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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Albania: Floods

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DREF Operation n° MDRAL007	Glide n° FL-2017-000174-ALB
Date of issue: 11 December 2017	Expected timeframe: 3 months Expected end date: 9 March 2018
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow	
DREF allocated: CHF 222,915	
Total number of people affected: 21,000 people	Number of people to be assisted: 8,000 people (2,000 families)
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): Albanian Red Cross (ARC) with 30 staff, 500 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: IFRC, Turkish Red Crescent Society, Red Cross of Montenegro, Bulgarian Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Directory for Civil Emergency, Prefectures/Municipalities	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

Heavy rainfall affected the territory of Albania since 30 November 2017. In some areas the density of rain was 130 mm for two uninterrupted hours. The rivers levels have been rapidly increasing, the water channels were blocked by debris streams, leading to floods in urban and densely populated areas.

Based on the bulletin issued by the Albania's Geosciences Energy, Water and Environment Institute forecasting heavy rains for period November 29 to December 4, 2017, the Directory for Civil Emergency issued an early warning to population for causing flooding and landslides. The Central Government ordered the establishment of Emergency Management Commissions across the country in response to the situation and all structures police, army units, emergency response teams to be on full alert. In addition, the Ministry of Education has suspended the school activities in entire country. Thanks to those early warning and measures taken by respective governmental structures there were no single lives lost and number evacuated people on their own from these areas was higher compare to the previous flood events.

The rainfall is still intense and spreading particularly to the southern part of Albania. On 2 December 2017, the Vjosa, Devoll, Osum, and Seman rivers have overflowed their banks causing huge flooding in several areas endangering also some major national highways.

The populated areas most affected by the rivers overflowed are the following: Fushë- Krujë, Ura e Gjoles, Murqine, Vore, Kamez, Laprake, Darzeze, Jaru, Bishtan, Ferras, Kashisht, Martin, Novosele, Bishan, Mifol, Fitore, Ure Vajgurore, Korce, and Gjirokaster.

The Civil Emergency Structures, the Military Units and State Police are continuing the evacuation the most vulnerable families in the three most affected areas of Vlora, Fier and Fushë-Krujë and have started repairing the damaged



Flooded house in Tirana. Photo: Albanian Red Cross

infrastructure. So far, 596 families have been evacuated, who are accommodated to sport premises/halls, school dormitories or at their relatives.

Official figures provided by the governmental structures shows that 3,340 houses are flooded, 65 bridges are collapsed, and 56 public schools are damaged, while 15,000 ha land is under water. In some areas, the water was not suitable for drinking; while the electricity is cut off in some of the affected areas.

According to the preliminary information provided by the 18 Red Cross branches which are operating in the flooded areas, approximately 4,700 families or approximately 21,000 people have been affected by the floods, however, according to the updated assessment, about 2,000 families have been identified as severely affected with considerable losses. The affected families have lost mostly their winter food reserves and partly their livestock, home furniture and electro-domestic devices.

In addition, daily information received by the branches shows there is no need for Restoring Family Links services as the evacuated families are accommodated mostly to their relatives, while the communication network was well-functioning.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society

The Albanian Red Cross has been closely coordinating with the local authorities in assessing the situation and the needs. 18 Red Cross branches of the Albanian Red Cross have mobilized 300 trained volunteers¹, who are involved in raising awareness of the population, monitoring of and collecting information on the situation, conducting preliminary assessments and in the relief distribution. The Secretaries of the RC branches are participating in the meeting of the emergency management commissions as well. One dedicated person will be hired to coordinate the distribution at the HQ level. Awareness raising messages for the population are being disseminated through social media channels (such as the National Society's Facebook page and website). So far, the National Society has distributed from its disaster preparedness stock 1,100 blankets and 7.4 MT of basic food items and 750 liters water for about 1,100 people, who are accommodated to the collective centers and mostly at their relatives. With the current stock quantity in the warehouse, the needs of 700 families can be covered, while the logistic is purchasing the contingent of items through a tendering procedure.

The preliminary information collected from field showed significant need for food items and non-food items (blankets, mattresses, hygiene items) for the affected families.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

The Albanian Red Cross is maintaining close contacts with the IFRC Regional Office for Europe (ROE) in Budapest for potential additional support and advising. ROE is providing technical support in using regional and global disaster response tools. In addition, an IFRC delegate/RDRD member covering information and reporting will assist the Albanian Red Cross operation. Replenishment of DP stocks (blankets and hygienic kits) will be done through IFRC Operational Logistics Procurement and Supply Chain (LPSCM) as well as local procurement. All procurement related to this EPoA will follow the IFRC standards and procurement procedures.

