



DREF Operation -Final Report

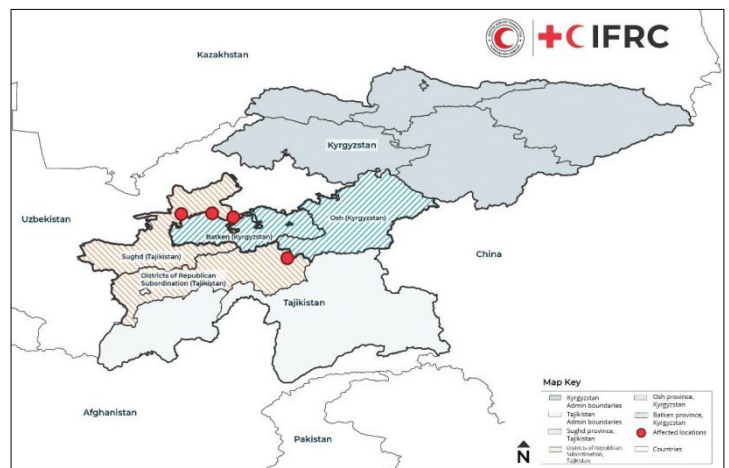
Tajikistan | Border Conflict

DREF N°: MDRTJ032	GLIDE N°: CE-2022-000324-TJK
Operation update n° 1: 20 January 2022	Timeframe covered by this update: 4 months
Operation start date: 01 October 2022	Operation end date: 31 January 2023
Funding requirement (CHF): 207,000.00	
<i>Initial funding: CHF 188,881.53. Additional funding following DREF Operation Update: CHF 18,118.47</i>	
N° of people being assisted: 2,070 people or 414 families	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: IFRC, ICRC	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: UNICEF, WFP, WHO, MSF, ACTED	

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

On 14 September 2022, the security situation at the Tajik-Kyrgyz border, between the Sughd province of Tajikistan and Batken province of Kyrgyzstan, has drastically worsened. The tension turned into an armed conflict, resulting in 41 casualties and the evacuation of more than 20,000 people¹ residing at the border areas. The governments of both countries have immediately initiated negotiations to establish a ceasefire regime. However, clashes continued until 16 September 2022, increasing the number of casualties and internally displaced people (IDPs) from both sides. A ceasefire was established on 18 September 2022. IDPs from Jabbor Rasulov district, which was considered relatively safe compared to other areas, started returning home, while displaced people in Isfara town and Bobojon Gafurov district remained in temporary shelters. On 19 September 2022, an agreement was signed between law enforcement authorities of both Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, which declared withdrawal of the troops from the border and to keep only border guarding forces. Continued negotiations to resolve the border disputes by peaceful means was also agreed.



Map: Locations where the armed conflict erupted.

¹ 15,850 people in Isfara town, 1,962 people in Bobojon Gafurov district, and 2,500 people in Lakhsh district of Rasht valley).

Due to several clashes in the same border area in the past², the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) was able to build on previous experiences to respond to the needs in a timely and affective manner. The National Society (NS) provided psychosocial support, distributed food parcels, conducted information sessions on unexploded ordnance (UXO), as well as provided cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to people affected by the conflict. Based on its preparedness initiative, RCST provided local disaster management committee (LDMC) members with First Aid training, while community leaders were provided with psychosocial support and safe behaviour support.



A destroyed house at the bordering area of Isfara town, Sughd province. Photo credit: RCST

According to the RCST reports and Governmental Emergency Committee sources, between 14 – 18 September 2022, the conflict has resulted in at least 41 fatal casualties and over 20,000 people were affected in four bordering districts of Tajikistan, including Isfara town, Bobojon Gafurov district, Jabbor Rasulov district and Lakhsh district. Furthermore, more than 50,000 families were indirectly affected in all four bordering districts. The affected population's houses were partially or totally damaged and their livelihoods, including food stocks and home properties, have been destroyed.



Data sources: Humanitarian Data Exchange, GADM Media, Tajikistan Red Crescent, IFRC.
Produced by Information Management Team – IFRC Regional Office for Europe.

As a result of the conflict, over 20,000 thousand people who reside in border areas were evacuated, including 15,850 people in Isfara town, 1,962 people in Bobojon Gafurov district and 2,500 people in Lakhsh district of Rasht valley.³

² According to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST), at least seven cases of different level of tensions have been recorded since January 2022.

