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Emergency appeal revision

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Floods

 International Federation
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Revised Appeal n° MDRBA009	57,500 people to be assisted	Appeal launched May 2014 ; Revised: October 2014
Glide n° FF-2014-000059-BIH	CHF 3.97m Appeal budget (revised)	Ends April 2015 (extended from February 2015)

Summary

This revised Emergency Appeal seeks a total of some **CHF 3.9m** (decreased from CHF 4.5m) to enable the IFRC to support the **Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (RCSBiH)** to deliver assistance and support to a total of some **57,500 people** (40,000 from the emergency phase, and 17,505 in the revised appeal), with a focus on the ongoing emergency and winter preparedness activities in the form of shelter (unconditional cash grant), livelihoods, psychosocial support, water sanitation and hygiene promotion support. The revised plan reflects a decreased number of beneficiaries, an extended timeframe, and a shift in the planned activities. The planned response reflects the current situation and information available at this point of the evolving operation, and will be adjusted based on further developments and more detailed assessments.

Details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) [<click here>](#)

The disaster and the response to date

13 May 2014: heavy rains cause large-scale flooding with landslides: state of emergency declared

15 May 2014: with over 1 million people affected, request for international assistance

17 May 2014: CHF 334,013 DREF allocated, and a Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) deployed

23 May 2014: Emergency Appeal launched for CHF 4.5m

May through September: operational implementation (reported on in two Operations Updates):

WatSan:

- A total of 8,740 hygiene kits, 2,500 disinfectants, 2,500 water canisters, 5,496 pairs of rubber boots and 40 water pumps distributed through this appeal.
- Water testing: 225 water samples have been taken and tested. Coordination with well disinfection team and hygiene promotion volunteers team established.
- Well cleaning/disinfection: 35 wells have been treated.
- In total 30,000 water purification tablets have been distributed in Brcko district, 800 persons have been reached in Brcko district, two hygiene promotion trainings have been conducted.

Shelter:

- A total of 3,300 blankets 3,300 mattresses, 40 water pumps and 40 dehumidifiers and 1,000 cleaning tools packages have been distributed.
- Cash transfer programme (CTP): phase 1, 100% of beneficiaries received cash transfers. Monitoring data showed that 80% of beneficiaries in CTP phase 1 used cash grants to repair homes.

October 2014: Emergency Appeal revised to CHF 3.9m for 57,500 people (17,500 additional in this revised appeal).

The operational strategy

Summary of major revisions made to the emergency plan of action:

An appeal of CHF 4,522,235 was launched on 15 May 2014 with the start-up funding of CHF 334,013 allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (RCSBiH) to support preparedness activities for 40,000 people (10,000 households) and provide basic emergency relief items, psycho-social assistance and cash transfers as mode of assistance for shelter to those affected by the floods.

This current revision of the Emergency Appeal is seeking to support an additional 17,505 beneficiaries for the next seven months with the main concern being the approaching cold season that is expected to worsen the conditions of beneficiaries, requiring further support for the repair of houses and preparations for winter.



Distribution of relief items in Janja.
Photo by: IFRC

The main changes to the activities in the Revised Emergency Appeal include the following:

1. The RCSBiH response emergency appeal will decrease the number of targeted beneficiaries following continuous needs assessments and focusing on the most vulnerable communities and the needs covered by other humanitarian organization. Also the revision of the Emergency Plan of Action was done taking into consideration the bilateral contribution received by RCSBiH.
2. The RCSBiH will maintain its efforts to provide assistance to the affected population, up to 970 households through unconditional grants expanding the Cash Transfer Programme onto five additional municipalities, and will aim at restoring the livelihood needs of up to 1.000 people.
3. In terms of health-related activities, the RCSBiH will intensify hygiene promotion and water purification activities for 3,000 beneficiaries.
4. For psychosocial support (PSS) related activities, the RCSBiH will increase community psychosocial first aid and preparedness among volunteers to respond to PSS needs of 3,560 beneficiaries.
5. A new sector of programming will now focus disaster preparedness due to the fact that Bosnia and Herzegovina faces recurrent natural disasters.

