

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## CHINA - EARTHQUAKE

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### *The Situation*

The Red Cross Society of China Headquarters has now confirmed 250 people killed in the earthquake but there are fears that the death toll might increase.

### *Red Cross/Red Crescent Action*

The Red Cross Society of China headquarters has released 250,000 RMB (30,336 USD) to assist the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Provincial Red Cross Branch to respond to the emergency needs of the earthquake victims.

The Vice President and Director of the Relief Department of the Xinjiang Provincial Branch, based in the Region's capital Urumqi, left the city at 18.00 local time with relief items (quilts and warm clothing) to the value of 200,000 RMB (24,269 USD). The Relief Team is travelling by bus and they expect to arrive in the affected areas about noon local time on Tuesday 25 February. The distance from Urumqi to the affected counties is 1,000 kilometres. The roads are said to be in good condition.

An emergency working group has been assembled at the Regional Branch headquarters.

A domestic Red Cross Society of China emergency Appeal will be launched to help the victims of the earthquake.

It is likely that the Red Cross Society of China will request international assistance.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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