

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

PAKISTAN: BALUCHISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK002
GLIDE n° [EQ-2008-000206-PAK](#)
Operations update n° 03
6 February 2009

Period covered by this Ops Update: 18 December 2008 to 25 January 2009

Appeal target (current): CHF 2.5 million (USD 2.08 million or EUR 1.65 million); [<click here to view the attached Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

Appeal coverage: 83%; including soft pledges and contributions in the pipeline. [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)



A Pakistan Red Crescent Society/International Federation constructed model emergency winter shelter. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was launched on 19 November 2008 for CHF 2.5 million (USD 2.08 million or EUR 1.65 million) to provide 4,000 emergency shelter provisions to the families (10 persons per family) affected by the earthquakes which struck Baluchistan on 29 October 2008.

Summary: *The shelter operation has been completed.* The emergency shelter distributions were completed in 23 days (from 14 December 2008 to 5 January 2009) by several teams comprising of 58 volunteers and staff from the national society. At the moment, assessments are being conducted to identify if any families are missed out for distribution of shelter items. All the shelter items were delivered in Quetta by the suppliers from 8 December 2008 to 4 January 2009.

Under the Baluchistan earthquake appeal, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)/International Federation has distributed a total of 3,735 and constructed 35 model emergency winter shelters for demonstration and dissemination.

The emergency needs of the earthquake affected families are expected to be met by the end January 2009. However, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) plans to carry out a three-month post emergency operation.

Under the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) Emergency Appeal and bilateral assistance, the PRCS has provided food and non-food items to 14,000 families and has treated more than 5,000 patients.

To date, the following national societies have contributed to the International Federation's emergency appeal: British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Republic of Korea Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross and the International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF). The PRCS/International Federation response was also bilaterally supported by Red Cross, Kuwait Red Crescent and Spanish Red Cross.

The International Federation, on behalf of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, would like to thank all partners for their response to this appeal to date.

The situation

A series of powerful earthquakes shook the south-western province of Baluchistan in the early hours of 29 October 2008. The epicenter of these earthquake was Wam Kotli (in Ziarat district) 80 kilometers northwest of Quetta. The earthquakes seriously affected the districts of Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. According to the provincial government, a total of 166 people lost lives while more than 320 have been injured. Aftershocks can still be felt in the affected areas.

Baluchistan is largely made-up of two ethnic groups; the Baluchis and the Pakhtuns. The Pakhtuns are in majority in the north while the Baluchis are mainly present in the south of the province. The earthquake affected population mostly comprise of Pakhtuns, who live at elevations between 5,000 to 7,600 feet above sea level.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological department, the temperatures in Pashin and Ziarat are expected drop between -1 and -3 degrees during night time. The weather is expected to remain dry and cold during the next week.

The United Nations (through its various agencies) is carrying out a multi-sector relief effort in the



Beneficiaries loading corrugated galvanized iron (CGI) sheets on a trolley at Pitao village in Ziarat. More than 3,700 families have emergency winter shelter items from Pakistan Red Crescent Society and the International Federation. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

affected areas. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and various local and international non-government organizations are also carrying out relief and health activities in the earthquake affected areas.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) divided the earthquake affected families into four categories based on the amount of damage attained by their dwellings and the number of lives lost. The classification of these categories is as follows:

Category A: Completely damaged dwellings, family members died.

Category B: Partially damaged (up to 50 per cent) dwellings, family members injured.

Category C: Minor damaged dwellings, family members with minor injuries.

Category D: Minor damaged dwellings.

Of the total needs identified by the emergency shelter cluster for winterized shelters, approximately 9,500 have been distributed to date. The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), along with the International Federation and ICRC, has met the needs of approximately 6,000 emergency shelters, out of which 4,000 emergency winter shelters have been committed by the International Federation under this appeal. During the course of the operation, some families migrated to warmer places in the province; however, this did not affect the total number of shelters required by much.

The emergency needs of the affected families in Baluchistan are expected to be met by the end of January 2009. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in Pakistan put out a post-earthquake response plan for Baluchistan in December 2008. The aim of the plan is to execute the IASC Baluchistan post-earthquake winter emergency response plan effective to the end of March 2009, with a special focus on vulnerabilities stemming from shelter inadequacy.

Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation coordinated regularly with the PRCS, ICRC as well as the other partner national societies, including the British, Danish, Netherlands, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Red Cross, who were either working in Baluchistan or providing funds to support this appeal. This coordination was carried out both in national (Islamabad) and provincial (Quetta) levels.

Inter-agency coordination meetings are organized frequently in Quetta, Pashin and Ziarat. Apart from the Movement partners present in the area, coordination meetings in Quetta are attended by the provincial administration, military, the UN and other local and international non-government organizations. In Ziarat and Pashin, daily coordination meetings are held with the local authorities. The daily coordination meetings in Islamabad, organized by the NDMA, are attended by the PRCS disaster management department. The International Federation, through its head of office, has been visiting the chairman of the NDMA to highlight the potential of emergency shelters in such disasters.

Under the emergency cluster system, the following clusters have been operational for the Baluchistan earthquake: shelter; health and nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); food and agriculture; logistics; protection and education.

Under the emergency cluster system, the emergency shelter cluster (convened by the International Federation) organizes regular coordination meetings in Quetta and Ziarat. Various shelter cluster documents are available on the following website: <http://groups.google.com/group/ESC-Baluchistan>. The emergency shelter cluster consists of a coordinator and an information manager, supported by three locally hired national staff.

The emergency shelter cluster maintained strong coordination with protection and wash clusters.

The emergency shelter cluster is preparing for the handover for the recovery phase. The official handover to UN-HABITAT was done on 27 January 2009.

National Society Capacity Building:

The PRCS is the lead agency in the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement response to the Baluchistan earthquake. The national society is responsible for implementing the activities in the field through its Baluchistan provincial branch. The International Federation's country office provided technical/management support through a team based in Quetta. To cover the shelter needs of the earthquake affected people, the national society had the following teams: assessment/distribution team, model shelter construction team and dissemination team. These teams divided their time in both the districts (Ziarat and Pashin) where this operation was being implemented.

In order to further develop and enhance the disaster response capacity of the Baluchistan provincial branch, a branch disaster response team (BDRT) training was organized in Quetta from 12 to 18 January. The objective of the training was to strengthen the PRCS capacity and to document the lessons learnt (separate sessions planned) and best practices of the Baluchistan earthquake operation. Approximately 30 participants, comprising of disaster management officers from different disaster management cells and volunteers in Baluchistan, attended the training. A prerequisite for the participants was set, that every participant should have prior experience of working in emergency phase of a disaster.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The PRCS/International Federation have completed the shelter operation; the distributions of among 3,588 emergency winter shelter packages, which were allocated by the emergency shelter cluster and PDMA, have been completed. The team in Baluchistan is now identifying gaps and distributing the emergency shelter kits among the families still in need. Additional gap distributions have brought the total number of families covered to 3,735.

The PRCS, along with its bilateral partners and ICRC, has provided food and non-food items to more than 14,000 earthquake affected families in Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. The items distributed include 9,950 summer tents, 2,146 winterized tents, 28,090 blankets, 6,327 tarpaulins, 3,502 stoves, 1,133 quilts, 3,658 kitchen sets, 9,719 jerry cans and 1,914 food packs. These distributions have been stopped now with the last one carried out on 15 December 2008.

The PRCS/ ICRC have distributed a total of 2,060 CGI sheets in Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai under the separate appeal of ICRC. As a bilateral initiative, the Turkish Red Crescent has completed the housing project for 120 families in Ziarat.

The PRCS health teams based in Quetta (funded through the International Federation) were based in Ziarat for two weeks after the disaster. Under its emergency appeal, ICRC has recruited new health staff for Ziarat; this new staff member has been working in the field since 16 November 2008. The PRCS/ ICRC medical team has provided health and care to approximately 5,000 patients to date. The common diseases found among the patients are respiratory tract infections, pneumonia, diarrhoea and psychological trauma.

In addition to the partner national societies that have made contributions to the PRCS relief operation, the German Red Cross (contribution also made by the German government) has made a bilateral contribution of EUR 230,000 for the procurement of 4,000 shelter repair kits, 30,000 bamboos and 9,000 timber planks.

Progress towards objectives

Shelter

Objective: To meet the emergency winter shelter needs of 4,000 vulnerable families (some 40,000 beneficiaries, 10 persons per family) in the affected areas in Ziarat and Pashin districts in the south-west province of Baluchistan in Pakistan.

