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# Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) India: Cyclone Fani

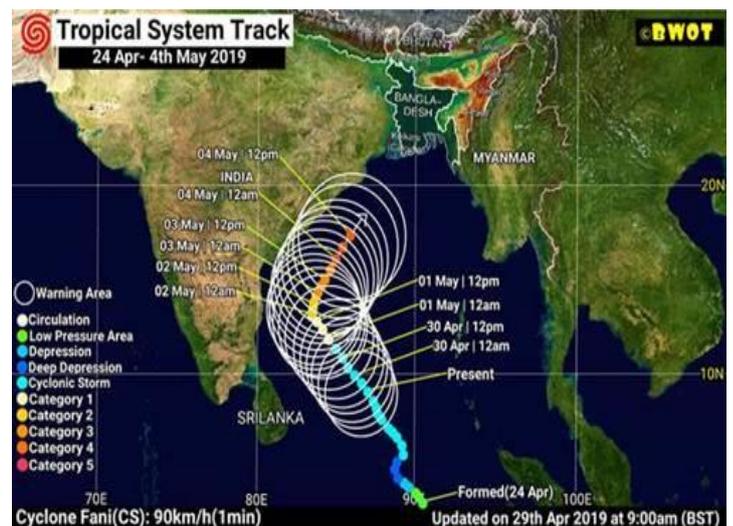
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<b>DREF n° MDRIN022</b>	<b>Glide n° <a href="#">TC-2019-000041-BGD</a></b>
<b>Date of issue:</b> 1 May 2019	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 1 month <b>Expected end date:</b> 1 June 2019
<b>Category allocated to the disaster or crisis:</b> Yellow	
<b>DREF allocated:</b> CHF 87,703	
<b>Total number of people affected:</b> TBD	<b>Number of people in at-risk areas:</b> Approximately 20 million people
<b>Host National Society's presence</b> The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) is India's largest voluntary humanitarian organization; it has 35 State/Union Territory Branches with more than 700 districts and sub district branches throughout the country, providing relief in times of disasters/emergencies. Over 700 staff and volunteers are trained in disaster response, forming Social and Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV), National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT), State Disaster Response Teams (SDRT), and District Disaster Response Teams (DDRT). IRCS has also trained disaster response teams, including 30 members who are specialized in water and sanitation.	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is actively supporting the IRCS. IFRC is maintaining close coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)	

## A. Situation analysis

### Description of the disaster

According to the latest information provided by India Meteorological Department (IMD), as of 30 April 2019, the Severe Cyclonic Storm "FANI" (pronounced as 'FONI') over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal moved north-northwest with a speed of about 16 kmph in last six hours, intensified into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm and lay centred at 0530 hrs IST of 30 April near latitude 11.7°N and longitude 86.5°E over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal, about 670km east-northeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 690km east-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and 760km southeast of Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh). It is very likely to intensify further into an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 36 hours. It is very likely to move northwest till 1 May evening and thereafter recurve north-northeast towards Odisha Coast. Under its influence, the state may experience heavy rainfall and wind speed reaching up to 60 kmph.



The Odisha government has put on alert its southern and coastal districts in view of the likely movement of Cyclone Fani, a senior government official said on Monday.

## Summary of the current response

### Overview of Host National Society

IRCS National Headquarters has sent out alerts to the state branches. The Odisha State Branch organised an emergency meeting for deciding the actions to be taken. A control room Under the Disaster Management Unit. Youth Red Cross Coordinators of the coastal districts have been asked to remain on alert. SDRT & DDRT Members of the Coastal Districts are on standby to provide humanitarian assistance. IRCS volunteers are coordinating with local government. The Branch is in constant touch with the 65-cyclone shelter of Red Cross and working on pre stocking of medicines and dry food items.

National Headquarters is closely monitoring the developments and have the warehouses in a state of readiness for any response that may be required.

### Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

IFRC is present in the country and supported the IRCS for Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) request. ICRC is also present in the country. Currently, there is one Partner National Society (PNS) - Qatar Red Crescent present in the country. IRCS, IFRC and ICRC are coordinating with each other for the response operation. There is regular coordination among IFRC, ICRC and IRCS on the plans to support the response operation.

IFRC is carefully monitoring the current situation together with IRCS. IFRC is also coordinating with other international organisations, including the UN.

### Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The main government actor is the SDMA, with whom IRCS is coordinating with. Government Agencies like Odisha Police, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, NDRF, Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) have been asked by the State Government to be on alert.

## Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

### Needs analysis

Currently, the priority action is to disseminate early warning messages to the people of Odisha regarding the potential risk and impact of Cyclone "FANI" and take precaution measures in the coastal districts of Odisha. Based on the previous experience in 2013, health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); shelter (including household items) might be needed, however, the needs will only be determined once needs assessment is conducted.

Following the onset of the cyclone, the NDRTs with support from IFRC will carry out needs assessment in their respective locality. The needs assessment will provide IRCS and IFRC with the information needed to make informed decisions on their response efforts. IRCS already has disaster preparedness stocks prepositioned in its warehouses strategically placed across the country that will be dispatched to respond to the disaster immediately.

### Targeting

The following 12 districts are in higher risk which will be affected by Cyclone Fani with strong winds and heavy rainfall. The district collectors of Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Khordha, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Cuttak and Puri have been asked to roll all preparedness to face any eventuality and undertake the evacuation of the people living close to the coast to a safe place. Currently IRCS is focusing in disseminating early warning messages to these districts covering more than 20 million people.

If there is need for Household items (HH items) distributions, as per assessment reports as well as lessons learned from previous operations, the vulnerability criteria prioritize the displaced families, the elderly, women-headed families, lactating mothers, and persons living with disability.

### Scenario planning

The cyclone is very likely to bring heavy rainfall. Together with the strong winds of the cyclone, this will likely damage people's houses and other infrastructure. It may also lead to serious injuries, loss of life and affecting more than 20 million people. Crop fields could also potentially get flooded and that could have a serious impact on the availability of food and people's livelihoods. If the situation evolves, there is a possibility for IRCS to scale up the operation.

## B. Operational strategy

This operation will focus on supporting IRCS in disaster response preparedness activities, by mobilizing volunteers and staff in disseminating early warning messages, conduct needs assessment and provision of HH items if necessary. NDRT members will be deployed to conduct an initial assessment in the affected areas. The plan will be revised as the situation evolves.

Summary of the proposed strategy is as follows:

- Volunteer mobilization to facilitate evacuation of communities and disseminate early warning messages.
- Deployment of NDRTs.
- Conduct damage and needs assessment and define a potential disaster response strategy.
- Distribution of HH items such as saree, dhoti, blanket, bucket, kitchen sets, tarpaulins and mosquito nets.
- Provision of first aid service by volunteers.

### Operational Support Services

#### Human resources

IRCS is coordinating with State Disaster Management Authority through its branches in the affected areas. IFRC CCST Delhi is in coordinating with IRCS, and one surge disaster management (DM) delegate is deployed from IFRC APRO to IFRC Delhi to support the IRCS in preparedness measures and potential response intervention.

#### Communications

The IFRC will support the communications team of the National Society to actively communicate about the situation and the response, with the aim of supporting community-based disaster preparedness and response, generating visibility, promoting partnerships, and supporting resource mobilization (RM) for the National Society. Close collaboration will be maintained between the IFRC regional communications unit, IFRC country office, and the National Society to ensure a coherent and coordinated communications approach.

Commonly agreed key messages will be produced with written and audio-visual content that focusses on affected people's needs and the National Society's actions. Communications content will be actively promoted through the news media and digital channels and shared widely with interested National Societies within the IFRC network for further promotion.

#### Logistics and supply chain

Logistics activities aim to effectively manage the supply chain management. This includes procurement, fleet, storage and transport to distribution sites in accordance with the operation's requirements and alignment to the IFRC's logistics standards, processes and procedures.

#### Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

IFRC CCST Delhi are monitoring the implementation of the DREF operation in the field. PMER and finance units at all levels are following up on regular reporting requirements. Baseline questionnaires on current practice and knowledge among the affected population are being collected to analyse implementation of response activities.

## C. Detailed Operational Plan



### Disaster Risk Reduction

**People targeted:** Approximately 20 million people in higher risk districts  
 Male: to be determined  
 Female: to be determined  
 Required: CHF 11,000

**Needs analysis:** Detailed needs analysis will be provided after need assessment is conducted.

**Population to be assisted:** Around 20,000,0000 people in higher risk districts.

**Programme standards/benchmarks:** Relevant standards will be adhered as necessary.

P&B Output Code	DRR Outcome 1: Communities in high risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to disasters	# of people reached through RCRC programmes for DRR and community resilience (excluding public awareness and education campaigns (Target: 20 million)				
	DRR Output 1.1: Communities take active steps to strengthen their preparedness for timely and effective response to disasters.	# people reached with early warning campaigns (Target: 20 million) # of people assisted in First Aid (Target: TBC)				
	Activities planned	Week	1	2	3	4
AP001	Volunteer mobilization for early warning campaigns		x			
AP001	Carry out early warning campaigns and dissemination to approximately 20 million people in higher risk provinces		x			
AP001	Visibility & Awareness		x			
AP001	Conduct Post distribution monitoring		x		x	x



### Shelter

**People targeted:** to be determined  
 Male: to be determined  
 Female: to be determined  
 Required: CHF 30,000

**Needs analysis:** Detailed needs analysis will be provided after need assessment is conducted.

**Population to be assisted:** *To be determined*

**Programme standards/benchmarks:** *Relevant standards will be adhered as necessary.*

P&B Output Code	<b>Shelter Outcome 1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions</b>	# of people reached with safe and adequate shelter and settlement (Target: TBD)			
	<b>Shelter Output 1.1: Short, medium and long-term shelter and settlement assistance is provided to affected households</b>	# of people received non-food items (Target: TBD)			
	Activities planned	Week	1	2	3
AP001	Conduct needs assessment		x		
AP001	Mobilization of HH items, warehouse and fleet; loading/unloading			x	x

### Strategies for Implementation

Required: CHF 41,350

P&B Output Code	<b>Outcome S1.1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform</b>	# of NS branches that are well functioning (in the operation) (Target: TBD)			
	<b>Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected</b>	# of volunteers/staff insured for the operation (Target: 100)			
	Activities planned	Week	1	2	3
AP001	Ensure staff/volunteers' safety and wellbeing		x	x	x
AP001	Ensure Volunteer are Insured		x	x	x
AP001	Vehicle maintenance		x	x	x
AP001	Communication activities		x	x	x
P&B Output Code	<b>Outcome S3.1: The IFRC secretariat, together with National Societies uses their unique position to influence decisions at local, national and international levels that affect the most vulnerable.</b>	IFRC and National Society uses their unique position to influence decisions at local, national and international levels (Target: Yes)			
	<b>Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.</b>	# of surge deployed (Target: 3) # of lessons learned workshop conducted (Target: 1)			
	Activities planned	Week	1	2	3
AP001	IFRC Monitoring		x	x	x
AP001	Deployment of surge DM, Communications, and RM		x	x	x
AP001	Lesson Learnt Workshop			x	x

## Budget

### IMMINENT DREF OPERATION

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Budget Group	DREF Budget CHF
Storage, Warehousing	25,000
Distribution & Monitoring	1,500
Transport & Vehicle Costs	10,000
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>36,500</b>
National Society Staff	1,200
Volunteers	5,650
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>6,850</b>
Workshops & Training	5,000
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Travel	29,000
Information & Public Relations	4,000
Communications	1,000
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>34,000</b>
Programme and Services Support Recovery	5,353
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>5,353</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>87,703</b>

## Reference documents



Click here for:

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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**.