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Emergency Appeal Operations Update

Chile: Forest Fires

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Emergency Appeal Operation n° MDRCL013	GLIDE n° WF-2016-00138-CHL
Emergency Appeal Operations Update n° 2	Period covered by this update: 16 March 2017 to 28 April 2017
Operation start date: 10 February 2017	Expected timeframe: 12 months (the operation end date is 10 February 2018)
Overall operation budget: 528,860 Swiss francs (CHF)	Point of Contact within National Society: Marion Sandoval, Volunteer National Risk Management Director - Chilean Red Cross, email: marion.sandoval@cruzroja.cl
Number of people affected: 7,157 people	Number of people to be assisted: 2,000 people (400 families)
Host National Society presence (number of volunteers, staff, branches): The Chilean Red Cross (ChRC) has 11 Regional Committees, 185 branches nationwide, 3,000 volunteers and 22 staff members	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation (if available and relevant): International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	
Other organizations actively involved in the operation: Ministry of Interior and Public Security (ONEMI for its acronym in Spanish), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Regional Governments, National Forest Corporation (CONAF), <i>Un Techo para Chile</i> , the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)-Chile, Caritas, Chilean Humanitarian Assistance Network (RAHCh), International Humanitarian Network (RIH), Fire Brigade, United Nations United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team Andean Relief Corps. European Union Civil Protection team. Several teams of firefighters to support the ongoing response; teams from the following countries have been deployed: Argentina, France, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and Panama	

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Summary:

Beginning on 15 January 2017, forest fires ravaged the regions of region Metropolitana, Valparaíso, O'Higgins and Maule, significantly impacting rural sectors and some urban areas. Currently, only a few isolated fires remain.

Chile's president instructed the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security to declare a Constitutional State of Exception and a State of Catastrophe in the provinces of Colchagua and Cardenal Caro in the O'Higgins region, as well as in the regions of Maule and BioBío. Likewise, a Constitutional State of Exception was put in place for Valparaíso in the Valparaíso region.

To date, the death toll stands at 11 (three CONAF brigade members, two police officers, two firefighters and three civilians). Livelihoods (agriculture and livestock) were increasingly impacted as the forest fires became urban fires, affecting structures and forcing people to be evacuated, displaced and housed in collective centres.

Coordination and partnerships

Through RAHCh (Chilean Humanitarian Aid Network), the National Society has been coordinating with other organizations such as the Ministry of Interior and Public Security, Caritas, Chile's United Methodist Relief Committee (UMCOR), ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), World Vision, Search and Rescue (SAR) and Green Peace, among others. Several sectors, which have worked in targeted areas and shared information from preliminary assessments of affected areas, have been organized through this coordination. Through the German Red Cross, the German government has been providing bilateral support to water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH) processes. The Chilean Red Cross (ChRC) seeks to reach 400 Families through WASH and 150 through cash transfer programme (CTP) by the end of June 2017; the German Red Cross is providing financial support to the CTP component in the regions of O'Higgins and Maule.

Among the main tasks to be carried out are the joint and collaborative efforts with regional or municipal government agencies and continuous coordination with RAHCh actors to provide greater coverage to the affected families and the families whose sources of employment have been affected by the fires; it will also be necessary to support the appeal's lines of work, thereby complementing actions rather than duplicating them.

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

At the onset of the emergency, the Chilean Red Cross, with the IFRC's assistance, developed lines of work to assist affected regions through WASH, psychosocial support (PSS), CTP and first aid.

Supplies are no longer being collected at the regional collection centres (branches with storage capacity), and those that had been collected to date have been distributed during the damage assessments conducted with the affected families; these relief items included basic hygiene kits, food kits and personal hygiene kits, which were donated by the community and assembled by volunteers as per the Red Cross's standards.

The ChRC organized two regional emergency teams (one per region) due to the large distances within the territory in which the affected families reside; both teams have worked on gathering information through the Open Data Kit (ODK) tool, registering a total of 480 families to date (330 in the O'Higgins region and 150 in the Maule region).

The Chilean Red Cross has deployed technical human resources to support branches and regional committees in affected areas, distributing face masks and N° 95 masks with filters (24,000), first-aid supplies, jerry cans (900), psychosocial support kits (2) and shovels (16)' these were positioned and distributed in two regions in the country to immediately respond to community needs.