³ **Note:** An initial Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) for DREF is likely to be based on the limited assessment information available at that time. However, the National Society carried out assessments during the operation and revised the operational plan accordingly.

Two key IFRC operational references link to, complement, and support this EPoA tool:

- [Operational guidance: initial rapid multi-sectoral assessment, July 2014.](#)
- [Contingency planning guide, 2014.](#)

The DREF operation directly targeted and supported 414 families (2,070 people, with counting in average five people per family, composed of two parents and three children) with cash, health, WASH, and education activities. Out of the targeted people, 92 families (490 people) who were severely affected, i.e., their houses were completely destroyed, either lost livelihood stocks or other property, received multipurpose cash assistance. These 92 families were identified during the assessment in coordination with the National Emergency Response Commission representatives and local authorities.



Affected provinces in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

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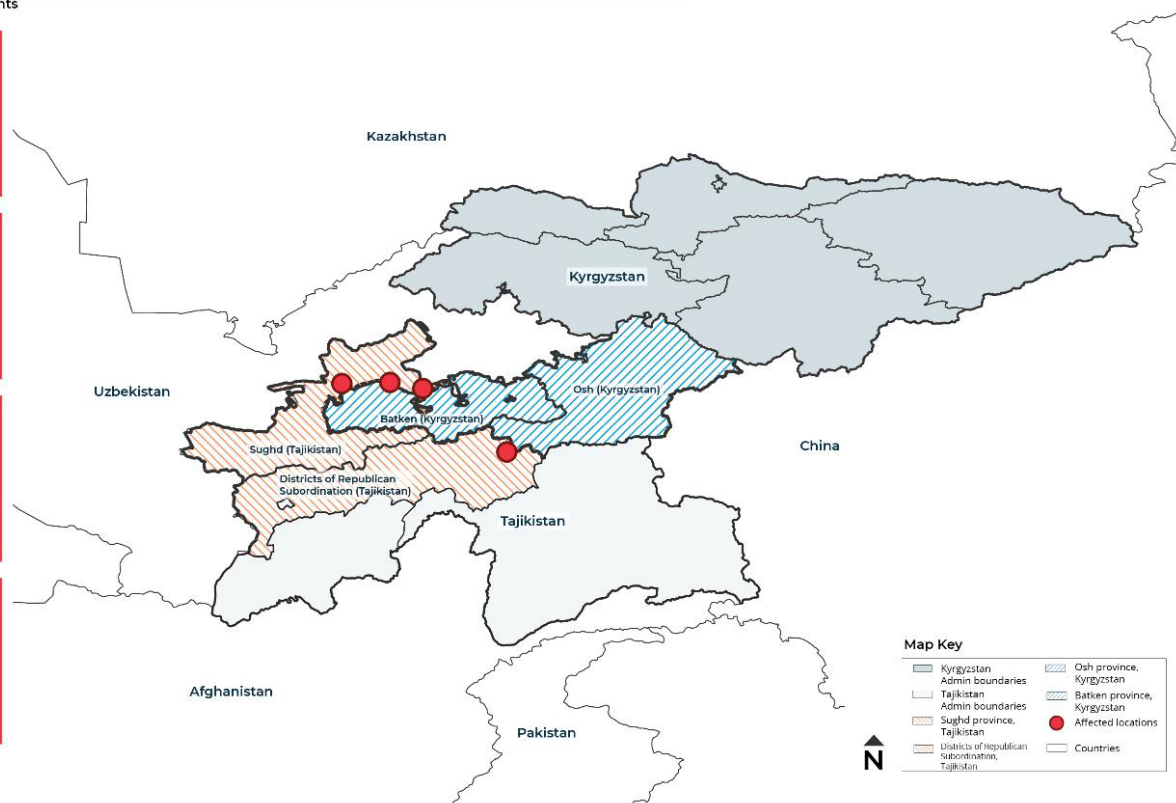
During most recent events
28-September-2022

41
conflict-re-
lated
deaths in
Tajikistan

204
conflict-re-
lated
injured in
Tajikistan

414
affected
houses in
Tajikistan

106,539
People
living in
affected
areas



The maps used do not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies or National Societies concerning the legal status of a territory or of its authorities.
Data sources: Humanitarian Data Exchange, GADM, Media, Tajikistan Red Crescent, IFRC.
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Figures on people and infrastructure affected

