

DREF operation



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Montenegro: Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 111,031 (USD 113,659 or EUR 85,042) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1600 families or 6630 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains over almost a month caused floods all over Montenegro. Eleven municipalities are seriously affected at the moment: Ulcinj, Bar, Cetinje, Golubovci, Tuzi, Danilovgrad, Nikšić, Kolasin, Andrijevica, Berane and Plav. In total 6630 persons (1600 families) have evacuated from their houses in these municipalities. The Red Cross of Montenegro distributed all of its emergency stock to the affected population and put its logistics department at the disposal of all stakeholders who participate in evacuation and response to the situation.



Vranjina, Golubovci, December 2010. Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by the end of March 2011; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (the end of June 2011).

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The situation

Within the last month massive rainfalls have affected Montenegro causing floods across the whole territory. The most affected municipalities are **Ulcinj, Bar, Cetinje, Golubovci, Tuzi, Danilovgrad, Niksic, Kolasin, Andrijevica, Berane and Plav** where 6630 persons/ 1600 families have been evacuated. In Golubovci 6 villages with 1200 households have been evacuated. They are accommodated in collective shelters and with their relatives.

In Danilovgrad 14 families with 150 persons have been evacuated and are sheltered in the Army of Montenegro facilities or with their relatives.

In Cetinje, 32 families have been evacuated and are accommodated with their relatives.

In Niksic, 24 families have been evacuated and are sheltered in schools.

In Bar (Virpazar) 10 families have been evacuated and are residing placed in schools.

In Tuzi, 15 households have been evacuated and the families are accommodated in the military facilities which have been emptied for this purpose.

In Kolašin, 5 families have been evacuated and are residing with their relatives. In Berane, where one settlement was already evacuated after the first floods some two weeks ago, 160 families were evacuated and are accommodated in collective shelters (sports halls, the local stadium and a factory).

In Plav, a settlement that was seriously affected by the previous flood two weeks ago has suffered even worse – 170 families have been evacuated and are residing in collective shelters – different premises owned by the municipality.

Numerous local roads are closed and many villages are cut off from the rest of their municipalities. Several bridges (in Bijelo Polje, in Berane, in Andrijevica) are damaged and closed for traffic. Main road Podgorica – Niksic was closed on December 03th and 04th since the road was completely flooded near Orja Luka. On December 05th the road was closed again, since a large portion of it it is under water near Nikšić.

The main road Podgorica-Bar has been closed for two days, parts of it in Golubovci and near Skadar Lake being under water. In Nikšić, the lake Vrtac used by the power plant “Peručica” threatens to flood its surroundings. This flood

would cause huge problems not only in the municipality Nikšić, but also in Danilovgrad and all other villages in between. The water level of Skadar Lake continues to increase which could additionally deteriorate situation in Ulcinj. The water level of the river Bojana is increasing, due to the water coming from Skadar Lake. If a dam is broken close to the river Bojana, the whole town of Ulcinj will be flooded.

Water springs at the territory of municipality Golubovci are polluted and forbidden for use. This increases needs for bottled water.

This is the second major flood in Montenegro in two weeks. The previous floods have been responded to through the Red Cross operation supported by the Federation through Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) and it included distribution of basic food and non food items. For details please refer to the appropriate bulletin: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/10/MDRME003do.pdf>

The abovementioned operation, however exhausted the emergency stock of the Red Cross of Montenegro and even with this stock partially being replenished from DREF funds, the needs produced by the new floodwave demand additional procurement. The needs identified through assessment in relation to the newest flood do not overlap with the needs identified in the previous operation and subsequently the two operations are to be seen as independent and the national society needs all the requested funds as described in the attached budget to successfully respond to the new situation.



Water distribution in Golubovci. Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro

Coordination and partnerships

Local Crisis headquarters were established in all affected municipalities. Local Red Cross branches are part of those and local disaster response teams are constantly in the field. An operational team was established at the national level, in Podgorica, consisting of all relevant ministers and directors of institutions who are part of disaster response system in Montenegro. The Red Cross of Montenegro is part of that team and the national society has been given a mandate by the authorities to be responsible for coordinating all donations related to floods response in terms of distribution and logistics. The team meets twice a day in order to discuss the current situation and make plan of action for the day. The police and army of Montenegro assisted in evacuation of the population. A certain number of local donors offered their support in providing relief items but due to the severity of situation, this is not enough.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross of Montenegro distributed all its emergency stock to the affected population. The stock consisted of the received DREF support for the previous operation (which was intended for distribution as well as replenishment) and everything was distributed, leaving the warehouses empty. In coordination with the Recue and Civil Protection Service, the Red Cross of Montenegro distributed jerry cans with technical water (water provided by Rescue and Protection Service and jerry cans provided by the national society) throughout affected villages in Golubovci. Logistics department of the Red Cross of Montenegro assisted in transporting bags used for making provisional embarkments in Ulcinj and Niksic. Local Red Cross branches in Andrijevica, Plav and Berane are coordinating the distribution of all received support from the donors – the items are stored in their warehouses and they are distributing food in the collective shelters.

The Red Cross of Montenegro made a public appeal in media to collect donations. Citizens of Montenegro are invited, according to their capacities, to donate support which will be used for the affected population.

The central Red Cross of Montenegro warehouse is open 24 hours with staff on stand by.

The Red Cross of Montenegro distributed following items for the affected population:

MUNICIPALITY	RELIEF ITEMS		
	Rubber boots	Jerry cans	Hygiene parcels
Golubovci	100	150	540
Ulcinj	50		
Niksic	30	50	
Cetinje	30		
Tuzi		10	
TOTAL	210	210	540

Table 1: Goods distributed by the Red Cross of Montenegro

The needs

Selection of people to be reached: From 11 municipalities in Montenegro, 6630 persons have been evacuated from their homes and sheltered in community centers allocated for this purpose specifically.

The needs of this population, according to the Red Cross assessment are as follows:

Immediate: food, safe drinking water, rubber boots, jerry cans for collecting/ transporting drinking water

Longer term: hygiene parcels, disinfectants, food (to meet the need produced by destruction of winter reserves of food)

The proposed operation

Relief distribution (food)
Outcome: Evacuated population from the 11 municipalities most affected by the floods is provided with food items according to the needs assessment from the field: 3000 cans of food.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

Output: Members of 1600 families from the most affected areas (approximately 6630 people) have their nutritional needs met through provision of food.

Activities

- All of the evacuated population is provided with the necessary food items in two instalments over two months.
- Continuous cooperation with local crisis headquarters and other partners at the field.
- Rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Beneficiary targeting strategy is developed as well as the registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- The relief activities are monitored and evaluated and appropriate reports prepared.
- Exit strategy is developed.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Evacuated population from the 11 municipalities most affected by the floods is provided with emergency relief items according to the needs assessment from the field: 3000 hygiene parcels, 2000 jerry cans, 5000 gallons of bottled water and 3000 litres of disinfectant.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

Output: Members of 1600 families from the most affected areas (approximately 6630 people) have their hygiene needs met through provision of non-food items and safe drinking water

Activities

- All of the evacuated population is provided with the necessary non-food items (rubber boots, jerry cans and water immediately; hygiene parcels and disinfectants over two months)
- The disinfectant will be used in assisting the evacuated families to return to their houses – to ensure the living and storage quarters are hygienically safe for use after the water and mud have been drained and eliminate the risks of water borne diseases after the return
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How we work

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 Disaster 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.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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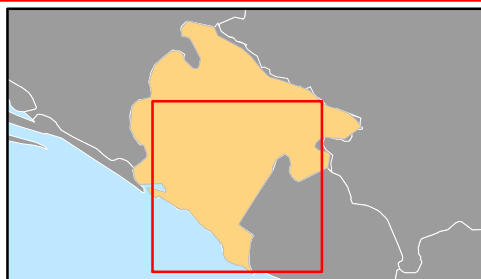
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Clothing & Textiles (rubber boots)	22,710	22,710
Food parcels	13,704	13,704
Water & Sanitation (5000 gallons of water + Hygiene kit+Jerry cans+ disinfectans for the House)	49,725	49,725
Total Supplies	86,139	86,139
Storage	3,915	3,915
Distribution & Monitoring	3,263	3,263
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,958	1,958
Total Transport & Storage	9,136	9,136
International Staff	2,000	2,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	2,000	2,000
National Society Staff and volunteers -	1,958	1,958
Total Personnel	5,958	5,958
Office Costs	522	522
Communications	2,000	2,000
Financial Charges	500	500
Total General Expenditure	3,022	3,022
Program Support	6,777	6,777
Total Programme Support	6,777	6,777
TOTAL BUDGET	111,031	111,031



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 Affected municipalities