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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the situation and the information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

For longer-term programmes in this or other countries or regions, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for national society profiles, please also access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The Situation

The strong earthquakes, ranging from 4.7 to 6 degrees on the Richter scale, which hit western Iran on Thursday have left many dead and injured and destroyed thousands of villages.

According to latest figures confirmed by the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) there are:

- 70 dead
- 1,262 injured
- 330 villages destroyed (out of which 70 completely)
- 15,000 people left homeless

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The search and rescue operation is more or less over. The focus is now on distributing emergency relief items. So far, the NS has deployed the following to the affected areas:

- 100 relief teams (922 relief workers)
- 8 rescue teams with 17 sniffer dogs
- 3 helicopters
- 49 ambulances
- 1 crane
- 3 life detectors
- 11 rescue sets
- 2 generators

The following items have been distributed:

- 100 lanterns
- 11,359 family tents
- 2,767 moquettes (small carpets)
- 1,400 kitchen sets
- 17,265 blankets
- 1,420 stoves
- 31,600 bottles of mineral water
- 63,000 cans of food
- 200 hygiene sets

Needs

The IRCS has confirmed that all the basic needs of the affected people have, or will be, covered by the NS and that it does not plan to issue an international appeal. However, voluntary contributions or donations for some items are welcomed.

The IRCS urgently needs around 400 group tents (which are larger than standard family tents) to be used as IRCS offices or warehouses in the field. In addition, it welcomes voluntary contributions or donations of family tents to replenish those tents already distributed in the emergency relief operation. Since these tents can be produced by the IRCS tent factory, cash contributions or supply of tent fabric would be appropriate.

Dr. Samaei, Director General of the International Affairs Department of IRCS, said that the National Society would not be requesting DREF money.

The Federation Acting Head of Delegation requested Dr. Samaei to arrange a visit for him to the affected areas. This request has been accepted and he is planning to leave for Lorestan on Saturday afternoon (1 April) once clearance is received.