Ninety per cent of the beneficiary surveys on CTP and the basic hygiene kits, food kits and personal hygiene kits were conducted in March and April 2017 in Marchigue, Lolol, Paredones, Santa Cruz, Pichilemu, Las Cabras, Pumanque, La Estrella and Peralillo in the O'Higgins region and in Cauquenes, Parral, Empedrados, Sauzal, Carizal, Carrizalillo, Maquehua and Pirgüe in the Maule region.

C. Operational Implementation

Health

OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS											
Outcome 1 Immediate psychosocial health risks have been reduced and first aid provided to 400 families	N° of assisted families											
Output 1.1: The affected population has received psychological first aid care	N° of people treated N° of prevention posts deployed N° of trained volunteers participating in PSS activities											
Activities Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Provide psychological first aid and containment to the community												
Psychological first aid workshops for ChRC volunteers												
Replenishment of the psychological first aid materials used in the recreational activities												
Output 1.2: First aid care is provided to people affected by the disaster	N° of people who receive first aid care N° of relief posts set up and running to provide first aid care											
Planned activities Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Deployment of mobile first aid posts												
Deployment of volunteers with first aid training												
Deployment of ambulances												
Replenishment of first aid supplies to branches												

Achievements to date

Mass first aid and PSS activities ended with the closing of first aid posts in Los Aromos on 18 February 2017; these posts had a very positive impact in the sector, considering that 70 per cent of families were relocated to housing leased in the community of Constitución. Despite the closures, additional aid deliveries and the CTP beneficiary surveys continue to be conducted simultaneously, and ChRC teams are conducting PSS actions in the O'Higgins and Maule regions.

The PSS strategy has been implemented at the central level in for the recovery phase, in collaboration with Ministry of Health official; this approach has improved the participating organizations' PSS strategies and ensured that the most complex cases received adequate care.

PSS consultations between 21 January and 16 February 2017

Region	PSS volunteer induction workshop	Community consultations	Children	Adults	Intervening party

Achievements to date
The distribution of 300 jerry cans in affected areas in the regions of O'Higgins and Maule in the sectors of (Marchigue, Lolol, Paredones, Pichilemu, Santa Cruz, Carrizal, Carrizalillo, Forel, Maquehua and Parral).
Challenges
The main challenge in some of the regions' sectors has been the intervening government agencies' delayed response in the re-establishment or purification of the water containers with rural potable water, which has made it difficult for families to use water sources on a continuous basis; however, these communities have been assisted through delivery of jerry cans and informative materials on safe water storage.
Changes to plan of action
Delivery dates for the hygiene kits were changed because of their delayed purchase.

Shelter and settlements (and household items)

OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS											
Outcome 3: 400 families in the regions of O'Higgins and Maule meet their needs related to household.	N° of assisted families											
Output 3.1. 400 kitchen kits and 800 blankets are distributed to affected families in the regions of O'Higgins and Maule	N° of families who receive kitchen kits and blankets											
Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Month												
Evaluation and prioritization of the beneficiary population												
Distribution of 400 kitchen kits												
Distribution of 800 blankets (2 per family)												
Achievements to date.												
There were no advances in this sector since the Operations Update n° 1 was issued; please see this report for more information on this sector.												
Challenges												
There are no new challenges since Operations Update n° 1 was issued.												
Changes to the plan of action												
There are no changes to the plan of action since Operations Update n° 1 was issued.												

Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS
Outcome 4: Disaster preparedness and early intervention actions are implemented for community response	% of communities with contingency plans that include measures for homes and schools
Output 4.1: At least 400 families in affected areas know how to prepare for and respond to wildfire threats	No. of people with community-based risk reduction information

Activities Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DRR training sessions for affected communities												
Development or improvement of a regional response plan for the regions of O'Higgins and Maule												
Training for communities and partners on public awareness campaigns dealing with wildfire hazards.												
Printing of materials for public awareness campaigns on wildfire risks												
Disaster preparedness activities for communities												
Emergency backpack distribution to 400 families												
Develop family contingency plans												
Achievements to date.												
There were no advances in this sector since the Operations Update n° 1 was issued; please see this report for more information on this sector.												
Challenges												
There are no new challenges since Operations Update n° 1 was issued.												
Changes to the plan of action												
There are no changes to the plan of action since Operations Update n° 1 was issued.												