Emergency relief (shelter)

Expected result	Activities planned
4,000 families are living in emergency shelters provided by the PRCS/International Federation to cope with the harsh winter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement, following International Federation standard procedures, of 4,000 emergency winter shelter packages. • Construction of emergency model winter shelters. • Dissemination of Red Cross Red Crescent principles. • Distribution of shelter items among the identified families.

Progress: Under the Baluchistan emergency appeal, the PRCS/International Federation completed the allocation of 3,588 (Categories A and B) shelter kits on 4 January 2009. In late December 2008, the emergency shelter cluster allocated an additional 833 families in Ziarat to the PRCS/ International Federation, which were previously to be covered by the ICRC. Shelter items were also distributed to these families until 4 January. For the remaining shelter items, the PRCS/International Federation team in Baluchistan is carrying supplementary assessments to identify gaps and distributing shelter items to the families. Targeted people for the supplementary distributions are widows, elderly without close family support, households headed by adolescents, indigents and the disabled. The second round of distributions brings the total number of families assisted to 3,735.



Beneficiaries receiving emergency shelter items in Zindra union council in Ziarat. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

On request from the emergency protection cluster, the PRCS provincial assessment/distribution team identified 229 vulnerable families in Pashin district. Distribution among these allocated families is expected to be concluded by early February 2009.

The details of these distributions are as follow:

District	Union Councils	CGI sheets	Tarpaulins	Shelter repair kits	Bamboos	Timber planks	Total families
Ziarat (Total=1,458 families)	Kuch	780	130	65	195	650	65
	Kawas	4,140	690	345	1,035	3,450	345
	Ziarat	3,000	500	250	750	2,500	250
	Zindra	9,576	1,595	798	2,394	7,980	798
Pashin (Total= 2,253 families)	Khushab	9,180	1,530	765	7,650	2,295	765
	Rodh Muzalai	7,500	1,250	625	6,250	1,875	625
	Khanozai	4,884	814	407	4,070	1,221	407
	Balozai	3,384	564	282	2,820	846	282
	Dilsora	2,376	396	198	1,980	594	198
Total		44,820	7,470	3,735	27,144	21,411	3,735

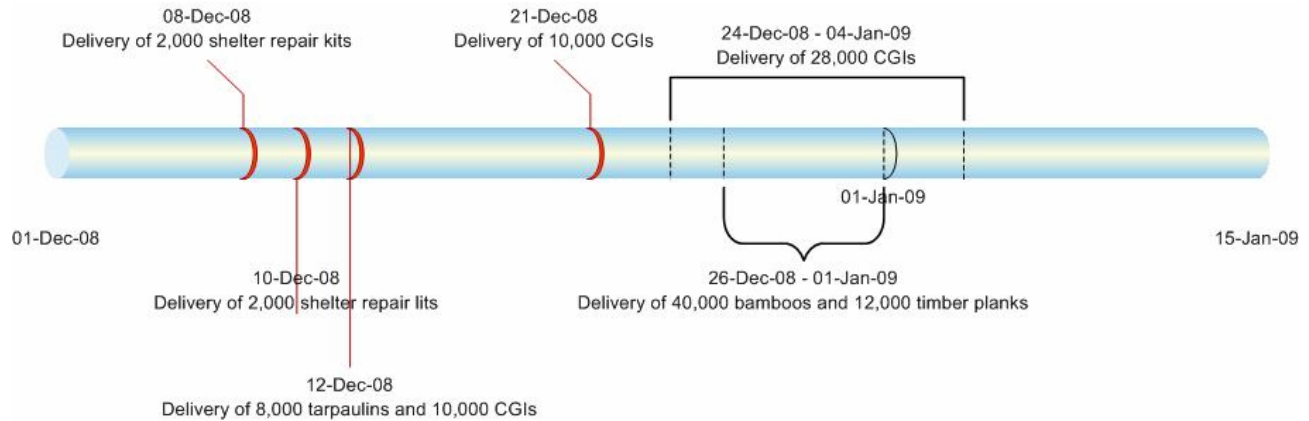
The shelter construction team erected a total of 35 model shelters until 2 January 2009. These model shelters (along with two-pager guidelines) have been erected as exemplars for the affected people. The shelter items that have been distributed can be used in different ways by the beneficiaries. The construction of the model shelters was carried out simultaneously in the areas where distributions were carried out. The beneficiaries were able to see the whole construction process and ask questions.