Needs assessment and beneficiary selection: The direct beneficiaries concerning all sectors of intervention have been identified within the local population based on their level of vulnerability in coping with the disasters. The factors considered in their selection include socio-economic status of the beneficiaries prioritized as most-at-risk, female-headed households and those belonging to large families.

For the cash transfer programme, beneficiary selection, verification, and communication is being conducted following an agreed plan with the National Society. Initial beneficiary selection is currently being done at the local community and branch level. The National Society will use its volunteers to verify the beneficiary list by taking a 10% minimum sampling to verify that beneficiary selection criteria have been followed as directed by the RCSBiH.

Across all programme sectors the priority will be given to:

- Families most affected by the floods and landslides that had to be evacuated from their homes;
- Families with women as breadwinners (widows), older people, young couples with small children/people living with disabilities;
- Families who are not recipients of any substantial assistance from other sources such as the government, NGOs or other organizations).

Proposed sectors of intervention

Coordination and partnerships

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (RCSBiH) has a clearly defined mandate and role in disaster management as well as substantial experience in handling multilaterally supported humanitarian activities and social services in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

The RCSBiH and IFRC have had on-going relief food and non-food item distributions in most of the affected areas including cash distribution programme. On a bilateral basis, Swiss Red Cross and Austrian Red Cross have mobilized substantial support and jointly with RCSBiH, are conducting a programme to support livelihoods recovery and the rehabilitation of houses. The Austrian-led bilateral team is supported by water and sanitation technical specialists from the Croatian and Slovenian Red Cross Societies with technical expertise and knowledge of the local language.

Coordination among Movement partners is being ensured through regular information exchange and meetings. IFRC support is provided to the RCSBiH through the IFRC Country Representation office and Europe Zone.

Since the beginning of the operation, UN agencies have also worked closely with local governments at all levels and crisis centres throughout the country. The Government of BiH is in charge of coordinating humanitarian aid at the national level.

RCSBiH established cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the methodology for psychosocial support was agreed upon.

Several European Union Civil Protection Participating States have joined the relief operation of the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

International assistance has been provided by numerous governments and international organizations since the onset of the disaster.

Disaster preparedness, risk reduction

Outcome 1: The human resources in disaster management of the National Society to respond to the emergency situations are strengthened

Output 1. 45 Red Cross local branches have been strengthened to provide efficient response to the consequences of floods and other natural disasters through lessons learnt workshops, water rescue and disaster preparedness refreshment training.

Outcome 2: The equipment of the NS to respond to the emergency situations is strengthened.

Output 2.1 RCSBiH warehouse is refurbished and restocked with relief items for up to 1,000 people affected by natural disasters.

Health and care

Outcome 1: The beneficiaries affected by disaster situations are provided with Psycho-Social Services (PSS)

Output 1: Psycho-social support is provided to the target population

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome 1: The risk of water-borne and water-related diseases have been reduced for 43,000 beneficiaries in targeted communities through access to safe drinking water, advocacy and hygiene promotion

Output 1.1 Improve access to safe water for 3000 people through water quality monitoring and distribution of water purification tablets

Output 1.2 Information dissemination and advocacy activities performed in relation to importance and actual situation of water quality in Samac, Orasje, Odzak, Domaljevac-Samac Brcko and Bijeljina

Output 1.3 Improve the hygiene situation of up to 3000 people in Brcko, Posavina/Orasje, Bijeljina
Output 1.4 Well-cleaning, environmental hygiene, water and sanitation interventions are provided to the affected population in the target areas.



Shelter and settlements

Outcome 1: Shelter immediate needs of the affected population are met in coordination with national coordination mechanisms.