Strengthening of National Society capacity

OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS											
Outcome 5: National Society capacity is strengthened in the provincial branches involved in the fire emergency.	N° of branches involved in development processes N° of volunteers trained and participating in response teams											
Output: 5.1 Evaluations conducted in branches	N° of branches evaluated N° of branch strengthening plans developed											
Activities Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
One Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (BOCAC) workshop												
One Well-Prepared National Society (WPNS) evaluation												
One strengthening of the branches' organizational development plan workshop												
Output 5.2 100 volunteers trained to provide effective response according to National Society contingency plans.	No. of workshops for Chilean Red Cross No. of trainings for Chilean Red Cross											
Activities Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Implement a public awareness campaign													
Implement a social media campaign													
Deployment of a General Regional Intervention Team (RIT) member for 3 months													
Outcome 7: Affected families receive non-conditional cash transfers	400 families receive non-conditional cash transfers												
Output 7.1: Cash Transfer Programme implemented to support the immediate cash needs of 400 families	At the end of first month of the operation, families have cash to buy food items, non-food items (NFIs) and other unmet needs												
Planned activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Month													
Beneficiary identification and selection													
Design and implementation of CTP according to area characteristics													
Conduct satisfaction survey													
Establish mechanism for lodging complaints for the beneficiaries and monitoring of the CTP													
Achievements to date													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiring of Coordinator: This line was implemented starting in March 2017. - Beneficiary identification and selection: one of the lines in which the most progress has been achieved, as 90 per cent of the families to be benefitted are in the database. - Beneficiary selection has begun as per the family selection criteria. - Design and implementation of CTP according to area: The multi-purpose design that was initially planned will be maintained because community needs in various areas have been verified in the field. - An initial survey was carried out to allow for the implementation of the market study and the corresponding delivery of CTP. 													
Challenges													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to communities - Distance between communities - Delays due to financial issues, which has delayed the distribution of CTP. 													
Changes to plan of action													
Delays in the purchase of some relief items has affected the scheduling of the ChRC's distributions.													

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Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRCL013 - Chile - Wildfires

Timeframe: 08 Feb 17 to 10 Feb 18

Appeal Launch Date: 10 Feb 17

Interim Report

Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2017/2-2017/3	Programme	MDRCL013
Budget Timeframe	2017/2-2018/2	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		528,860				528,860	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>American Red Cross</i>		147,894				147,894	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		17,500				17,500	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		10,725				10,725	
C1. Cash contributions		176,119				176,119	
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		67,760				67,760	
C4. Other Income		67,760				67,760	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		243,879				243,879	
D. Total Funding = B + C		243,879				243,879	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		243,879				243,879	
E. Expenditure		-49,006				-49,006	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		194,872				194,872	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			528,860			528,860		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	3,974						3,974	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	17,089						17,089	
Medical & First Aid	21,858						21,858	
Teaching Materials	22,355						22,355	
Utensils & Tools	11,923						11,923	
Other Supplies & Services	79,483						79,483	
Cash Disbursement	168,902						168,902	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	325,584						325,584	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Office & Household Equipment	2,385						2,385	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	2,385						2,385	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	4,968						4,968	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	18,281						18,281	
Logistics Services	8,942						8,942	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	32,191						32,191	
Personnel								
International Staff			1,234			1,234	-1,234	
National Staff	1,610		793			793	816	
National Society Staff	39,940						39,940	
Volunteers	11,744						11,744	
Total Personnel	53,294		2,027			2,027	51,267	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	34,774						34,774	
Total Workshops & Training	34,774						34,774	
General Expenditure								
Travel	28,813		7,758			7,758	21,054	
Information & Public Relations	4,819		697			697	4,122	
Office Costs	5,067						5,067	
Communications	7,750		62			62	7,687	
Financial Charges	298		880			880	-581	
Shared Office and Services Costs	1,610		274			274	1,336	
Total General Expenditure	48,356		9,671			9,671	38,685	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			34,317			34,317	-34,317	
Total Operational Provisions			34,317			34,317	-34,317	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	32,278		2,991			2,991	29,287	
Total Indirect Costs	32,278		2,991			2,991	29,287	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	528,860		49,006			49,006	479,854	
VARIANCE (C - D)			479,854			479,854		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster management	528,860		243,879	243,879	49,006	194,872	
Subtotal BL2	528,860		243,879	243,879	49,006	194,872	
GRAND TOTAL	528,860		243,879	243,879	49,006	194,872	