

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA: FLOODS

Appeal no. MDRKP001

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In Brief

Operations Update no. 2; Period covered: 27 August to 07 September, 2007 (including revisions as of 17 September); Appeal target: CHF 6,619,166 (USD 5,481,948 or EUR 4,074,586); Appeal coverage: 31¹ %; Outstanding needs: CHF 1,279,705 (USD 1,063,761 or EUR 778,409)

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Appeal history:

- Launched on 20 August 2007 for CHF 6,619,166 (USD 5,481,948 or EUR 4,074,586) for six months to assist 3.7 million beneficiaries,
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: 15 August 2007, for CHF 250,000 (USD 205,572 or EUR 153,355),
- Final report is due on May 2008.

Operational Summary: Devastating rains and floods have affected nine provinces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). With nearly one million people affected, the DPRK Red Cross Society (DPRKRCS) has been responding with relief supplies and mobilizing tens of thousands of volunteers.

Under three objectives of this emergency appeal, the DPRK RCS plans to improve the basic health care by providing emergency health kits, cholera kits, first aid kits and other medical items to selected health care facilities. Chlorine will be distributed to 22 counties, accompanied by health promotion and education activities. Non-food relief items have been distributed to 22,899 families, which accounts for 92 percent of those who completely lost their homes. This summary provides an overview of the Red Cross' efforts in DPRK over the past week.



Temporary tents in Jong Yang Jang Ri, Maengsan County (South Phyongan province) where residents are taking shelter after their houses were destroyed or damaged by the floods. The Federation/Muhammad Khalid.

¹ While the appeal coverage on the Federation website stands at 31 per cent, it is more accurately placed at **81 per cent**. This is because a number of confirmed pledges are still being processed and are not reflected in the Federation financial systems yet.

Background

In early August, at least eight provinces and the capital Pyongyang were hit with torrential rains that caused devastating floods and landslides in many areas of the DRPK. It is estimated that 454 were killed, 156 are still missing, and around 170,000 people were left homeless with tens of thousands living in temporary shelters. The DPRK Red Cross was able to take action immediately, mobilizing volunteers and distributing relief items from

their disaster preparedness warehouses. On 20 August, an appeal was sent out for international support. A serious lack of medical supplies and health infrastructure leaves the population vulnerable to consequential public health emergencies. The government has taken action to repair transport routes and began rebuilding houses. The United Nations has recently launched an appeal as well.

The current shortage of interagency emergency health kits (IEHK) globally will be taken into account should the appeal be revised in the coming weeks. In the meantime, there will continue to be ongoing coordination between the Federation, the Ministry of Health and the UN agencies currently coordinating efforts in DPRK.

Operational developments

The DPRK Red Cross has completed the distribution of family kits, covering 92 percent of the families who have lost their homes completely to the floods.

The first ECHO application for EUR 100,000 has been accepted. As a result of low chlorine and transportation costs in China, the application will cover 100 MT of chlorine, which is the complete amount required. A draft of the second ECHO application for EUR 700,000 covering 25 IEHK kits and 5,000 family kits, has been submitted to ECHO Brussels.

A relief delegate from the Swedish Red Cross was accepted and will arrive in Pyongyang on the 15 September for three months.

On 23 August, the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Korea filled 372 trucks carrying 25 MT of relief supplies each from Seoul to Gaesung. A delegation of four people, composed of representatives of the ROK Red Cross, accompanied the shipment. This comes as bilateral support from the ROK Red Cross ([click here for the annex of relief items](#)).

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

Health

Objective 1: The capacity of primary and secondary health care facilities to provide curative and preventive services for 3.7 million people living in affected areas is improved and the capacity to respond to the outbreak of waterborne diseases and manage minor injuries in selected hospitals in the country is strengthened.

Expected Results: Improved access to basic healthcare services in 22 counties/cities

Activities:

- Procure and distribute 130 emergency health kits to 22 flood- affected counties and cities in identified provinces.
- Distribute 20 cholera kits and 500 cartons of dressing materials already positioned in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- Distribute 150 first aid kits to first aid posts in the targeted provinces.
- Replenishment and maintenance of stock with an additional 20 emergency health kits, 20 cholera kits, 500 cartons of dressing materials and 150 first aid kits.