People Affected	
Description	Indicators
Total number of affected people	2,070
Injured	204
Dead	41
Social Infrastructure	
Description	Indicators
Schools damaged	5
School fully destroyed	1
Mosques partially damaged	2
Private Infrastructure	
Description	Indicators
Houses fully destroyed	92
Houses partially damaged	322

Assessment scope

During the development of the DREF application, the damage and needs assessment were not fully completed. Although sectoral needs were known and highlighted in the initial DREF operational plan and strategy, the numbers remained uncertain. In order to ensure eligibility and timeliness of the DREF, RCST was encouraged to apply with the data available at the time of the application. Accordingly, although the needs for non-food items (NFIs) distribution was revealed from the beginning, the quantities were not identified, therefore, it was not included in the initial application.

Once the detailed assessment was finalized jointly with the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) branches in Sughd Province and local authorities of Isfara town and Jabbor Rasulov district, the needs for NFIs were also identified. According to these needs, RCST provided shelter related relief items to all 414 affected families. Due to revised needs of operational planning, UXO trainings and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) were moved from the DREF to ICRC funding, while, in parallel, NFI kit replenishment was added to the DREF. These relief items were provided from RCST's available stocks in Sughd province and Dushanbe city warehouses. Thus, the second allocation through a DREF Operation Update was requested to ensure RCST replenishes distributed items.

The situation at the border remained volatile from 14 to 19 September 2022. Some roads remained closed and access to affected communities was restricted only to law enforcement authorities. Since IDPs were hosted by their relatives and in public buildings, it was difficult to gather accurate data at the initial stages of the response. Similar difficulties related to identification of the number of affected families, number of fully and partially destroyed houses, destroyed livelihoods, auxiliary buildings, social infrastructure, and WASH were faced during the initial days of the conflict. As the commission continued conducting damage assessment, the numbers kept increasing up until 27 September 2022.

Table: Information on Damages with District and Jamoats⁴ breakdown

Districts	Jamoats	Settlements	Partially damaged houses	Fully destroyed houses	Families in fully destroyed houses	Families in partially destroyed houses
Isfara	Chorkuh	Somoniyon	251	56	90	326
	Surkh	Sarob				
	Zumrat	Chorkishlok				
	Chilgozi	Bogiston				
	Kulkand	Guliston				
	Lakon	Lakon				
	Vorukh	Tojikon				
	Shurob	Shurob				
B.Gafurov	Ouchi Kalacha	Bahor	176	16	19	220
		Kalacha				
		Azamov				
	Khistevarz	Javgal,				
		Havzaki poyon,				
		Jui muguli domuloi aziz,				
		Kintiriq				
		Jui muguli Tojikiston				
J.Rasulov	Gulkhona	Madaniyat	1	0	1	2
		Selkan				
		Tojikobod				
	H.Nav	Kurgoncha				
	Somonion	Zarafshon				
Laksh	Sayliobod	Tojvaron 995	3	0	0	
		Domankuh 316			3	6
		Sebiston 476			0	0
Total:	14	25	431	72	113	554

⁴ Communities

Summary of the Changes in the DREF Operation Update

Based on a detailed assessment conducted by RCST staff and volunteers, jointly with RCST branches in Sughd province, the CoES and local authorities of Isfara town and Jabbor Rasulov district, a revision of the DREF activities was undertaken in December 2022 to reflect the changes that have occurred on the ground since the launch of the response operation. The assessment revealed the need for the provision of non-food relief items and target of 414 affected families was identified. Accordingly, based on the clear needs and the end of hostilities with the agree ceasefire, the RCST was able to support those affected by the conflict from 20 September 2022. Following the agreement with the National Emergency Response Commission, RCST immediately started the distribution of NFIs from the warehouses of the RCST branch in Sughd province and a warehouse in Dushanbe city. Between 28 September to 15 October 2022, the RCST distributed 414 relief sets in Isfara town and Bobojon Gafurov district.

Additional funds were requested through a DREF Operation Update to the initial DREF budget (CHF 188,881.53) to replenish the RCST stocks with NFI kits. This way, in addition to the initial budget, RCST received additional funds in the amount of CHF 18,118.47. Consequently, the final budget amounted to CHF 207,000.

Additional fundings were used to replenish the following NFIs:

- Mattresses: 2,070 units (5 units per family)
- Pillows: 2,070 units (5 units per family)
- Quilts: 2,070 units (5 units per family)
- Bedlinen: 2,070 sets (5 units per family)
- Kitchen sets: 414 units (1 set per family)
- Jerry can: 828 units (2 pcs per family)
- Family hygiene kits: 539 sets for 414 affected families and 125 sets were given to vulnerable IDPs (500 sets provided by UNICEF and 39 sets were provided by ICRC).

