

DREF operation update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Tajikistan: Earthquake

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The International Federation's 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 response to emergencies. 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.

Period covered by this update: 6 January to 14 January, 2010.

Summary: CHF 95,705 was allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 6 January, 2010 to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 640 beneficiaries, and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks.

An additional DREF contribution of CHF 36,317 was allocated on 15 January to cover the revised budget.

The reported number of fully destroyed houses increased from 98 to 140 (with 980 residents) while the number of partially damaged houses increased to 958 (with 6,706 residents). People evacuated from the totally destroyed houses are currently accommodated in local mosques, schools and with neighbours and relatives. The Vanj district Red Crescent branch office is also partially damaged.

Since 6 January the 98 most affected households were provided with non-food items as planned. Also winterized tents were distributed to the most affected households in Vanj district centre and Gishkhu village.

Due to continuous tremors and the psychological effects of the disaster on the population, as well as the reported increase in the number of affected households, the operation will be extended by including the following activities: psychosocial support for 140 households and provision of construction materials for 10 households. The budget is revised accordingly to CHF 133,022.

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months as initially planned, and completed by 5 May, 2010. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 5 August, 2010).

The Netherlands Red Cross contributed CHF 44,630 and the Canadian government CHF 25,268 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The DREF allocation is already replenished by 75 per cent. The Turkish Red Crescent contributed EUR 5,000 directly to the Red



Red Crescent disaster response team assessing further needs in Vanj district.

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Crescent Society of Tajikistan.

Details of all donors can be found on <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

On 2 January the earthquake mainly hit the administrative centre of Vanj district and the nearby villages of Gishkhund, Rogh, Uskrogh and Payshanbeobod as well as some villages in the Yazgulem jamoat.

Tremors have continued since then and created panic amongst the population in Vanj district. Due to this, the affected population refuse to spend the nights in their houses. According to specialists, the situation that emerged requires the immediate relocation of some 200 families to safe places. Specialists from the State Committee for Emergency Situations (CES) say continuing tremors are making inconsiderable damage more serious. *“On 7-8 January alone, three tremors measuring 2.0 to 4.0 on the Richter scale could be felt in the Vanj district again.”* the CES said.

According to the latest information received from the Tajikistan Red Crescent’s national disaster response team and the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) partners, the total number of fully destroyed houses increased to 140 with 980 residents, while the number of partially damaged houses increased to 958 with 6,706 residents. People evacuated from the totally destroyed houses are currently accommodated in local mosques, schools and with neighbours and relatives. The Vanj district Red Crescent branch office is also partially damaged.

Several medical points including the Vanj central district hospital have been damaged, nevertheless they are still operational, except of the district health centre (outpatient clinic), which is seriously damaged and non-functional. Secondary schools no. 4 and 5 and music school no. 1 in Vanj district centre have been damaged; however assessments indicated that the premises could still be used. (See more at: www.untj.org)

As most of the immediate needs are already being met by the government as well as REACT partners, the State Committee for Emergency Situations emphasizes the urgency of the need for construction materials for more than 100 houses, as well as support for the construction of seismic proof homes.

Coordination and partnerships

The country’s government is taking all necessary measures to provide assistance to the affected population and to rehabilitate the damaged residential buildings and facilities in Vanj. The first bulk of humanitarian aid was delivered to the area on 6 January. The assistance included wheat flour, vegetable oil, macaroni, rice and sugar, totalling 25 tons and 110 tents provided from the president’s resident’s fund as well as 50 heated tents provided by UN agencies in Tajikistan. However, the country’s authorities are not able to remove the effects of the earthquake on their own.

On 11 January, 2010, Tajikistan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs has appealed to international humanitarian organizations and UN agencies present in the country with solicitation to mobilize existing resources to provide urgent assistance in the form of building materials or finances as well as support for the construction of standard quakeproof residential buildings for the people affected by the earthquake.

Local authorities are currently experiencing an acute shortage of building materials, fuel, foodstuff and medicines. International organizations such as the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, UNDP, UNICEF, Global Partners, and FOCUS have provided foodstuff and primary necessities to the affected population.

The German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) has provided 619 warm blankets, 475 tents, and 2,000 pairs of woollen socks for adults and children.