- Monitor and evaluate the drug distribution and utilization.

Update:

There is a lack of IEHKs because of an increased demand caused by heavy flooding in several areas around the world recently.

The first load of medicine arrived at Pyongyang airport on 6 September and consisted 15 IEHKs- a kit can assist 10,000 people for three months. The Federation country delegation expected to receive 250 basic kits and 20 IEHK in this shipment and is investigating why only 15 IEHK were received in this shipment.

The kits were immediately sent to the central medical warehouse. After a quick control and laboratory test by the MoPH, the kits will be distributed. Some 250 basic kits will be distributed to the 22 identified counties/cities in South Phyongan province, South Hamgyong Province and in Kaesong Municipality according to the populations of those areas.



The Federation's first consignment of emergency medical aid is unloaded from a cargo plane in Pyongyang on 6 September. This is the first in a series of shipments carrying relief items supported by the appeal. The Federation/ Muhammad Khalid.

A total of 20 IEHKs (including the kits which have yet to arrive) will be distributed – one kit each for the provincial hospital in South Phyongan and South Hamgyong Provinces while the remaining 18 kits will be distributed to 18 out of 22 identified counties/cities. The four remaining counties will receive kits in the next consignment.

The kits will be distributed to selected primary health institutions in the county/city via the county/city authorities.

A system for monitoring the distribution is being finalised currently.

The next load of medicine consisting of 35 IEHK have been ordered and will be flown in by airfreight to Pyongyang around the 20 September. This load will follow the same procedures as mentioned above.

The distribution of 350 cartons of dressing materials to the 22 selected counties/cities started on Friday 31 August and was completed on Tuesday 4 September.

Altogether 150 cartons of dressing materials and 20 cholera kits, in agreement with WHO and UNICEF, will be kept in the warehouse as an emergency reserve in case of an outbreak of diarrhoea.

The distribution of 130 first aid kits to the first aid posts in the 22 selected counties/cities started on 31 August and was completed on Tuesday 4 September. Some 20 first aid kits have been placed in all DPRK Red Cross Society and Federation vehicles.

A health and nutrition coordination committee, with one/two key persons from WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, Premier Urgence and the Federation has been established and meets on a weekly basis. The MoPH has been invited to join the committee.

The plans in the emergency appeal were based on the expectation that medicines from its annual health programme ([click here for DPRK 2006-2007 annual appeal](#)) to be distributed in the regular Federation medical

distribution programme would arrive at the end of September or the beginning of October. The medicine arrived in Nampo harbour on 1 September, more than a month earlier than scheduled. A total of 4,312 basic medicine kits (specially put together for DPRK) arrived at that time and have been transported to the central medical warehouse.

The national society and the Federation will distribute these medicines (from its regular health programme) to 2007 primary health institutions in five provinces (2,359 kits) – each kit for 3,000 persons for six months. On 10 September, the Federation will return 1,180 (2,360 3 months kits) kits borrowed from UNICEF in June.

The lack of IEHK kits globally and the fact that the Federation's regular kits had arrived earlier than expected has changed some of the presumptions in the emergency appeal. This will be taken into consideration should the appeal be revised in the coming weeks.

Water and Sanitation

Objective 2: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through provision of improved access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion and education to 3.7 million flood affected population in 22 flood affected counties and cities (South Hamgyong, South Phyongan provinces and Kaesong Municipality in North Hwanghae)

Expected Results: Access to sustainable safe water and hygiene awareness among the affected populations

Activities:

- Procure and distribute 99 metric tons of chlorine to county/Ri water storage facilities.
- Hygiene promotion and health education by the DPRK Red Cross volunteers in communities and at first aid posts.
- Training of Red Cross volunteers in communicable disease prevention and control, including CBFA.