Also, ICRC Belgrade Delegation has offered its technical support as well, particularly in RFL activities.

In addition, the following National Societies have offered relief items through bilateral support:

- Turkish Red Crescent (1,000 blankets, 750 hygiene kits and EUR 15,000 for food parcels),
- Montenegro Red Cross (rubber boots, blankets, jerry cans, jackets in the total value of EUR 7,000)
- Bulgarian Red Cross (500 blankets, 500 bed linens).²

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The Directory of Civil Emergency is coordinating the response from all state structures. The Albanian Government has mobilized the State Police forces, the Military Units, and Fire Brigades Units which are assisting the affected families in high-risk areas, especially with evacuations and reinforcing of rivers dams and repairing the damaged bridges.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

As a result of the floods, the needs of affected population are wide and immediate, especially for those families which have lost most of their assets. The people need to return to their homes in order to re-build their lives starting from cleaning their houses, recovering the basic items such food, water, clothes and hygiene items, ensuring the electricity and heating to restore the damages.

¹ This figure is related to the initial phase. The entire operation will involve 500 volunteers.

² The contributions from the Red Cross of Montenegro and the Bulgarian Red Cross are provided directly to the Civil Emergency Structure, and are not managed directly by the Albanian Red Cross. The Turkish Red Crescent's contribution is an additional distribution to those in need.

The main priorities of needs for the affected population are the following:

Sheltering and accommodation of evacuated people is managed by Local Authorities. Evacuated people are accommodated partly in collective centers, but mostly at their relatives. The Albanian Red Cross will contribute with the distribution of blankets and fresh food, initially to collective centers.

Livelihoods and basic needs

The affected families living in the towns have lost mostly their winter food reserves, their home furniture and electro-domestic devices, while the families living rural areas have lost all the above-mentioned assets and additional the crops and partly their livestock due to the flooded lands, which will affect their economy in the long term. Albanian Red Cross will distribute basic food parcels for a period of one month to families which are returned back to their houses or to those which are being accommodated to their relatives

Often, the communities are considering the flood only as natural fatality. While the reality is showing that the people behaviors towards their environments and their limited knowledge on risks prevention contribute in widen the impact of the floods into their lives. The awareness activities on flood risks and prevention will be organized initially in school premises and communities in affected areas.

Water and sanitation

Due to the overflow of rivers, in some areas the water is unsuitable for consumption. In the collective centers, water services have been provided by local authorities; however, the Albanian Red Cross has contributed in few cases. Hygiene and sanitation conditions in affected areas remain poor and so far, there no measures has been taken yet. Albanian RC will deliver hygiene kits and it will organize hygiene and sanitation awareness activities with members of affected communities and with schools. In these activities will be distributed 15.000 hygiene and health leaflets.

Targeting

While the number of affected families by flood estimated at about 4,700 families, the DREF relief emergency operation will target 2,000 severely affected families or approximately 8,000 people with considerable loss (winter food reserves, furniture, personal belongings, livestock, etc.). The rest of the needs will be covered by Government aid and other donations.

Scenario planning

Referring the Forecast Institute, the most likely scenario is for rains to continue with lower density not causing serious repeated flooding. Nothing is expected to be happening compared to the scale of the initial flood situation. People will return to their homes to clean their premises and trying to recover the basic needs.

Operation Risk Assessment

- December continues to be a season of high rains, which might worsen the actual situation. However, a similar situation that hit initially the country is unlikely. The weather situation will be monitored.
- Lack of information/ list provision from local authorities; the authorities are delaying the provision of the list of the most vulnerable at accurate time.
- Another factor to consider is the deterioration of roads in the affected areas, which could limit access to communities in need, primarily those that have been cut off by the flooding.

B. Operational strategy

Overall operational objective

Provide assistance to 2,000 families (approximately 8,000 people) affected by the flooding through provision of basic food and non-food items, hygiene promotion and flood risks and prevention awareness activities to affected communities on the flood hazard and climate change.