Output 1.1. 10,000 families receive basic emergency shelter items (blankets and mattresses) and appropriate tools for shelter improvement and or cleaning

Outcome 2: The affected population is back in their houses and resuming their normal life

Output 2.1: 10,000 affected families are assisted on their return to their houses (partially damaged by floods) with cleaning kits and drying facilities

Outcome 3. The affected population is assisted on return to their houses and resuming with their normal life through assistance with drying the facilities

Output 3.1. 10 000 affected families are safely back to their houses, their health preserved through ensuring optimum hygiene conditions

Outcome 4: 970 households used cash grants to meet their basics needs (i.e. shelter repair, replacing household goods, etc.) including 1050 beneficiaries from Cash transfer programme phase 1.

Output 1. 98% of cash transfers reached intended beneficiaries

Output 2. 80% of people used cash grants to repair homes

Output 3. Monitoring report produced



Food security



nutrition



livelihoods

Outcome 1: Food parcels are provided in affected areas according to assessed needs

Output 1.1 Food parcels are distributed by RCSBIH to beneficiaries in the affected areas

Outcome 2: Vulnerable groups, in particular population in the rural zones in the most affected area, have been evaluated and targeted through livelihoods programme

Output 2.1 Evaluations related to food security and livelihoods during response and recovery are conducted and the intervention opportunities in livelihoods of target groups are identified and implemented



Programme support services

Outcome 1: Continuous and detailed assessment and analysis are used to inform of the design and implementation of the operation and lessons learned are drawn from the implementation

Output 1.1 Initial and continuous needs assessment are updated following consultation with beneficiaries

Output 1.2 Lessons learned from the operation are incorporated into preparedness plans



Budget

See attached IFRC Secretariat budget (Annex 1) for details.

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Reference documents



Click here for:

- Previous Appeals and updates
- Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

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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 Humanitarian 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:



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.