Update:

Chlorine has been procured regionally by the regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur, and will be delivered in 50 kg drums. The consignment will arrive by train from China in two loads. The distribution lists are ready and the chlorine will be distributed to the 22 selected counties/cities in S. Phyongan, S. Hamgyong and Kaesong according to the population in each area.

A water and sanitation coordination committee which meets on a weekly basis has been established and is also represented by the Federation.

The training of the Red Cross volunteers in communicable disease prevention was completed on 31 August. The Red Cross volunteers are now busy with health promotion, health education and community-based first aid.

Non-food items

Objective 3: The capacity of 21,000 flood affected families to cope with the disaster is improved through provision of non-food relief items for three months. (Kangwon, North Hwanghae, South Hwanghae, South Phyongan, South Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong Municipality)

Expected Results: Targeted/Identified flood affected families have received essential non-food items and have mechanisms to cope with their situation

Activities:

- Identify, register and verify beneficiaries.
- Mobilize Red Cross volunteers to register beneficiaries and to distribute family kits.
- Distribute 21,038 family kits (four blankets, one 20-liter water container, one 4x6m plastic sheet, 300 water purification tablets and one set of basic kitchen equipment) to 21,038 affected families in identified areas.
- Monitor distribution and carry-out ongoing assessment to establish further non-food item needs.

- Purchase 21,000 family kits as replenishment of distributed stock.

Update:

During the period between 10 August and 4 September, the DPRK Red Cross Society sent out a total of 17 teams for assessment, identification, registration and verification of beneficiaries. The teams have also been monitoring the distribution of non food items.

The teams have covered five provinces as follows:

- South Hwanghae: three teams
- North Hwanghae: three teams
- South Phyongan: three teams
- South Hamgyong: four teams
- Kangwon: four teams

The teams from the national society's headquarters has covered about 82 percent of the flood affected counties/cities, while the other 18 percent has been covered by teams from the local Red Cross branches.

The Federations health delegate has visited a total of four counties in North Hwanghae, South Hamgyong and South Phyongan provinces. The Federation's programme coordinator has visited one county in South Phyongan Province and one county in Kangwon Province, the latter with the participation of the DPRKs ECHO representative. The Federation has also chaired assessments conducted with the UN.

The distribution of non-food items started on 11 August after the first assessments were made. The distribution was completed on 3 September.

About 15,000 Red Cross volunteers have been participating in the distribution of the family kits.

Most of the kits were distributed up until 23 August. A landslide removed parts of the road between the warehouse in Chongjin and the beneficiaries in South Hamgyong Province. Therefore, the transport of the kits took several more days than planned.

The kits have been distributed to 59 counties in six provinces and to 13 districts of the capitol Pyongyang. The distribution covers a total of 22,899 families, of which 21,038 families have received a complete family kit, and 1,861 families have received a partly complete kit. The total number of beneficiaries is 93,031.

The distribution has covered 92 percent of the affected families that had their houses totally destroyed during the floods. The replenishment of family kits has begun.

Federation Coordination

The Federation is a part of an interagency coordination mechanism which is regularly sharing information with each other. The Federation participated in a UN OCHA meeting in Geneva on 5 September.



Some 372 trucks (25 MT/each vehicle) were mobilized by the ROK Red Cross Society to deliver relief goods to Bongdong, a designated point in Gaesung, DPRK. The ROK RCS.



Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement - Principles and initiatives

Flood relief efforts of the DPRK Red Cross Society, supported by the Federation, adhere to the principles and initiatives of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. Beneficiaries are selected through criteria that ensures the Red Cross is meeting the needs of the most vulnerable.

National Society Capacity Building

Through the support of partners and donors, relief efforts have been strengthened, and the image of the DPRK Red Cross reinforced. Participation in national and international committees has also ensured that the DPRK Red Cross is acting in a coordinated way with support from other partners and the government in the field.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The Federation has continued to support the national society with advocacy and information dissemination on a global level. The East Asia regional representation office in Beijing has brought on an information officer who is addressing questions from the media and other concerned parties on the relief efforts. Further support from the Asia Pacific Zone in Kuala Lumpur and Geneva has provided a steady flow of information to partners.