Livelihoods and basic needs

People targeted: 8,000

Male: 49%

Female: 51%

Requirements : 82,760 (CHF)

Needs analysis:

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Population to be assisted:

The Albanian Red Cross will distribute basic food parcels for a period of one month to 2,000 families who return back to their houses or to those who are being accommodated at their relatives. Each family selected will receive one monthly food parcel. The content of the monthly food parcel is shown in the right-side table. Food Parcels will be replenished through local procurement following the IFRC's standard and procurement procedures.

Based on the established criteria priority will be given to:

- Families evacuated and accommodated with their relatives;
- Families most affected by the floods but not evacuated;
- The poorest families affected by floods.

Standards/Reference parameters of the program: The SPHERE standards and the sustainable livelihoods framework will be considered for the provision of assistance

Food items	Quantity
White flour	20 kg
Rice	4 kg
Sugar	4 kg
Vegetable oil	4 liters
White beans	4 kg
Pasta	4 kg
Salt	0.5 kg

P&B Output Code	Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods																
	Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.2: Basic needs for food of the target population in flood-affected areas are met, over a period of 3 months																
P&B Output Code	Activities planned Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AP008	Rapid assessments of the beneficiaries' needs and compile the lists according to the criteria agreed with the local authorities – emergency HQ																
AP008	Distribution of 700 food parcels (1 parcel per family for 1 month) from emergency stock																
AP008	Purchase of 2,000 food parcels																
AP008	Producing the Red Cross label carton boxes and packing the food standard parcels																
AP008	Distribution of 1,300 food parcels (1 parcel per family for 1 month):																
AP008	Replenishment of the 700 food parcels of contingency stock from this DREF																
P&B Output	Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.4: Community awareness activities on livelihoods strengthening and protection are carried out with target communities and public actors.																
		# of people provided with awareness activities															

AP030	Replenishment of hygiene kits of emergency stocks																					
P&B Output Code	WASH Output 2.4: Hygiene promotion activities are provided to the entire affected population.	# of hygiene leaflets distributed																				
	Activities planned Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
AP030	Organize hygiene and sanitation awareness activities with members of affected communities and with schools																					
AP030	Produce the Red Cross Volunteers 500 t-shirt and caps Produce 15,000 leaflets and distribution of promotion materials to affected communities																					

Strategies for Implementation
Requirements 12,080 (CHF)

P&B Output Code	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.																			
P&B Output Code	Output S3.1.2: IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming.																			
	Activities planned Week /	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
AP055	Work on monitoring and evaluation activities and learning opportunities (lessons learned WS, beneficiary feedback collection)																			

Budget

The total budget for the DREF is 222,915 CHF (including programme support and IFRC costs).

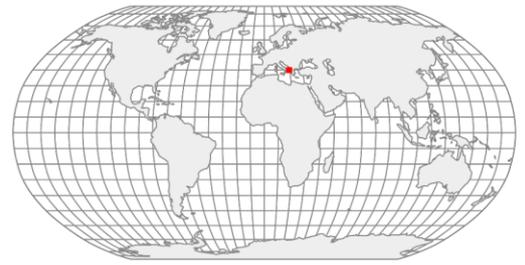
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		DREF Grant Budget CHF
Budget Group		
500	Shelter - Relief	
501	Shelter - Transitional	
502	Construction - Housing	
503	Construction - Facilities	
505	Construction - Materials	
510	Clothing & Textiles	62,600
520	Food	76,000
523	Seeds & Plants	
530	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	32,000
540	Medical & First Aid	
550	Teaching Materials	
560	Utensils & Tools	
570	Other Supplies & Services	
578	Cash Disbursements	
	Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	170,600
580	Land & Buildings	
581	Vehicles	
582	Computer & Telecom Equipment	
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
587	Medical Equipment	
589	Other Machinery & Equipment	
	Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
590	Storage, Warehousing	8,720
592	Distribution & Monitoring	
593	Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,400
594	Logistics Services	5,000
	Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	16,120
600	International Staff	3,000
661	National Staff	
662	National Society Staff	2,880
667	Volunteers	4,350
	Total PERSONNEL	10,230
670	Consultants	
750	Professional Fees	
	Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
680	Workshops & Training	8,420
	Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	8,420
700	Travel	1,000
710	Information & Public Relations	1,800

730	Office Costs	
740	Communications	640
760	Financial Charges	500
790	Other General Expenses	
799	Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES		3,940
830	Partner National Societies	
831	Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS		0
599	Programme and Services Support Recovery	13,605
Total INDIRECT COSTS		13,605
TOTAL BUDGET		222,915