RCST would have had reduced response capacities in the future in case these costs were not replenished. However, with the additional funding, the relief to affected communities continues to be provided on time.



Relief item distribution amongst affected people in Sughd province. Photo credit: RCST

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society's response

As soon as the clash escalated into an armed conflict, RCST started responding to the needs by providing support to IDPs who had to leave the conflict zone. Following the outbreak of the violence that started on 14 September, the RCST carried out a rapid needs assessment to identify primary needs of the impacted population and provide support. Based on a preliminary assessment, RCST's response activities were focused on the distribution of CVA, MHPSS, relief items, and UXO awareness-raising. However, later on, through coordination meetings with all partners it was decided to move MHPSS and UXO trainings from the DREF operation to the ICRC operation and replace with NFIs replenishment.

Besides its 69 branches, RCST has 11 Emergency Response Centres (ERC) across the country. Four ERCs are located in Sughd province, one in Panjakent town, one in Ayni district, one in Khujand city, and one in Isfara town. Each ERC has a National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) and each team is staffed with 12 members. In total, RCST has 12,000 volunteers. Staff and volunteers were immediately deployed to the conflict zone to support the impacted communities. In its response, RCST coordinated all response activities with CoES, local authorities and community leaders, including assessment, preparation of the lists for multi-purpose cash, NFIs, education materials distribution.

Community engagement and accountability (CEA) and protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) were integral parts of all activities related to community, partners, and others. During the needs assessment, affected communities were consulted on their priorities and during CVA and NFI distribution they were fully engaged. For vulnerable groups and people with disabilities, additional conditions were provided, including given priority in receiving assistance, or delivering relief items directly to their homes.



CEA and PGI components of the response: special attention was given to people with disabilities during relief distribution among affected people in Sughd province took place. Photo credit: RCST.

With the sudden eruption of the conflict, many people fled the conflict zones without their belongings. To support people in need, from the first day of the conflict RCST started its distribution activities and provided 700 litres of fuel for 20 vehicles (minibuses) for the evacuation of local residents and excavators for cleaning of damaged houses. RCST also distributed NFIs, namely mattresses, pillows, quilts, bedlinens, and kitchen sets.



Distributing relief items. Photo credit: RCST.

WASH items were provided under the DREF, as well as ICRC and UNICEF funding and distributed accordingly within the impacted communities. As part of its response activity, RCST supported 92 families whose houses were fully destroyed with multi-purpose cash (MPC) distribution. MPC was provided in the amount of TJS 5,400 (CHF 540), which was calculated based on official Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB).⁵

Mental health and physical (first aid) support was provided through DREF and ICRC funding streams.

As the conflict forced children from the impacted communities to fall out from schooling, it was decided to provide children in impacted families with education and stationery items from the DREF, while ICRC funded UXO sessions and information materials.



UXO sessions conducted on the dangerous items shown above. Photo credit: RCST.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Description of the IFRC presence (in-country and/or the region)

The IFRC Country Delegation is present in the country, managed by the IFRC Country Cluster Delegation based in Bishkek. IFRC was engaged in coordination meetings from the first day of the conflict, providing advisory services to RCST management. Upon RCST's decision to apply for support provided by the DREF, IFRC staff jointly, with RCST, prepared the application and ensured its timely submission.

⁵ TJS 600 multiplied by three months and multiplied by three people, who are working members in families (two parents and eldest child).



MHPSS activities conducted at schools. Photo credit: RCST.

Action / planned action of partner National Societies and the ICRC

Since MHPSS was highlighted as one of the main health needs for the affected communities, RCST coordinated various MHPSS activities with ICRC:

- MHPSS support group sessions for 69 staff members of nine medical centres;
- MHPSS activities with 92 children of affected schools aged 7 - 9 y/o;
- Single sessions with 16 families of deceased persons in Ovchi Qalacha and Vorukh;
- MHPSS for affected families whose houses were destroyed and families with deceased family members.