Breakdown of the model shelters are as follows:

District	Number of model shelters constructed
Pashin	24
Ziarat	10
Quetta, provincial headquarters	1
Total	35

The PRCS dissemination team carried out door-to-door visits to the targeted families (to whom shelter packages were distributed). The team carried out its activities until 3 January. The dissemination team helped to harmonize the expectations of targeted people in accordance with the PRCS/International Federation emergency shelter package.

The delivery of the shelter items from the suppliers was done on the following dates:



Emergency shelter items laid-out before start of a distribution in Pashin district. Each family received 12 CGI sheets, two tarpaulins, one shelter repair kit, 10 bamboos and three timber planks. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

Challenges: One of the biggest challenges faced by the PRCS/International Federation teams in Baluchistan was the harsh weather. The other challenge faced by the teams was timely delivery of the supplies. These two challenges delayed the distribution of the shelter items among the affected families by five days.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

A PRCS/International Federation press briefing was organized at the Quetta press club on 5 January 2009. A total of 46 people belonging to provincial and national media attended the briefing. The International Federation's Baluchistan operations coordinator gave a presentation on the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and the shelter operation. The media personnel were also given a press release with facts and figures. This press briefing

was covered in six Urdu and three English dailies. The press briefing was also covered on six national news channels.

An informal media briefing/dinner was conducted on 28 December 2008. It was attended by bureau chiefs from six local news channels and reporters from national Urdu and English dailies. This session was led by the PRCS Secretary Baluchistan branch and supported by the International Federation.

A field visit was carried out to Pishin with Samaa TV (local Urdu news channel) and Daily Awam (local Urdu daily) to profile the shelter operation on 29 December 2008.

To date, the International Federation's communications team has posted three information bulletins and three (including this update) operation updates on the website (www.ifrc.org) for this disaster. The communications team has also done two stories on this earthquake.

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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MDRPK002 - Baluchistan Earthquake

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2008/1-2008/12
Budget Timeframe	2008/1-2009/12
Appeal	MDRPK002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	2,499,553					2,499,553
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	137,665					137,665
<i>Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)</i>	145,989					145,989
<i>Korea Republic Red Cross</i>	30,000					30,000
<i>New York Office (from United States - Private Donors)</i>	27					27
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	75,520					75,520
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	272,465					272,465
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)</i>	100,000					100,000
C1. Cash contributions	761,665					761,665
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>	38,044					38,044
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	14,966					14,966
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>	299,312					299,312
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	352,321					352,321
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	1,113,987					1,113,987
D. Total Funding = B + C	1,113,987					1,113,987
Appeal Coverage	45%					45%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	1,113,987					1,113,987
E. Expenditure	-864,353					-864,353
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	249,633					249,633

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		2,499,553					2,499,553	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief		738,629					738,629	-738,629
Shelter - Transitional	1,920,000							1,920,000
Construction Materials		2,169					2,169	-2,169
Clothing & textiles		722					722	-722
Other Supplies & Services	3,000							3,000
Total Supplies	1,923,000	741,520					741,520	1,181,480
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	7,714							7,714
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	7,714							7,714
Transport & Storage								
Storage	9,500	424					424	9,076
Distribution & Monitoring	10,000	164					164	9,836
Transport & Vehicle Costs	60,274	26,445					26,445	33,829
Total Transport & Storage	79,774	27,033					27,033	52,741
Personnel								
International Staff	36,000	1,097					1,097	34,903
National Staff	66,024	13,724					13,724	52,300
National Society Staff	129,519	2,214					2,214	127,305
Consultants	39,855							39,855
Total Personnel	271,398	17,035					17,035	254,363
General Expenditure								
Travel	31,720	8,553					8,553	23,167
Information & Public Relation	6,900	486					486	6,414
Office Costs	9,438	4,998					4,998	4,440
Communications	7,138	961					961	6,177
Financial Charges		32					32	-32
Other General Expenses		787					787	-787
Total General Expenditure	55,196	15,818					15,818	39,378
Programme Support								
Program Support	162,471	59,052					59,052	103,419
Total Programme Support	162,471	59,052					59,052	103,419
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		3,896					3,896	-3,896
Total Operational Provisions		3,896					3,896	-3,896
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,499,553	864,353					864,353	1,635,200
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,635,200					1,635,200	