremors continue to occur frequently throughout Turkey according to the latest statistics from the Kandilli Observatory in Istanbul. The largest occurred on 17 January in southern Turkey in the city of Osmaniye, measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale. The country was brought to an economic standstill on 22 February when, in an effort to curb the country's inflation, the government decided to float the Turkish Lira and allow market forces to determine the currency's value. Up until now the lira has been

linked to the dollar and the Euro. The value of the lira plummeted by around 25% the day following the decision, however, markets began to stabilize by the week's end.

## ***Red Cross/Red Crescent action***

### **Turkish Red Crescent Society •**

The Spanish Red Cross President and the Head of International Relations visited Ankara at the end of January to present four mobile blood units to the TRCS President, Dr. Ertan Gonen. The units, worth USD 300,000, will provide critical support to the TRCS Blood Services Department. The mobile units are expected to be operative in March. It is estimated that the use of the new units will increase the rate of blood donations by 10%. The vice president of TRCS and the Spanish Red Cross president also visited projects funded by the Spanish Red Cross in Kaynasli, Bolu and Adapazari. The projects were completed last year in cooperation with the TRCS. The Spanish Red Cross and the TRCS presidents signed two agreements for projects intended to increase the TRCS's capacities in first aid and blood services.

Representatives from the British Red Cross (BRC) spent a week in Turkey at the end of January working on the Erzurum Branch Development Programme. The BRC representatives had discussions with TRCS management regarding the details of the planned project in Erzurum. They also visited the Erzurum regional warehouse, and met with representatives from the Erzurum Branch office, the Federation, the American and the German Red Cross.

The President of the Italian Red Cross (IRC) attended the inauguration of the "Women and Children Care Unit and Polyvalent Health Centre" in Fidanlik on 28 February. The Centre has been rebuilt by the IRC in partnership with ECHO, and with the help and coordination of the Düzce Prefecture, TRCS and the Regional Direction of the Ministry of Health. The IRC president also visited the Woman's Centre in Gümüşpınar.

At the end of January, three representatives of the TRCS, including the Deputy General Director, went to Geneva to attend the Information Meeting for Participating National Societies (PNS), which was held at the Federation Secretariat from 29 January-2 February.

The General Director of the TRCS attended the Federation's International Disaster Response Law Workshop in Geneva from 11-12 February.

The TRCS media department is in the pre-production phase for an in-house magazine, which will feature news about TRCS branch activities.

### **International Federation •**

***Disaster Response Preparedness and Management (DRPM):*** The First-Aid "Training of Trainers" programme commenced in early January. The course was organized by the TRCS and the Spanish Red Cross. A ceremony for participants held 19 January marked the end of the first two-week module and was attended by representatives from the TRCS. Programme participants completed the second and third modules of the thirteen module programme during the end of January and the beginning of February and are currently studying the fourth module. Course participants include TRCS core staff and volunteers as well as staff from the French Red Cross (FRC) and the Federation.

To date, approximately 50 newly trained instructors are expected to organise public courses in their respective branches. The purpose of this course is to deliver first-aid training to the public, particularly in the disaster prone areas. The next step, after the training is complete, will be to communicate to the public the availability of the trainers and the courses through the media and local authorities.

Project Planning Workshops for TRCS staff, coordinated by the American Red Cross (ARC) and the Federation were held in Ankara at the beginning of January and in Izmit in February. The three-day

workshop teaches participants how to create project proposals using a standardised logical framework. The third Project Planning Workshop was held in Ankara at the end of February.

The Federation, TRCS and the ARC collaborated to sponsor a six-day “Preparedness for Response” Workshop held from 17-23 January for TRCS staff. The course is based on the Federation’s standard Disaster Relief Workshop, and is taught by 12 different trainers, emphasizing active participation and covering international standards for disaster relief. Two participants from the Turkish Civil Defense have expressed their interest for continuing similar types of collaborations with the TRCS. A second “Preparedness for Response” Workshop will be held from 20-26 March for approximately 35 TRCS core staff and volunteers from branches in the disaster prone regions.