Movement coordination mechanisms in place, implementation of the SMCC

Since the REACT platform was not activated to hold the coordination, on 20 September 2022 RCST initiated an extraordinary meeting in the HQ with participation of some REACT partners, including the UN Resident Coordinator, IFRC, ICRC, UNICEF, WFP, and USAID. The main topic of the meeting was to provide information to partners on the outstanding needs of the affected population, as well as the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement response in bordering districts. Further steps concerning the extension of timely response in a coordinated manner was also discussed. Following this initial meeting, the RCST, jointly with Movement partners continued to undertake regular meetings for coordination and information sharing. Field assessments, information/learning sessions, distribution of food and non-food items, as well as cash support, were coordinated and implemented by RCST.

RCST coordinated all response activities with the CoES, Sughd Regional Administration, local authorities, and internal/external partners. RCST mobilized its Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator, Sughd regional branch staff and volunteers, including branches in Isfara town, Jabbor Rasulov, Bobojon Gafurov and Rasht districts to conduct needs assessments, to provide First Aid and psychosocial first aid (PFA) to the most affected people.

On 26 September 2022, the coordination call with wider participation of the Movement took place. The Italian Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent participated and expressed their readiness to support the affected people.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

Summary of action of other actors: Government, Civil Protection/Defence, Military, UN, INGOs, local NGOs

On 22 September 2022, RCST and UNICEF reviewed the planned activities in pilot districts (Bobojon Gafurov and Isfara) specifically on Water and Sanitation, Education, Child Protection and Nutrition.

On 22 September 2022, a meeting was held with a representative of the US Embassy. As a result of the meeting, the agreement was reached to provide medical assistance to medical centres of the target areas.

RCST closely coordinated with the Government of Tajikistan, who was leading in providing support to the impacted population. The Government provided fuel and construction materials to impacted population, such as 500 tons of cement, 220 square metres of timber, 5,000 pieces of slate, 1,500 square metres of plywood and plasterboard, 5 tons of different nails, 500 square metres of window glass and 250 tons of coal.

Operation Risk Assessment

Risk

Escalation of the security situation at the border.

Mitigation action

Tajikistan published details of a protocol signed on 19 September 2022 by the heads of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan's State Committees of National Securities. The protocol stipulates that joint inspections of border guard stations and border commandants' offices would be organized to detect the presence of heavy military equipment, which is not peculiar to border guards. The protocol states that *"in case of its detection, to take coordinated measures to remove it to a distance of at least 10 kilometres from the border areas"*.

It was agreed that a joint working commission of responsible officials from representatives of local State authorities, border troops, security and internal affairs bodies of both States would be organized to monitor the implementation of the agreements mentioned in this Protocol.

Taking into consideration the potential deterioration of the security situation and re-escalation of the conflict, RCST would approach IFRC to support in the launch of an Emergency Appeal. This funding mechanism would enable to target a larger population and implement response activities in a wider range of sectors to support the needs of those affected.

Security and safety concerns for this operation

The safety and security of all involved parties was and remains of utmost importance, especially of RCST volunteers. The staff and volunteers were refreshed with security measures and procedures, while RCST coordinated with development and national partners to monitor the security situation in target communities.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Proposed strategy

Operation Objective

The overall operational objective was to provide relief assistance for four months to 414 families (2,070 person). Out of the 414 targeted families, 92 families who were severely affected were provided with Cash and Voucher Assistance. WASH related activities (hygiene kits and hygiene promotion campaign) and support in the form of educational materials were provided to all 414 families (including the 92 covered with CVA).

Strategy Rationale

92 families whose homes were fully destroyed were selected to be supported by RCST. RCST supported 22,000 people from affected areas with information materials, health sessions and hygiene promotion. The National Society was also prepared for the potential escalation of the situation.

Targeting Strategy

After conducting a detailed assessment, RCST staff and volunteers, jointly with CoES branches in Sughd Province and local authorities of Isfara town and Jabbor Rasulov district, revealed the need for provision of relief items to 414 affected families (2,070 people). Out of the identified families, 92 whose houses were fully destroyed were covered with CVA in the amount of TJS 5,400 (CHF 540). In terms of shelter and NFI, the total of 414 families with full and partial house damage were provided with relief items from the existing stocks available in warehouses. Following an agreement with the emergency commission, RCST started the distribution of NFIs from its available warehouses in Sughd Province and Dushanbe. Between 28 September and 15 October 2022, RCST distributed 414 sets of NFI in Isfara for 237 households and in B. Gafurov for 177 households. The 414 affected families were also targeted with WASH and education support activities.