[Donor response list attached below. Click here to return to the title page.](#)

Additional contributions confirmed but not recorded as of 17 September 07

Date	Donor	Original currency	CHF	Specifications
21-Aug	Swedish Red Cross (Govt source)	4,000,000 SEK	695276 CHF	none
24-Aug	German Red Cross	100,000 Euro	163,547	transport IEHK
31-Aug	ECHO Brussels	960,000 Euro	1,583,856	Revised proposal to be submitted
31-Aug	ECHO Brussels	100,000 Euro	162,504	Chorine
29-Aug	Canadian CIDA/Canadian Red Cross	240,000 CAN\$	277,823	none
	Australian Government	750,000 Aus\$	751,924	none
17-Sep	Norwegian RC	1,159,676 NOK	245,302	in kind
	Kaiser Ritter Partner		50,000	none
22-Aug	Czeck Government	25,000 USD	30,082	One IEHK earmarked
		TOTAL	3,265,038	

How we work

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.

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet 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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Donor response to appeal MDRKP001 - DPR KOREA - FLOODS 2007

TIMEFRAME: 17 Aug 07 to 20 Feb 08

LOCATION: North Korea

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	5,485,476
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	1,705,972
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	31%

Updated on: 18 Sep 2007

	Currency	Amount	Coordination & Implementation	Disaster Management	Health & Care	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Total
			CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
BUDGET				5,485,476				5,485,476
FUNDING								
<u>Opening Balance</u>								
Income								
Cash contributions								
British Red Cross	GBP	30,000		72,600				72,600
Canadian Red Cross	CAD	100,000		113,700				113,700
Danish Red Cross	CHF	61,005		61,005				61,005
German Red Cross	EUR	14,501		23,840				23,840
German Red Cross (from German Government)	EUR	80,000		131,520				131,520
Japanese Red Cross	JPY	30,000,000		310,500				310,500
Netherlands Red Cross	EUR	40,000		65,760				65,760
New Zealand Red Cross	NZD	488,369		415,114				415,114
Singapore Red Cross	SGD	53,281		42,092				42,092
Singapore Red Cross (from Singapore Government)	SGD	53,281		42,092				42,092
Total Cash contributions				1,278,222				1,278,222
Inkind Goods & Transport								
Norwegian Red Cross	CHF	177,750		177,750				177,750
Total Inkind Goods & Transport				177,750				177,750
Other Income								
DREF Allocations	CHF	250,000		250,000				250,000
Total Other Income				250,000				250,000
Total Income				1,705,972				1,705,972
TOTAL FUNDING			0	1,705,972	0	0	0	1,705,972
COVERAGE			0%	31%	0%	0%	0%	31%

List of Relief Items (KRW 4.2 billion)

- not included the logistics and administration cost

Category	Item	Quantity
Food	Instant noodle	3.6 million (EA)
	Instant rice and other emergency food	50,000 (EA)
	Bottled water (2L)	1.8 million (Bottles)
	Soy milk and other beverages	2.7 million (EA)
	Choco Pie	2.4 million (EA)
	Powered milk (for babies)	10,000 (Tins)
	Instant cup noodle	600,000 (EA)
	Hardtack	100,000 (EA)
	Chocolate & Candy Set	5,000 (Set)
Cooking utensil	Portable gas stove	10,000 (EA)
	Gas canister	50,000 (EA)
	Bowl set	1,300 (Set)
Commodities	Towel	20,000 (EA)
	Sleeping bag	5,000 (EA)
	Blanket	30,000 (EA)
Emergency Relief	Emergency aid kit ¹⁾	10,000 (EA)

Kit	First aid kit ²⁾	5,000 (EA)
Others	Water filter	1,000 (Set) * Each set contains 4 million tablets

1) blanket, face tower, tooth brush and paste, soap, toilet tower, pillow

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first aid kits, underwear, razer, sanitary pad, lags