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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Kazakhstan: Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 emergency response. 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.

CHF 175,704 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Kazakhstan National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 4,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: On 18-20 February, 2012 quick melting of snow and rainfall resulted in floods in South-Kazakhstan region. Flood waters inundated 26 settlements in 7 districts and suburbs of the regional centre city of Shymkent affecting more than 9,400 people.

Assessments, rescue and evacuation activities by the government and local administration are underway in affected areas. The Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society's regional branch staff conducted a rapid assessment and initiated response activities distributing humanitarian aid items from the stocks. The operation will reach vulnerable people in rural settlements from the two most affected districts (Ordabasy, Aryss) and Shymkent suburban areas through direct distribution of relief items. In total, about 750 families (4,000 people) are planned to be reached.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by end of May, 2012; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by end of August, 2012).

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The situation

On 18-20 February, 2012 quick snow melting, resulting from a sudden increase in air temperature up to 10-15^o C, and heavy rains caused floods in South-Kazakhstan region, which is the most densely populated region at the border with Uzbekistan. According to the preliminary rapid assessment results more than 9,500 people are affected in 26 settlements of 7 districts (Ordabasy, Aryss, Otyrar, Kazygurt, Baidibek, Sairam and Toleby) including Shymkent city regional centre. The population mostly affected in Ordabasy (Naman, Yntyly, Temirlanovka villages), Aryss (Montaitas, Akdala villages), and Shymkent's suburb settlement Yntymak.

Most of the houses are flooded that results in loss of the population regarding their property, food reserves and livestock.

According to the reports of the Ministry of Emergencies more than 910 households, 6 schools and kindergartens and 1 bridge were inundated, large sections of roads were washed out, and about 3,050 people were evacuated. The evacuated people found shelter in schools and mosques or with their relatives. The collective centres were set up in Ordabasy district centre settlement of Temirlanovka. Besides, there is a temporary warming point for 130 people established by the military forces in this settlement.

At the moment the temperature fell below zero but the forecasts showing that the temperature might rise during weekend up to 10⁰ C and there is possibility of significantly increasing the number of affected people within a week.

Coordination and partnerships

The Ministry of Emergencies (MoE) and the local administration of South-Kazakhstan region have been conducting emergency assessments to determine the scope of the disaster, running rescue and evacuation activities and also implementing measures to prevent further flooding.

Teams of 4,268 people were formed for rescue works, supplied with 1,053 motorized units and 384 units for mechanization of the processes. Additional staff and equipment was deployed from the neighbouring Kyzylorda and Zhambyl regions.

Local authorities focus their efforts on reinforcement of dams and reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure. Furthermore, potential financial resources are investigated to provide possible financial support to the affected population.

The government formed emergency headquarters to coordinate the response activities. The inter-ministerial commission that is part of these headquarters and is made of representatives of the government bodies is meeting on a daily basis to discuss the developments of the situation, progress in response and adjust the plan of action.

Chairperson of the South-Kazakhstan regional branch of the National Society – a member of the inter-ministerial commission – and disaster management coordinator participate in these meetings.

The Red Crescent's plan of action will be shared with government stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts and to enhance further cooperation. No other actors are involved in the response at this stage.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Immediately after the floods, the Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society deployed its staff from the regional branch to conduct a rapid assessment and to start addressing the needs of the affected population.

On 19 February the rapid needs assessments were conducted in Ordabasy and Arys districts by the National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) of the South-Kazakhstan regional branch (12 persons). In addition, 16 Local Disaster Management Committee members from the affected communities supported the NDRT with the assessment and distribution of humanitarian aid from the available stocks and also participated in the evacuation activities. The Red Crescent Society teams are continuously monitoring the situation that can evolve due to the change in the weather conditions.



One of the three collecting centres set in Temirlanovka. Kazakhstan RC

Until now, the following items were distributed in Temirlanovka's warming point and collective centres: 70 mattresses, 170 blankets, 120 individual sanitary-and-hygienic sets, 120 packs of diapers, 24 thermoses, 32 pairs of rubber footwear, 10 washstands and candles.