REACT, which is the disaster management partnership in Tajikistan, was established in 2001 to promote the sharing of information, logistics and other resources between partners active in the disaster management sector, including the Committee of Emergency Situations and the government of Tajikistan. The group that involves over 50 state, local and international organizations and entities meets regularly to coordinate and share experiences on issues related to various areas of disaster management, including preparedness, response, mitigation and capacity building activities with national bodies. During emergency situations the partnership works closely together, coordinating response and assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Crescent is continuing its response activities according to the initial plan. The Red Crescent disaster management staff from the headquarters is supporting the Vanj branch national disaster response team in making the response more effective. Currently, the Red Crescent national disaster response team continues the assessments and constantly monitors the development of the situation.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: 98 most affected households (640 people) in Vanj district are provided with basic non-food items

Activities planned:

- Conduct detailed emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver assistance.
- Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with the local authorities and in accordance with the Red Crescent's assessment procedures and format.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and report on the relief distributions.
- As part of the monitoring and evaluation activities, conduct a survey among the people reached to find out what they felt about the goods and services they received.

Progress: Since 6 January in total 98 most affected households were provided with non-food items as planned. The 25 most affected households in Rokharv village, Vanj jamoat had received humanitarian aid from the pre-positioned stocks of the Vanch district disaster management centre. The remaining 73 households received the following items transported from the Red Crescent central warehouse in Dushanbe:

- 73 bedding sets
- 73 hygiene kits
- 73 water cans
- 73 kitchen sets
- 73 hoes
- and 73 shovels

The procurement of non-food items meant for the replenishment of the emergency stocks in the Vanj disaster management centre and the central warehouse in Dushanbe has started and is expected to be completed by 20 January, 2010.

Due to continuous tremors and the psychological effects of the earthquake on the population, as well as the reported increase in the number of affected households, the current DREF operation will be extended by including the following activities:

- psychosocial support
- provision of construction materials for 10 households including nails, roofing nails and iron, cement, framing timber, door and door hinge, window and window hinge

Emergency health

Objective: 140 households (980 people) have benefited from psychosocial support to recover from the effects of the earthquake aftershocks.

Activities planned:

- Complete the detailed psychosocial support needs assessment.
- Develop community and beneficiary targeting strategy in coordination with local and health authorities.
- Prioritize beneficiaries (children, women, older people)

- Establish a psychosocial support team with support from an internationally deployed consultant who will provide training to 16 Red Crescent staff and volunteers.
- Deliver psychosocial support to prioritized beneficiaries.
- Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey in all targeted villages.

Progress: The Tajikistan Red Crescent team consisting of three trained people is currently conducting an assessment of psychosocial support needs. The assessment will be conducted in all 20 affected villages.

Emergency shelter

Objective 1: 50 most affected households out of 98 preliminary targeted households are provided with family winterized tents.

Objective 2: 10 households out of 98 households are provided with construction materials and tools to help them cope with the consequences of the earthquake, and preserve their human dignity.

Activities planned:

- Complete the detailed emergency shelter needs.
- Prepare lists of beneficiaries together with the local authorities and in accordance with the assessment procedures and format.
- Procure and transport items to affected areas.
- Distribute supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief and psycho-social support activities and report on the relief distributions.
- Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey in all targeted villages.

Progress: 50 winterized tents have been already distributed to the most affected households in Vanj district centre and Gishkhund village. The procurement of construction tools has started and distribution is expected to be completed by 20 January.

Revised budget

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| <u>RELIEF NEEDS</u> | |
| Shelter | 23,500 |
| Construction Materials | 24,230 |
| Clothing & Textiles | 28,659 |
| Utensils & Tools | 3,920 |
| Other Supplies & Services | 3,430 |
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| Total Relief Needs | 83,739 |
| <u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES</u> | |
| Distribution & Monitoring | 2,970 |
| Transport & Vehicles Costs | 13,200 |
| <u>PERSONNEL</u> | |
| National Society Staff | 6,865 |
| Consultants | 7,000 |
| <u>WORKSHOPS & TRAINING</u> | |
| Workshops & Training | 7,000 |
| <u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u> | |
| Information & Public Relations | 2,240 |
| Communication Costs | 950 |
| <u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u> | |
| Programme Support - PSR | 8,058 |
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| Total Operational Needs | 48,283 |
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| DREF ALLOCATION | 132,022 |

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 International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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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