The ARC and the TRCS proposal for a TRCS Disaster Operations Centre (DOC) has been refined to include two parts: 1) the DOC facility and 2) the development of comprehensive plans for disaster response. The response plans which are being developed correspond with the Training Planning Team’s project of outlining standard procedures for the TRCS.

The purchase order for the TRCS Automation Project was completed in the middle of February. The project is being managed by the TRCS. The German Red Cross (GRC) and the ARC are funding the purchase and installation of hardware, software and networking systems. The system will create a network between TRCS’s Ankara Headquarters, the Istanbul Directorate, warehouses in Ankara and Istanbul, and blood centres. Selected TRCS staff will also receive training on system administration and maintenance.

Representatives from the ARC, the TRCS Relief Director and the TRCS Deputy Director General visited five TRCS branches in Istanbul at the end of February. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the new Head of Delegation who arrived in Turkey in the middle of February; and to promote the development of potential joint programme activities for local disaster response and community disaster preparedness with the branches in the Istanbul area. A visit was made to the Bogazici University’s Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute, to review the progress of the research on the recent earthquakes, which is being funded by the ARC.

Two TRCS Deputy Director Generals were sponsored by the ARC to go to San Francisco from 18-26 February for a one-week earthquake drill at the ARC’s Bay Area chapter.

Two local staff from the Federation office in Istanbul participated in the Turkish Civil Defense earthquake simulation exercise on 28 February in Denizli. The TRCS also participated in this exercise, and was assigned the role of distributing hot meals to earthquake victims. The DP delegate and delegation staff attended a similar exercise that was organized in Ankara.

***Education/Training:*** The “Sphere Turkey Final Workshop” was held in Istanbul on 11 February. The workshop provided an opportunity to evaluate the Sphere project around the world as well as the Sphere training programme in Turkey, and was managed by Mercy Corps with ECHO support. Workshop facilitators included the Federation Sphere Project Officer from Geneva, and the Federation Turkey Delegation Programme Coordinator who spoke about “Sphere Training in the Turkish Red Crescent and Interagency Coordination.”

The Presidents of the TRCS and the Spanish Red Cross signed a protocol agreement at the end of January to formalize a standardized First-Aid Training Programme. This programme will serve as the basis for TRCS’s national training programme for first aid trainers. The Spanish Red Cross has also collaborated with the TRCS to produce three manuals for “Training of Trainers” courses. The Spanish Red Cross will hand over 16,000 books on First Aid, 1000 teaching guides and 1000 trainer’s manuals to the TRCS at the end of February.

The Training Planning Team from the TRCS, the Federation, and ARC has created a set of sub-teams to focus on the training needs for 15 different topics related to planning, preparedness and operations for disaster response and relief.

A Federation Induction course took place 8 February in Kaynasli; participants included the Kaynasli Social Welfare co-ordination committee, psycho social programme (PSP) staff, and members of the Düzce local branch.

Starting 26 February, 13 TRCS staff will participate in a two-month English language course; the two-hour classes will meet twice a week. The improvement of English language skills will improve the TRCS's ability to participate in international training sessions, and to share information with different National Societies.

In February, the FRC added fire escapes and new computer equipment to the Paris Elementary School in Akyazi. The school currently houses 623 pupils and 25 teachers.

Candidate interviews were conducted, at the end of February for the Federation's regional Basic Training Course (BTC).

**Logistics:** On 19 January, The Federation logistics delegate presented an Introduction to Logistics as part of the "Preparedness for Response Workshop." The delegate will conduct training sessions on the same topic in March and in April. There are also plans to design a workshop about warehousing and fleet management, and to introduce Transport Management Systems (TMS).

The ARC procured 11,000 winter tents for the TRCS. The first delivery of 500 tents is expected at the end of February or early March. TRCS and ARC are also drafting a proposed list of restocking items.

**Social welfare:** In early January, a Federation Social Welfare Officer from Geneva and the social welfare delegate visited Kaynasli where they met with local authorities and representatives from the TRCS branch; they also visited the site of the future centre in Kaynasli.

The Federation Social Welfare Officer, and representatives of the Federation also attended a meeting in Ankara with the TRCS Social Welfare Programme counterpart, Deputy Director of Health and the Head of International Relations. Discussions took place during this meeting about the plans to combine the social welfare and psycho-social programmes (PSP). The social welfare and PSP departments meet on a weekly basis, and a pilot project is currently planned for Düzce. In addition, terms of reference for the Social Welfare Coordination Committee have been drafted and are currently being reviewed by the TRCS.

