

DREF operation update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Montenegro: Floods

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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: 26
November to 14 December, 2007.

Summary: CHF 62,578 (USD 55,973 or € 37,926) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the national society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,086 beneficiaries.

The Red Cross of Montenegro branches in the municipalities affected by the floods have been monitoring the situation and assessing the needs of the population. The most vulnerable population, 70 evacuated families in the municipality of Rozaje have been supported through the provision of relief assistance (hygiene parcels, blankets and jerry cans). The procurement of goods as listed in the DREF budget is ongoing.



The main street in Rozaje

The Netherlands Red Cross contributed to the replenishment of the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund with an allocation of €18,025.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by March, 2008; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by May 2008).

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The situation

Severe flooding affected the area of Kolašin in central Montenegro on 26 November 2007, mostly in the upper stretches of the river Tara. In Kolasin municipality, the river broke one part of the dam at Bečova bara. Rescue teams were trying to prevent further water overflow near the urban settlement of Lug all day on 26

November. The gravest situation was in the villages under the mountain of Kom in Mataševo and Skrbuša, but also in one part of Kolašin, Trebaljevo and Sjerogošt.

The floods continued in the following days, affecting the municipalities of Andrijevica, Berane, Rozaje, Plav, Mojkovac, Bijelo Polje and Podgorica as well. The situation was the gravest in Rozaje, where more than a hundred families were evacuated from their flooded homes. The towns of Berane and Andrijevica also suffered great damage; around 40 more households were severely affected. In Andrijevica, the floods damaged three bridges on the river Krastica in the following villages: Prljanija, Oblo brdo and Obzovik. Local roads between Djulice-Kuti, Andrijevica-Kuti, Djulice-Josanica and the main road between Andrijevica – Berane were severely damaged. In the basin of the Sekularska river the waterworks were damaged (waterpipes were damaged over a distance of more than 100m), leaving the local population with no access to drinking water. In Berane, the water from public waterworks cannot be used for drinking either. Smaller scale damage was also reported in the remaining municipalities and 50 more households needed assistance.

In the following days, the water levels in the rivers have receded, and there is no danger of new flooding. The damage made on the households is being repaired. Most of the evacuated families still stay with their host families (relatives and friends), waiting for the financial support from the municipality in order to make their heavily damaged homes suitable for living again.

The Red Cross of Montenegro branches have been acting in unison with the local crisis headquarters in the affected municipalities, joining in the assessment of needs and the response to the floods. The local Red Cross in Berane has distributed some basic relief items:

Hygiene items	156
Baby sets	26
Clothes and shoes	For 104 people

Coordination and partnerships

All the actions are coordinated by the municipality crisis headquarters, and the Red Cross local branches have their representatives in these bodies. These crisis headquarters coordinate the activities of all the stakeholders participating in the alleviation of the impact of the disaster. The Red Cross local branches also played an important role in the needs assessment together with other parties.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective 1: 179 families affected by the floods across six municipalities are provided with canned food to assist them through the first several days of coping with the damage made to their households, until they are able to prepare their own food again.

Objective 2: 120 evacuated families are provided with 360 sets of blankets, mattresses and bed linen, responding to their needs for accommodation outside their own houses, until the damage to their houses is mitigated and they can move back in.

Activities planned:

- Assessment of needs;
- Creation of beneficiary lists;
- Distribution of food and non-food items;
- Monitoring.

Based on the assessment of needs, even before the DREF funds have been allocated, the following items were distributed to the 70 most vulnerable evacuated families in Rozaje:

Item	Amount
Hygiene parcels	70
Blankets	140
Plastic sheets	400 m ²

The remaining goods are going to be distributed as soon as the procurement is finished (the week of 17 December).

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, through the use of water tanks and jerry cans, as well as hygiene promotion, until the existing water infrastructure is safe to use again.

Activities planned:

- Assessment of needs;
- Provision of potable water and hygiene promotion for 179 families in the affected area.

The 70 most vulnerable evacuated families in Rozaje have been provided with 70 jerry cans (15 litres in volume) so they can supply themselves with fresh drinking water provided by the municipality.

The procurement officer of the Federation's representation in Belgrade has spent two days in the Red Cross of Montenegro assisting with the procurement. All the bids were received and the contracts with the suppliers are going to be signed during the week of 17 December, when the goods will be delivered as well.

Following a more thorough assessment of needs since the launch of the DREF request, the budget was revised to correspond with the situation. The main difference in comparison with the original budget is in the average number of family members per family, rising from three to four.

The following table describes the current budget that the procurement process follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit	TOTAL
Supplies			
Blankets	480	Piece	10,989
Mattresses	480	Piece	8,910
Jerry Cans (15 litres, plastic, foldable with screw cap)	90	Piece	1,633
Rubber Boots	250	Piece	2,640
Plastic Sheet	400	Piece	2,310
Canned Food	250	Parcel	11,088
Hygiene Parcel	250	Parcel	3,432
Disinfectant	250	Piece	2,145
Bed Sheet	480	Piece	9,504
Sub-Total			52,651
Transport & Distribution			
Packing (Material & Human Resources)			975
Loading / Unloading			660
Distribution (Local Branch)			1,749
Monitoring (IFRC coordination in the field)			2,475
Geneva Costs			
Program Management Support (6.5%)			4,068
TOTAL CHF			62,578

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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