Targeted Population Selection Criteria

RCST prioritized and targeted to support affected people based on the following selection criteria:

- households that had heavily been impacted by the conflict (full destruction of houses, loss of properties, need for household items). The 92 families who had their homes completely destroyed and lost food and property were assisted with multi-purpose cash assistance; and
- 414 families with partial house damages who were targeted with WASH, NFI, Health and Education support.

Total Targeted Population

Women:	434	Rural %	Urban %
Girls (under 18):	622	80%	20%
Men:	415	People with disabilities (estimated %)	
Boys (under 18):	599	1.60%	
Total targeted population:	2,070		

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN



Multi-purpose Cash

People reached: 460

Male: 235

Female: 225

Outcome 1: Multi-purpose cash distribution to meet immediate needs

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of families provided with multiple CVA	92 families or 460 people	92 families or 460 people

Progress towards outcomes

Multi-purpose Cash (Indicator: Number of families provided with Public multipurpose CVA; Target: 460 people (92 families); Target: 460; budget: CHF 74,305).

Based on the needs assessment findings, RCST jointly with the local emergency commission selected 92 families, whose houses were fully destroyed for multi-purpose cash grants. The list was coordinated (verified) and agreed with local authorities and CoES in affected areas. Each of these families received TJS 5,400 (CHF 540). The details are as follow:

- 76 families in Isfara town (16 November 2022);
- 16 families in Bobojon Gafurov district (19 November 2022).



Shelter and NFI

People reached: 2,070

Male: 1,055

Female: 1,015

Outcome 1: Providing affected populations with safe, adequate, and dignified living conditions

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of persons provided with NFI	2,070 people or 414 families	2,070 people or 414 families

Progress towards outcomes

According to the assessment results, 92 houses were fully destroyed, 322 partially damaged, five schools were damaged, one school was fully destroyed, and two mosques were partially damaged.

RCST branch in Isfara, with the support of ICRC, provided 700 litres of fuel for 20 vehicles (minibuses) for evacuation of local residents and excavators for cleaning of damaged houses. Under this outcome RCST provided the following support:

- Transportation of three trucks with NFIs from Dushanbe warehouse to affected areas;
- Transportation of NFIs from Khujand to Bobojon Gafurov district;
- Transportation from Isfara town warehouse to affected border communities/jamoats;
- Distribution of 414 NFI sets to all affected families (2,070 persons).

The Government of Tajikistan provided fuel and construction materials, such as 500 tons of cement, 220 square metres of timber, 5,000 pieces of slate, 1,500 square metres of plywood and plasterboard, 5 tons of different nails, 500 square metres of window glass and 250 tons of coal.

The National Society provided the below listed family items from their stocks to support affected families, for which they have requested partial replenishment through this Operation Update:

- Mattresses -2,070 units (5 per family)
- Pillows – 2,070 units (5 per family)
- Quilts - 2,070 units (5 per family)
- Bed-linen- 2,070 sets (5 per family)
- Kitchen sets – 414 units (1 set per family)



Health

People targeted: 460 (92 families)

People reached: 1,484

Male: 727

Female: 757

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and knowledge on health

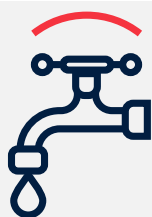
Indicators:	Target	Actual
<i>Number of community-based health promotion, first aid awareness and PFA activities</i>	2 events covering 30 volunteers	2 events covering 60 people, including 50 volunteers and 10 staff
<i>Number of trainings for Red Cross volunteers in community-based health, basic psychosocial support (psychological first aid) and hygiene promotion</i>	2 events covering 30 volunteers	2 events covering 60 people, including 50 volunteers and 10 staff

Progress towards outcomes

RCST staff and volunteers provided with PFA to 1,484 people in the following areas:

- 980 people were provided with PFA during evacuation within Sughd Province (Isfara, Bobojon Gafurov and Jabbor Rasulov districts).
- 504 IDPs were provided with PFA (Isfara, Bobojon Gafurov and Jabbor Rasulov districts).
- RCST jointly with ICRC conducted MHPSS support group sessions for 69 staff members of nine medical centers;
- RCST jointly with ICRC conducted MHPSS activities with 92 children of affected schools 7-9 y/o;
- Single sessions with 16 families of deceased people in Ovchi Qalacha and Vorukh.

