

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## PAKISTAN: FLOODS

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### In Brief

Operations Update no. 1; Period covered: 14 April to 24 August 2005

This Minor Emergency Update no. 1 is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. Please refer to Information Bulletins No. 1 – 3 (Monsoon Floods) for previous updates. CHF 50,000 was allocated in April 2005 from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. This operation is expected to be completed by 30 September 2005, and a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (30 December 2005). Replenishment of DREF by un earmarked contributions is welcome and needed.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [Pakistan Floods minor emergency 05ME006](#), [Annual Appeal 05AA049](#).

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### Background

Severe winter continues in February/March with record level snowfalls in some areas of Pakistan, were followed by heavy rains in March/April. The spring melt, combined with the rains and amount of residual snow, led to widespread flooding.

More than 600 people died over two months while there was severe damage to property and infrastructure. The worst affected areas were Balochistan, North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Northern Areas. Water supplies, sanitation systems, electricity, communication and road links were seriously affected, and there were food shortages in remote areas.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In conjunction with a response initiated earlier in February following severe winter conditions the PRCS despatched and distributed a total of 218 tonnes of its emergency stock to the most vulnerable in NWFP, Balochistan and Northern areas to a value of CHF 550,000. The relief items included tents, blankets, flour, rice,

pulses, sugar, biscuits, tea, rusks, salt, clothing, kitchen utensils, ground sheets, drinking water, jerry cans, gas cylinders and medicines.

The national society received generous support in cash and in kind to assist with its relief operation, details of which are as follows:

Chinese Red Cross	USD 20,000 (CHF 23,300)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	USD 30,000 (CHF 35,000) + in kind assistance
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	CAD 50,000 (CHF 47,200)
Turkish Red Crescent Society	Assistance in kind (food and medicines)
UAE Red Crescent Society	Assistance in kind for 200 families
German Red Cross	EUR 110,000 (CHF 170,500)
Marubeni Corporation Japan	PKR 1,100,000 (CHF 21,400)

The assistance from PRCS has been timely as many people have lost their houses and basic necessities to the heavy snowfall, floods and avalanches.

The PRCS received financial and in-kind support from partners and various agencies and prioritized the utilisation of these resources. As of 25 August none of the allocated DREF had been used but there remains a need to replenish disaster preparedness stocks at national headquarters and in the branches. The national society had placed tenders in national newspapers and has to date procured tents and some plastic sheeting. The procurement of blankets and the remainder of plastic sheets is in the process. Details are as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Items	Quantity	Price per unit PKR	Total PKR	CHF	Status
Tents	300	4,494	1,348,200	28,685	Procurement done. Bills received.
Blankets	1,500	259	388,500	8,266	Procurement in process.
Plastic sheet	400	580	200,000	4,255	Procurement done. Bills awaited.
Total	2,200		1,936,700	41,206	

Exchange rate: 1 CHF = 47 Pakistan rupees

Throughout the operation, the Federation and PRCS maintained close coordination with the government and other agencies. Regular meetings were held with local and international NGOs to share information on action being taken and to make coordinated efforts where possible.

The Federation continued to support the PRCS build its capacity in order to make its relief operations more effective. All the provincial branches were involved in the operation with significant participation and contribution from youth and volunteers in the relief distribution.

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<sup>1</sup> The same amount of stock is being procured using the DREF allocation under another Minor Emergency - Pakistan: Floods/Snowfall (05ME006)