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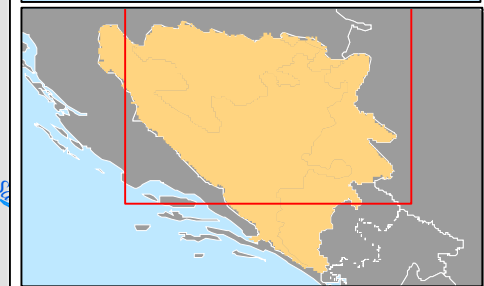
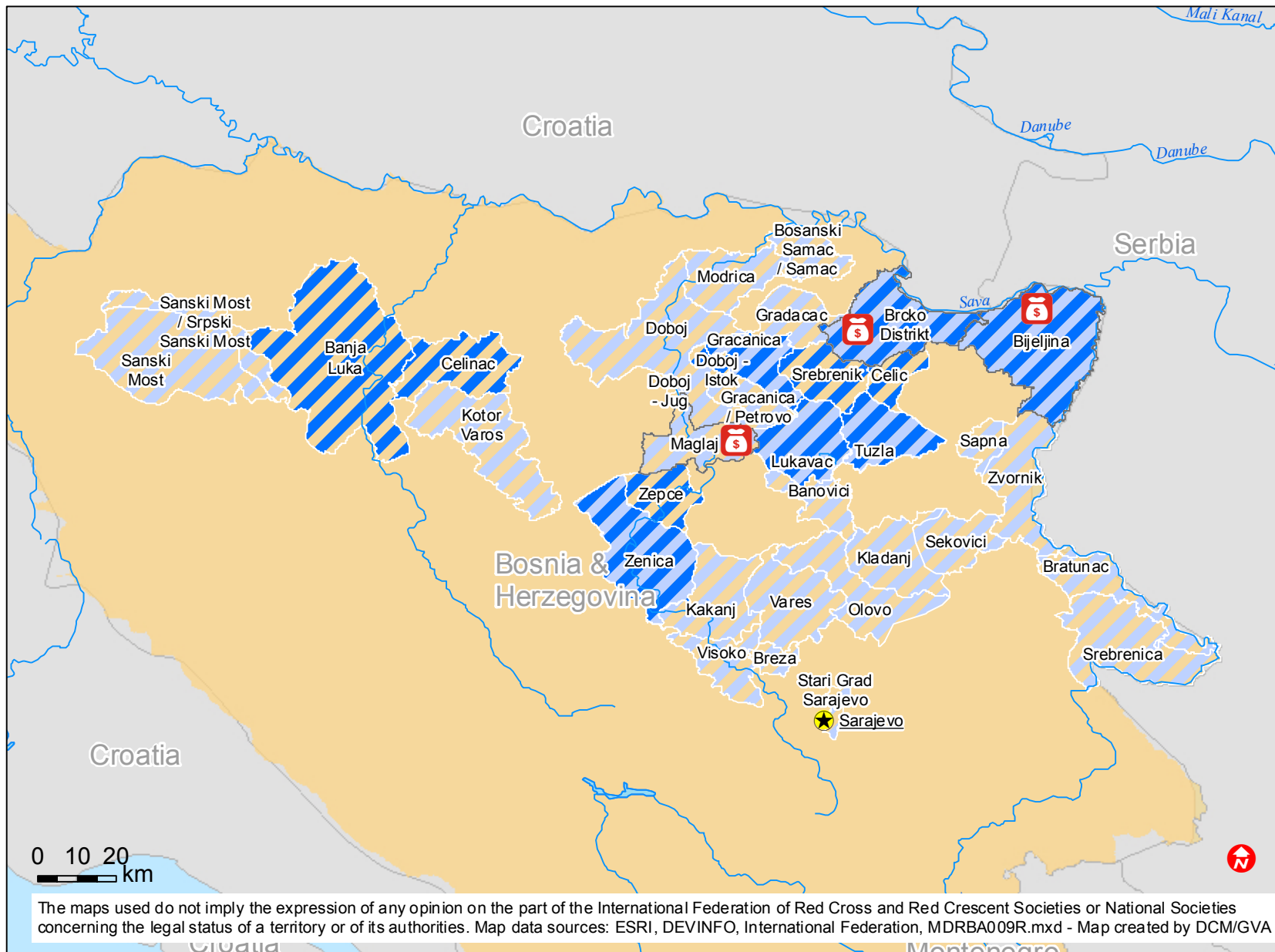
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Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief				0
Shelter - Transitional				0
Construction - Housing				0
Construction - Facilities				0
Construction - Materials				0
Clothing & Textiles	96,227			96,227
Food	61,526			61,526
Seeds & Plants	1,025,000			1,025,000
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	212,558			212,558
Medical & First Aid				0
Teaching Materials				0
Utensils & Tools	200,906			200,906
Other Supplies & Services	0			0
Emergency Response Units				0
Cash Disbursements	1,313,550			1,313,550
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	2,909,768	0	0	2,909,768
Land & Buildings	94,000			94,000
Vehicles	85,601			85,601
Computer & Telecom Equipment	8,000			8,000
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment				0
Medical Equipment				0
Other Machinery & Equipment				0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	187,601	0	0	187,601
Storage, Warehousing				0
Distribution & Monitoring	31,841			31,841
Transport & Vehicle Costs	43,015			43,015
Logistics Services	14,507			14,507
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	89,363	0	0	89,363
International Staff	126,485			126,485
National Staff	60,000			60,000
National Society Staff	73,622			73,622
Volunteers	41,385			41,385
Total PERSONNEL	301,492	0	0	301,492
Consultants	6,000			6,000
Professional Fees	35,000			35,000
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	41,000	0	0	41,000
Workshops & Training	72,825			72,825
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	72,825	0	0	72,825
Travel	24,000			24,000
Information & Public Relations	33,000			33,000
Office Costs	24,700			24,700
Communications	6,300			6,300
Financial Charges	9,970			9,970
Other General Expenses	8,500			8,500
Shared Office and Services Costs	14,844			14,844
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	121,314	0	0	121,314
Partner National Societies				0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)				0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	242,019	0		242,019
Total INDIRECT COSTS	242,019	0	0	242,019
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees	10,500			10,500
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS	10,500	0	0	10,500
TOTAL BUDGET	3,975,881	0	0	3,975,881
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	3,975,881	0	0	3,975,881



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-  Cash Transfer Programme
-  Municipalities flooded since May
-  Municipalities affected in May