- RCST jointly with ICRC conducted MHPSS for affected families whose houses were destroyed and families with deceased members.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 2,695

Male: 1,374

Female: 1,321

Outcome 1: Increased community resilience on WASH

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Number of families covered by WASH promotion	414 families or 2,070 people	2,695 people

Progress towards outcomes

539 hygiene kits were distributed to affected people (414 families) and some of the vulnerable IDPs (125 people) with support from UNICEF. 50 volunteers (15 male, 35 female) participated in the distribution of hygiene kits and conducted awareness sessions on waterborne diseases and personal hygiene. On 20 September 2022, RCST received 500 sets of hygiene kits from UNICEF and 39 sets from ICRC. These kits were distributed to 414 affected families and 125 sets were given to vulnerable IDPs.

In addition, RCST distributed 828 pcs of jerricans (2 units per family) from its warehouse to support 414 affected families. RCST requested partial replenishment of these items through the Operation Update.



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

People reached: 2,070

Male: 1,055

Female: 1,015

Outcome 1: Prevention and response to violence and exploitation

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Training for RCST staff and volunteers (1 event covering at least 30 persons)	30 people	60 people, including 50 volunteers and 10 staff trained in 2 trainings

Progress towards outcomes

Following actions were taken during response operation by RCST staff and volunteers in October:

- The NFIs were delivered to homes of 16 affected people with disabilities;
- To provide more enabling environment, separate queues for distribution of NFIs were organized for people with disabilities, pregnant woman, and older people;
- At each distribution point, the issues of Water and Sanitation, First Aid station, safeguarding and help desk to troubleshoot problem and/or provide feedback were taken into account. In addition, for further feedback contact number and feedback collection box was arranged.
- Distribution of education/schooling materials to 414 families, whose children fell out of normal schooling, took place in January 2023.



Community Engagement and Accountability

People reached: 2,070 people

Male: 1,015

Female: 1,055

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and knowledge on CEA

Indicators:

Number of people reached with CEA

Target

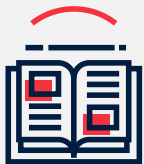
414 families
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people

Actual

2,070 people

Progress towards outcomes

Community engagement and assessment (CEA) and protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) were integral parts of all activities related to community, partners, and others. . While undertaking activities included into DREF, CEA and PGI standards were closely followed. During the needs assessment, affected communities were consulted, their priorities were identified by themselves, and during CVA and NFI distribution they were fully engaged. For vulnerable groups and people with disabilities additional conditions were provided, giving priority in queue, or delivering NFIs to their homes.



Education

People reached: 2,070 people

Male: 1,015

Female: 1,055

Outcome 1: Increased knowledge and skills on UXO, as well as closing the gap of children that fell out from daily schooling

Indicators:

Number of familiar provided with schooling items

Target

414 families
or 2,070
people

Actual

2,070 people

Under the DREF operation, RCST provided 414 families (2,070 people) with schooling and stationery items. RCST conducted UXO sessions and distributed 4,200 pieces of information materials in target-affected areas, covering 5,860 people in affected areas. This activity was supported by ICRC.



Strengthen National Society

Indicators:

Number of RCST staff involved

Number of participants of the LLW

Target

4 people

N/A

Actual

4 people

18 people

Progress towards outcomes

- One RCST DREF Focal point based in HQ
- One RCST Sughd provincial officer
- One RCST Finance officer based in HQ, 30%
- One RCST PMER Officer based in HQ, 30%
- Social tax, 20%
- Fuel for beneficiary identification and verification exercises
- Travel to project sites

A Lessons Learned Workshop (LLW) was conducted on 25 - 27 January 2023 in Dushanbe, to address achievements, good practices and the challenges faced during the operation. The LLW was attended by 18 people, including participants from the RCST HQ and branches, other partner organization, including ICRC and two IFRC staff based in Tajikistan. The LLW was facilitated by two representatives of the IFRC Regional Office for Europe (ROE).

Based on recommendations and lessons learned, a report was developed and presented to NS and IFRC. Furthermore, a spreadsheet with a detailed action plan was developed and actions were assigned to responsible focal points.

Key findings and recommendations:

1) Information Management

There is still a need to continue training a pool of staff and volunteers in information management.

2) Volunteer Empowerment (capacity building, and others)

Strengthen volunteer capacity in providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), WASH sessions, CEA and PGI, and develop insurance system form volunteers, who act in dangerous circumstances.

