

OPERATIONS UPDATE



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Fédération internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge
Federación Internacional de Sociedades de la Cruz Roja y de la Media Luna Roja
الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

COUNTRY OR REGION: DISASTER

Date issued
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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. xx/01

Launched on xx Month Year for CHF xxx for xx months. Indicate here if budget revised or programme extended Increased/decreased to CHF xx or by xx months to xx date

DREF Allocated: CHF xxx

Beneficiaries: xx (number of beneficiaries)

Operations Update No. operations update no. Period covered: xx-xx Month, Year (last Ops Update issued: Type operations update number xxx and date); Next Ops Update No. number expected Month Year

“At a Glance”

(to be completed by Relationship Management Dept.)

Appeal coverage: xx%

Related Appeals: number/title

Outstanding needs: CHF

The Disaster/Situation: Short (three-five sentences) narrative description

Operational Developments:

Briefly summarize any major developments for this reporting period which directly affect the humanitarian situation, the planned programme, or the intended objectives

Red Cross Red Crescent action w

The sectors and accompanying narrative guidance identified below is intended to be indicative; they are those normally associated with disasters; depending of course on the sectors of assistance (e.g. health, water-sanitation, etc.) and objectives established in the emergency appeal, text relating directly to these areas should be provided in each operations update. There will be occasions when no relevant action has been taken or no significant change has occurred over the reporting period - be forthright and transparent on this. Please note that any bilateral PNS activities should be covered within the framework of the headings below and not in a separate PNS section.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Society w

This section should reflect any particular steps and initiatives taken by the national society to respond to the disaster in its country; any changes in local/national structure; how and where its staff and volunteers are deployed; and the focus of its activities. Without naming names, there is scope here to mention work 'beyond the call of duty' by individual IRCS groups or volunteers.

Health w

This section should begin with statistics of the number of patients treated in Red Cross and Red Crescent health facilities - at field hospitals, health posts, clinics etc (including bilaterals) both inpatient and outpatient, surgical operations, deliveries etc and then go on to cover, inter alia, health trends/threats among the beneficiary population. The stock situation regarding medicines and materials should also be indicated, with any shortages (actual or potential) noted. Any health assessments undertaken should be covered ideally when they are completed.

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Water-sanitation w

This section should begin with an overall statistical analysis (treatment and deliveries to health institutions, outlying villages etc) together with details of water-sanitation activities and concerns. Any watsan assessments undertaken should be covered ideally when they are completed.

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Relief distributions w

This section should include details of the latest distribution figures at hand (hopefully covering the reporting period, with weekly cumulative totals), where the distributions were made, what and how much was distributed and to how many beneficiaries. Ideally there should be in an indication of any targeted groups (children, the elderly) if applicable, the distribution methodology (individually or to heads of families etc) and how the distribution was monitored. If possible it would be useful to know the number of RC/RC volunteers involved as well as expatriate delegates. If a planned distribution did not take place, please indicate why and when the new distribution will be effected. Please note any other problems and how these were overcome. Any relief assessments undertaken should be covered ideally when they are completed.

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Logistics w

This section should cover, inter alia, updates on warehouse stocks, systems and locations, local procurement, vehicle fleet management, airport facilities and customs clearances, total tonnage of inbound goods, despatches to branches, transport of goods within the affected area etc.

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Shelter w

This section should describe the housing/shelter conditions of the disaster victims, state of tented camps, prefabricated settlements etc, the challenges/difficulties facing those affected and any Red Cross and Red Crescent action to alleviate or improve the position. The interaction between the Federation/national society and the authorities running the camps/settlements should be noted here. Any shelter assessments undertaken should be covered ideally when they are completed.

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Telecommunications w

This section should outline the status of the network, with particular reference to any weak points and the steps being taken to overcome these together with guidance on the status of landlines, satellite/mobile phones and radio communications; from time to time, also refer to the involvement of partners (Ericsson, for instance).

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Tracing w

Only if/when applicable and as the ICRC involvement calls for, this section should include details of the number of tracing files opened and the data on the number of reunited a) by the Red Cross and, if possible b) by other agencies. There is scope here for some insights into the interaction between local tracing staff and ex-patriate delegates, any methodologies particular to the country and success stories that are particularly touching. Family linking services should also be included in this section.

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National Society Capacity Building w

This section should outline efforts undertaken to build the capacity of the NS.

Federation Delegation w

This section would normally apply to the initial stages of a larger scale emergency operation and should summarise the number of ex-patriate delegates and local staff involved in the operation, both directly and indirectly also indicating the main activities/functions covered (relief, health, liaison, information etc) together with the day to day challenges facing delegates in terms of welfare, accommodation, food etc and the steps being taken to overcome these.

Coordination

In this section also capture the total global humanitarian efforts, indicating whether the main areas of needs are covered and/or where gaps exist or where the programme/activities have been adjusted to avoid overlapping. Specify coordination activities.

Outstanding needs

This is the opportunity to state specific remaining needs related to the appeal objectives

For further details please contact: Desk Officer's name, Phone : 41 22 Phone number; Fax: 41 22 733 03 95; email: internet address

Donors providing in-kind relief in response to large-scale emergencies are urged to contact Name, Email, and Phone no. in the Federation's Logistics and Resource Mobilization Department to avoid any unnecessary delays in the clearance and delivery of emergency relief assistance.

All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

Head a.i.
Relationship Management Department

Head
Regional Department

Suggested format for reporting on internal delegation issues (to be attached separately to the end of the Operations Update reporting on the ad hoc or annual appeals):

Provide an update (in table format) of the current number of delegates, their names and positions, and their areas of assignments. Below this briefly describe the work done by the delegates, including field trips, and other movements during this reporting period.

Delegate	Position/Title	Origin	Location of assignment

Summarize any security concerns or constraints, problems encountered and solutions found.

Summarize delegate/personnel issues, and indicate any need for additional delegates or technical expertise. Problems encountered and solutions found.

Summarize any developments in the finance and administration of the delegation.

Indicate any material needs of the delegation (vehicles, computers, office equipment, etc.)

Summarize logistics elements (procurement, warehousing, fleet management) or other technical issues of concern. Problems encountered and solutions found.