The needs

According to the preliminary data collected by MoES and the Red Crescent regional disaster response team the basic needs of the affected people are non-food items including clothes and footwear, bedding, and hygiene items. Out of the 9,500 people (about 1,700 families) affected from the 26 settlements, the Red Crescent Society is planning to assist the 4,000 (750 families) most vulnerable with basic non-food items from its emergency stock. The table further below is summarising the relief items planned to be distributed to the families.

The situation assessment was based on secondary data from local authorities and the MoE; direct observations; interviews with respondents in collecting centres in Temirlanovka and affected settlements.

The beneficiary selection criteria discussed and agreed with community leaders, beneficiary representatives and the National Society. It's agreed and decided that the Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society will support the affected families according to the following criteria:

- Families whose houses heavily damaged and lost their properties
- Vulnerable families with many children,
- Single-parents families
- Elderly without family support

Preliminary distribution plan, diversified by locations and based on the results of the needs assessment, is presented in the table below.

Locations	Number of beneficiaries	Items planned to be distributed				
		Blankets*	Bed-linen sets*	Mattresses*	Family Hygiene parcels*	Rubber footwear (pair)*
Ordabasy						
Naman	2,334	1,279	1,279	853	426	853
Yntaly	113	75	75	50	25	50
Temirlanovka	578	321	321	214	107	214
Aryss						
Akdaly	210	124	124	83	41	83
Montaitas	403	230	230	153	77	153
Shymkent						
Turlan	75	48	48	32	16	32
Yntymak	123	72	72	48	24	48
Zabadam	102	62	62	41	21	41
Micro-district Samal	62	39	39	26	13	26
Total	4,000	2,250	2,250	1,500	750	1,500

*3 blankets per family, 3 bed linen per for family, 2 mattresses per family, 2 rubber footwear per family and one hygiene parcels per family.

The proposed operation

To respond to the needs of the affected population and based on the beneficiary selection criteria the Kazakhstan Red Crescent is planning to reach the most vulnerable beneficiaries with non food items through one round of distribution.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: The immediate needs of the affected population in Ordabasy, Arys districts and Shymkent city suburb are met.
Output: Provision of relief items to 4,000 beneficiaries who are affected by the floods
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy National Disaster Response Team members to the affected area

- Conduct detailed emergency needs assessments in health and care, water and sanitation and shelter sectors;
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance;
- Prepare the lists of beneficiaries together with the local administration and in accordance with the KRCS standard operation procedures.
- Procure and distribute non-food items (mattresses, bed linen sets, blankets, hygiene parcels).
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end users.
- Monitor the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

The content of family hygiene parcels is described below:

Hygiene parcel for family (5persons/3 month)	Amount
Soap, body soap	12 pcs (100 g)
Shampoo	2 bottle (250 ml)
Washing powder (for handle washing)	3kg
Tooth paste	5 tubes (75ml)
Tooth brush, medium	5 pcs
Toilet, paper, hygienic	12 rolls
Razor, disposable	5 pcs
Hygienic pads, normal	8 pcs

The National Society Headquarters, in close cooperation with IFRC Regional Representation in Almaty, will monitor the progress and provide the necessary technical expertise to the staff deployed to the field. Visibility of the work of the Red Crescent will be ensured during the operation through the local media. Weekly operation updates will be sent to the IFRC Europe Zone Office.

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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.