3) HD, IHL and IDRL (emblem, auxiliary role, laws, mandate, and others)

Increase recognition of the NS auxiliary role, the provisions on the use of the emblem of the Red Cross, and Red Crescent, to promote humanitarian diplomacy (HD), as well as International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) principles.

Due to security issues, conducting the assessment was delayed. However, once the security situation allowed, RCST staff and volunteers were able to proceed with the assessment.

4) Branch Development

Increase the capacity of staff and volunteers and improve infrastructure. scenario planning with the development of contingency planning and permanent capacity-building activities for branch staff and volunteers.

5) Coordination

The coordination with Movement partners based on Seville Agreement 2.0. and external partners was effective, especially in distribution of roles and responsibilities, regardless of some of the difficulties in the beginning. The RCST, with other partners, has led the multi-purpose cash (MPC) distribution process. While the National Society has faced some challenges with the verification and identification of the people to be assisted, overall, the MPC distribution was a success. RCST's role in responding to disasters and humanitarian needs remains essential.

Effective, credible and accountable IFRC

Outcome 1: Timely and efficient humanitarian response

Indicators:	Target	Actual
Support to RCST to develop the DREF application	1	1
Monthly monitoring of activities and support in reporting	4	4
Revision of activities, development of additional application	1	1

Progress towards outcomes

Support by the IFRC Central Asia Country Cluster Delegation was provided in development of the current DREF application, as well as monthly monitoring of activities was conducted, and monthly reports were reviewed for tracking purposes and to ensure quality of activities implemented and reports submitted.

D. Financial Report

The budget for the DREF operation was CHF **207,000**, of which CHF **195,835** was spent. The remaining balance of CHF **11,165** is returned to the DREF account as per standard IFRC regulations.

For details, please refer to the final financial report annexed to this document.

The major donors and partners of the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, German, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, as well as DG ECHO and Blizzard Entertainment, Mondelez International Foundation, and Fortive Corporation and other corporate and private donors. DG ECHO has replenished the DREF in the occasion of this operation. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions.

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Reference

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All IFRC 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 the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2022/10-2023/5	Operation	MDRTJ032
Budget Timeframe	2022/10-2023/1	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 09/Aug/2023

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRTJ032 - Tajikistan - Kyrgyzstan Border Conflict

Operating Timeframe: 01 Oct 2022 to 31 Jan 2023

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	207,000
DREF Response Pillar	207,000
Expenditure	-195,835
Closing Balance	11,165

II. Expenditure by planned operations / enabling approaches

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
PO01 - Shelter and Basic Household Items		43,008	-43,008
PO02 - Livelihoods			0
PO03 - Multi-purpose Cash	74,305	71,143	3,162
PO04 - Health	35,396	9,105	26,291
PO05 - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	14,150	33,068	-18,918
PO06 - Protection, Gender and Inclusion	68		68
PO07 - Education	25,508	23,781	1,728
PO08 - Migration			0
PO09 - Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery			0
PO10 - Community Engagement and Accountability			0
PO11 - Environmental Sustainability			0
Planned Operations Total	149,429	180,105	-30,676
EA01 - Coordination and Partnerships	6,280	3,832	2,449
EA02 - Secretariat Services			0
EA03 - National Society Strengthening	51,291	11,899	39,392
Enabling Approaches Total	57,571	15,731	41,841
Grand Total	207,000	195,835	11,165

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	95,684	89,021	6,662
Clothing & Textiles	20,474	19,950	524
Teaching Materials	21,560	16,226	5,334
Utensils & Tools	3,970	3,860	109
Cash Disbursement	49,680	48,984	696
Logistics, Transport & Storage	17,144	15,971	1,174
Storage		413	-413
Distribution & Monitoring	9,166	7,553	1,613
Transport & Vehicles Costs	7,978	8,005	-27
Personnel	38,714	37,856	858
National Society Staff	10,690	10,690	0
Volunteers	28,024	27,166	858
Consultants & Professional Fees	554		554
Consultants	554		554
Workshops & Training	20,040	19,306	734
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General Expenditure	22,230	21,729	501
Travel	4,864	2,613	2,251
Information & Public Relations	1,930	125	1,806
Office Costs	400	451	-51
Communications	2,800	2,317	483
Financial Charges	1,001	4,417	-3,416
Other General Expenses	11,235	11,806	-571
Indirect Costs	12,634	11,952	681
Programme & Services Support Recover	12,634	11,952	681
Grand Total	207,000	195,835	11,165