The Federation Social Welfare Officer and Federation delegation representatives drafted guidelines for "Social Activities Management." These guidelines, which are intended for use by the respective centres, were discussed with and agreed to by the TRCS social welfare counterpart.

**Health:** The FRC handed over the Louis Pasteur Hospital in Gölcük to the Hospital Director on 31 January. Approximately 200 patients were treated at the hospital's opening on 5 February. The GRC plans to provide support to the TRCS to establish a new blood centre in Istanbul. GRC is in the preliminary phases of procuring two small mobile blood units for the TRCS Blood Transfusion Service; and the GRC branch in Brandenburg is providing a large blood unit, which is expected in March.

**Psycho-social support programme (PSP):** Inaugurations of two new psycho-social support centres occurred in January and February. The TRCS and the Federation support the centres. The Hare Psycho-Social Support Centre in Izmit opened 12 January 2001. At the opening about 100 people wrote wishes for the centre on postcards. The postcards were then attached to balloons and released into the sky. The centre will service members of the community who continue to struggle with the psychological after-effects of the 1999 earthquake. During the centre's first month, approximately 400 people have visited the centre seeking information, counseling, offering voluntary contributions and to participate in the centre's activities. In addition, PSP volunteers, the centre's psychologist and social worker completed the fourth and final module of the community based training on the participatory approach.

The Pusula PSP centre in Düzce was inaugurated on 21 February. The Governor of Düzce, the President of TRCS Düzce Branch, the Assistant to the TRCS Deputy of Health and Education and representatives from the Federation, attended the inauguration.

In early February, the Federation PSP team, the TRCS PSP counterpart and the TRCS Human Resources Commission selected specialized personnel who will be in charge of future development of PSP within the TRCS. A psychologist and a social worker will hopefully join the TRCS headquarters' staff to ensure the sustainability and development of the programme.

Representatives of the TRCS, the GRC, the Swiss Red Cross, the International Federation, and members of the Administration of the Children's Society of Protection and Social Services are meeting on a monthly basis in Yenikoy for the PSP coordination meeting, which is organized by the GRC. The meetings are a forum for sharing experiences about programme management and discussing key issues such as programme sustainability and co-ordination. At present, plans are to further integrate PSP into a wider range of TRCS programming including Disaster Preparedness and First Aid. A GRC representative reported, at the meeting, that local programming has quickly generated enthusiasm among participating local authorities and communities.

The first basic PSP training on, "Prevention Techniques With Traumatized Populations" took place during 22-24 February at the TRCS Renda Palace in Ankara. Specialized staff from three PSP centres, Turkish experts from Ankara's Hacettepe University, Istanbul's Capa University and the respective organizations represented on the PSP coordination committee, attended the workshop which was led by trainers from the Swiss NGO Appartenances and members of the Turkish Psychologist Association. The PSP team at the request of the PSP coordination committee arranged the course.

**Water-sanitation:** After 16 months of work, 100% of the 15,430m pipeline in Kandira has been laid. In addition, all of the air outlets (pressure valves), drainage valves and channels are done. Testing, cleaning and the installation of a pump are among the tasks that remain before the pipeline becomes fully operable. A decision was taken to use a large chlorinating pump instead of several smaller pumps. The large pump, which is unavailable in Turkey, is being procured from western Europe, and is scheduled to arrive at the end of March. Three new project proposals are currently under consideration by the TRCS and the Federation.

**Construction:** The Federation is currently involved with 12 different construction projects throughout the earthquake affected areas, and preliminary work is being done to create a "safe building" workshop. In January, the Federation Social Welfare delegate requested the delegation's assistance with the building of the community welfare centre in Kaynasli. Priority status has been given to producing the designs for the 660 square metre, one story building. The centre will be equipped with classrooms, a kitchen, a large communal meeting room, sanitary facilities and management office space. The Municipality of Kaynasli has prepared the centre's future site so that construction can begin.