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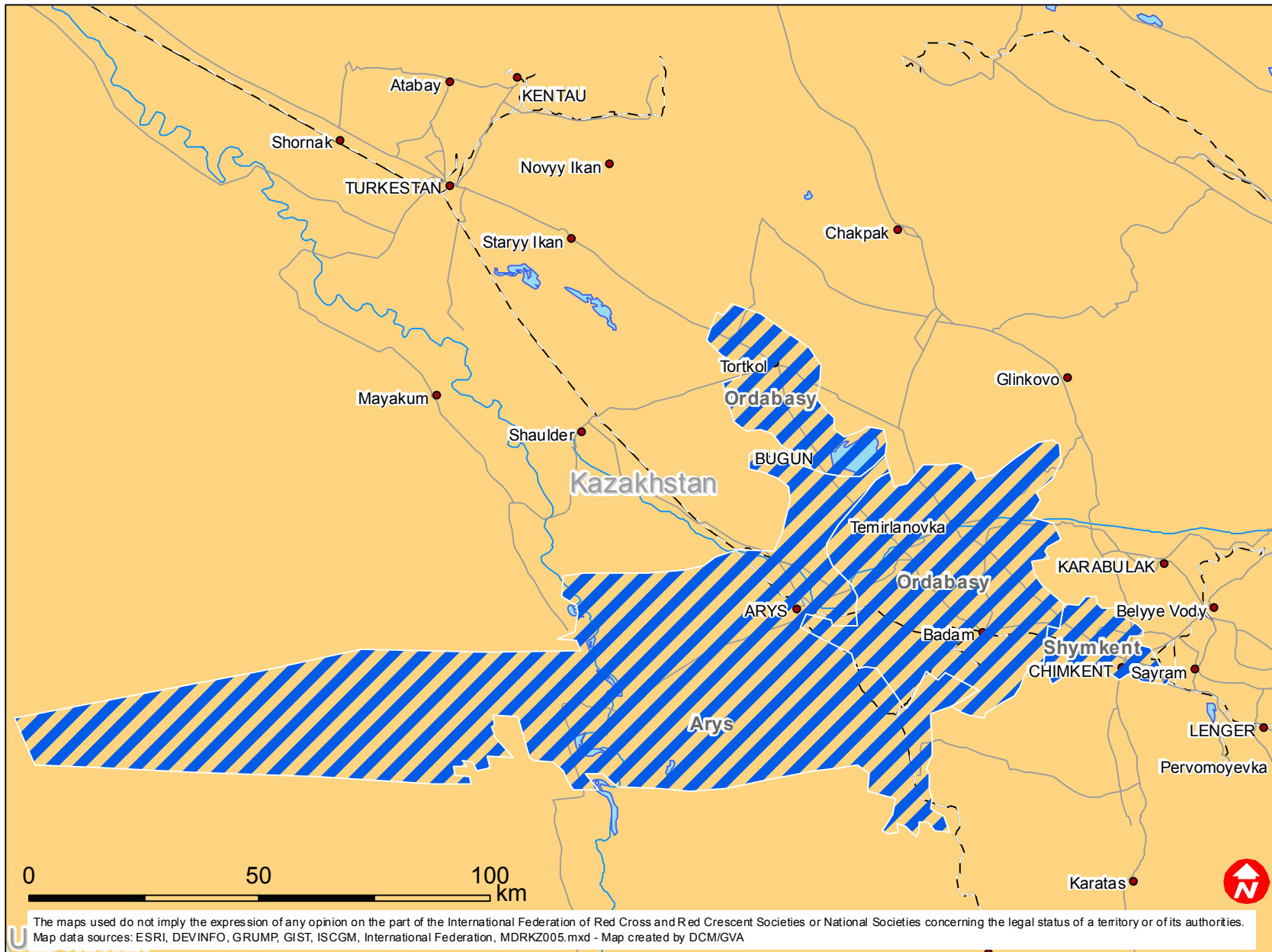
1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
 2. Enable healthy and safe living.
 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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DREF OPERATION

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	133,000
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	17,250
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Ustensils & Tools	0
Other Supplies & Services	
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	150,250
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,500
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	5,500
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	4,020
Volunteers	1,310
Total PERSONNEL	5,330
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	0
Travel	1,400
Information & Public Relations	1,500
Office Costs	
Communications	1,000
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Support Services	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	3,900
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	10,724
Total INDIRECT COSTS	10,724
TOTAL BUDGET	175,704



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 Most affected areas