



TAJIKISTAN: EARTHQUAKE

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In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 55,000 (USD 44,716 or EUR 33,196) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will be completed by 25 October 2007; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 25 January 2008). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This operation is aligned with the International Federation's 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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Background and current situation



The Red Crescent disaster response team collected information on the scale of damage, identified needs, and initiated an appropriate response.

On the 22 July at 03:44 in the morning, an earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit Rasht valley in Rasht district. Preliminary information was received from the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) of Tajikistan, the Rasht district branch of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) members working in Rasht valley. The information states that three people were killed, 174 houses were totally destroyed and more than 1,191 houses were partially damaged. In total it can be estimated that more than 7,000 people have been affected.

According to the RCST Disaster Response Team (DRT) of Rasht district, the earthquake caused the following damage: (Note: this is preliminary information, and therefore may change as further assessment work is carried out):

- **Nusratullo Makhsum administrative unit:** Total number of affected houses is 612, out of which 46 are totally destroyed, and 556 are partially destroyed.
- **Kalai Surkh administrative unit:** Total number of affected houses is 763, out of which 128 are totally destroyed, and 635 partially destroyed.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

RCST immediately responded to the earthquake. The National Society DRT of Rasht district (10 people) was deployed to carry out a situation assessment and collect information on the scale of damage, identification of urgent needs, render first aid to the injured population and initiate an appropriate response to the disaster. The situation assessment is ongoing in all affected villages.

The RCST is distributing non-food items from its central warehouse and Rasht valley RCST disaster response contingency stock. These items have so far been distributed:

- 37 tents
- 124 kitchen sets
- 34 hoes
- 64 shovels
- 354 plastic buckets
- 250 blankets
- 133 mattresses
- 150 pillows
- 134 hygiene kits
- 150 lengths of plastic sheeting
- 350 water cans
- 220 bags of second hand clothes
- 52 sets of bed linen

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Government response

As is the norm in Tajikistan, the government takes the main responsibility for responding to disasters both for the emergency phase and the longer term reconstruction. Government Emergency Commission, RCST, World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations Disaster Risk Management Project (UNDRMP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and German Agro Action have deployed assessment teams to prepare a detailed assessment of the affected villages.

The CoES of Tajikistan has established an emergency operation point at the site, providing the affected population with 75 tents. Also, the CoES is conducting an assessment of the destroyed houses in order to provide the affected population with the construction materials to allow them to reconstruct their houses.

The local government of Rasht district allocated five tonnes of sugar, ten tonnes of wheat flour, three tonnes of vegetable oil and four tonnes of rice that are currently being distributed. However, their capacity to meet the full needs of the disaster affected communities in terms of non-food items is limited and they are looking for partners to support in providing food and non-food items.

Representatives of the local government appreciated the relief assistance that the Red Crescent Society has provided.

The local government also plans to give USD 435 to each family whose house has been totally destroyed.

International agencies and NGOs response

UNICEF is responding to the earthquake in Rasht district by providing 380 sets of bed linen, 180 blankets, 180 water cans, 14 cooking sets, one emergency health kit and 7,500 water purification tablets. WFP has provided 328 kg vegetable oil, 8,750 kg wheat flour, 875 kg peas and 109 kg salt.

Immediate needs

Homeless families are living in makeshift shelters in the backyards of their homes. Therefore there is an increased demand for emergency relief items such as plastic sheeting, bed linen, mattresses, pillows, hygiene packets, cooking sets, quilts, blankets, plastic buckets, hoes, shovels and water cans.

The proposed operation

The DREF appeal for CHF 55,000 will support 120 families (600 people) out of the 174 left homeless. These families will be provided with plastic sheeting, bed linen, mattresses, pillows, blankets, hygiene kits, cooking sets, quilts, plastic buckets, hoes, shovels and water cans (10 litre).

Planned activities:

- § compile beneficiary lists;
- § procure 360 lengths of plastic sheeting, 480 sets of bed linen, 480 mattresses, 480 pillows, 240 hygiene kits, 120 cooking sets, 480 quilts, 480 plastic buckets, 480 blankets, 120 hoes, 120 shovels, 480 water cans (10 litre);
- § transport the above items to the disaster site and organize distribution points. This will be done by the RCST branch;
- § distribute three lengths of plastic sheeting, four sets of bed linen, four mattresses, four pillows, two hygiene kits, one cooking set, four quilts, four buckets, four blankets, one hoe, one shovel and four water cans for each family.

Proper recording of all these activities will also be done.

Capacity of the National Society

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The RCST has developed a rapid response mechanism -DRT- at the regional level, as part of the RCST/International Federation strategy to improve the rapid response capacity and to ensure RCST active participation in disaster response activities. The team comprises a trained group of RCST staff and volunteers, together with their equipment, and are based in nine regional disaster response centres ready to be deployed within two to three hours of notice being given of an emergency. These are further supported at the community level by the Local Disaster Committees (LDC).

There is a DRT in Rasht district made up of ten trained volunteers, who will be implementing the response operation under the close supervision of the National Society headquarters DM coordinator.

Capacity of the International Federation

The International Federation will provide support to the RCST in successful implementation of the operation. Country delegation personnel will participate in monitoring of the relief activities.

Coordination

The RCST works closely with various partners through the Disaster Management Partnership in Tajikistan. REACT, which was established by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2001 to promote and share information, logistics and other resources between partners active in the disaster management sector, includes the CoES and the Government of Tajikistan. REACT meetings at district level are convened daily and the National Society branch chairperson attends. Beside the International Federation and RCST, the group involves over 50 state local and international organizations.

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation will be conducted through RCST/Federation's normal accountability and reporting systems.

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Budget Summary

Items	QTY	MEASURE	PRICE PER UNIT CHF	TOTAL (CHF)
Supplies				42,960.00
Plastic sheeting	360	pcs	12	4,320.00
Bed Linen	480	set	9.5	4,560.00
Mattresses	480	pcs	13	6,240.00
Pillows	480	pcs	8	3,840.00
Hygienic packets	240	set	14	3,360.00
Cooking sets	120	set	31	3,720.00
Quilts	480	pcs	10	4,800.00
Plastic buckets	360	pcs	7	2,520.00
Blankets	480	pcs	11	5,280.00
Hoes	120	pcs	6	720.00
Shovels	120	pcs	6	720.00
Water cans (10 ltr)	360	pcs	8	2,880.00
Secretariat Costs				3,575.00
Programme Management Support (6.5%)	1	Lumpsum	3575	3,575.00
Transport				2,542.90
Transportation DP stock	1	Lumpsum	1300	1,300.00
Transport cost during monitoring	1	Lumpsum	1242	1,242.90
Personnel				3,458.36
Accommodation and per diem	1	Lumpsum	50	250.00
Volunteers Support (21 day *2 CHF per day)	10	pers	42	420.00
Federation Salary Finance Manager 2 months	2	months	781.05	1,562.10
Federation Salary DM Officer 2 month	2	month	613.13	1,226.26
Communication				813.74
Federation Internet costs 2 month	2	month	206.87	413.74
Federation Phone costs 2 month	2	month	200	400.00
Visibility				1,650.00
Vests	30	pcs	30	900.00
T-shirts	30	pcs	15	450.00
Caps	30	pcs	10	300.00
Total CHF				55,000.00



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