The tender opening involving seven contractors with the Turkish Ministry of Health and the TRCS for the Sakarya State Hospital has been completed. Cost evaluations are being conducted and the construction contract will be signed around the middle of March. The Düzce hospital tender will proceed right after this process.

A search is still underway for an appropriate site for the annex to the Korfez Hospital. This additional building will house the hospital's ancillary support services. Repairs to the Kandira SSK, a small hospital in Kandira, are nearly complete. This facility will now be able to accommodate increased usage, resulting from the region's recent population growth. The local authorities are evaluating a preliminary floor plan, submitted in January, for the Inklap School in Bolu. Izmit's Ministry of Education is reviewing a preliminary floor plan for the Cubuclu School. The Samat School will be built simultaneously to the Cubuclu School using a similar design.

**Telecommunications:** The ARC provided funding for the purchase of seven Inmarsat satellite telephones for the TRCS. The telephones, which were procured with the assistance of the Federation's

logistics department, arrived in the middle of February. Earlier in February, as part of the TRCS's Crisis Communication System Programme, 13 TRCS staff gathered at the TRCS headquarters to attend a training course about using these telephones.

The Federation telecommunications delegate completed the necessary evaluations for VHF radios for the TRCS, and an evaluation of HF radios was completed at the end of February. Upon the approval of TRCS, the radios will be procured by the Federation logistics department and funded by the ARC. Tender offers for the VHF radios have been reviewed by the ARC Headquarters, and a review of the offers for HF radios will begin shortly. Logistics for the purchase have been adjusted accordingly to accommodate new procedures from Turkish Telecom.

The TRCS recently hired an additional telecommunications technician bringing the total to four. The TRCS is looking for a permanent location to provide training in telecommunications. A temporary radio station will be installed in the Ankara warehouse for training purposes until the middle of March.

On 5 February, the Federation Telecommunications delegate led the first of a series of telecommunications training sessions for 13 participants. General information was provided about telecommunications during crisis situations. The second session took place at the end of February in Ankara, and was facilitated by members of the Turkish Amateur Radio Society (TRAC).

As a means of further developing the telecommunications capacity of the TRCS, a computer-training course is scheduled to begin during the third week of March.

**Reporting:** The Federation's Budapest Regional Communications Unit Head and the Federation information/reporting delegate facilitated a session on "How to Deal With the Media" at the "Preparedness for Response" workshop in January.

## ***Outstanding needs***

Appeal 19/99, "Turkey: Earthquakes" was closed at the end of 2000. A Final Report is under preparation and will be issued in May 2001 after all the accounts have been audited. Appeal 19/99 has been superseded by the Turkey Annual Appeal for 2001-2002 (01.57/2001), and all remaining funds have been reallocated to this Appeal. The 2001 Appeal is fully funded and there are no outstanding needs.

## ***External relations / Government/UN/ NGOs/ Media***

The Federation, in cooperation with the TRCS, is continuing its support to ensure the legal status of PNSs by coordinating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Ministry.

Following the UN Disaster Management Team workshop held 7-8 February, the Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP) has been rescheduled for the end of April or early May.

There have been no meetings of the International Working Group during the reporting period. The rotating chairmanship of the meetings has been handed over by the Federation to UNICEF.

Media coverage of the TRCS and Federation activities has been positive. National television stations and news agencies have attended the openings of the PSP centers, and covered the official inauguration ceremony of the Anatolian Fine Arts High School. Federation media staff have also provided assistance with media coverage for some PNS activities as well.

## ***Contributions***

See Annex 1 for details

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<b>Turkey</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.57/2001</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>			03/05/01	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>21,558,834</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 100.6%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD (estimated as of 15/12/2000)				21,558,834		
AMERICAN - PRIVATE		75	USD	126	24.01.01	
CANADIAN - RC				2,472	12.01.01	COVERING PART OF DELEGATE' MISSION EXTENSION SEPTEMBER
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>				21,561,432	CHF	100.0%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Denmark	Delegate(s)			33,675		
Japan	Delegate(s)			53,223		
Sweden	Delegate(s)			17,413		
Switzerland	Delegate(s)			5,585		
Great Britain	Delegate(s)			8,213		
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES</b>				118,109	CHF	0.5%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED</b>				0	CHF	
<b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b>						