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## Operation Update Report Afghanistan: Drought and Flash Floods



<b>Emergency Appeal n° MDRAF005</b>	<b>Glide n° <a href="#">FF-2019-000018-AFG</a>; <a href="#">DR-2018-000052-AFG</a></b>
<b>EPoA update n° 5; 9 March 2020</b>	<b>Timeframe covered by this update: 13 March - 31 January 2020</b>
<b>Operation start date: 13 March 2019</b>	<b>Operation timeframe: 18 months; End date: 30 September 2020 (extended)</b>
<b>Overall operation budget: CHF 8 million</b>	<b>DREF allocated: CHF 750,000 Emergency Appeal Budget: CHF 8 million</b>
<b>N° of people being assisted: 674,686 people (approx. 96,000 families)</b>	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> The Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) is working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Partner National Societies (PNS) with presence in Afghanistan (Canadian Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent Society and Turkish Red Crescent Society) or from outside Afghanistan (Red Cross Society of China). The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is the lead agency in Afghanistan.	
Partners who have, so far, contributed to the IFRC Emergency Appeal are: <b>American Red Cross, British Red Cross, European Commission – DG ECHO, Finnish Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China, Japanese Red Cross Society, Norwegian Red Cross, Red Cross of Monaco, Swedish Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government) and the Netherland Red Cross (from Netherlands Government).</b>	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b>	
<b>(i) Government ministries and agencies:</b> Afghan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Provincial Disaster Management Committees (PDMCs), Department for Rural Rehabilitation and Development etc.	
<b>(ii) UN agencies:</b> OCHA, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF, UNHCR, UNOPS, UNV, UN-HABITAT, UNFPA, UNEP, UNESCO, ILO, IOM, UNMAS, UN.	
<b>(iii) International NGOs:</b> Action Against Hunger, Afghan Aid, Community World Service Asia, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees, Dutch Relief Alliance, Danish Refugee Council - Danish Demining Group, Handicap International, Human Resource Development Agency, International Medical Corps, International Rescue Committee, Norwegian Refugee Council, Organization for Humanitarian and Development, Organization of Human Welfare, Première Urgence-Aide Médicale Internationale, Relief International, Save the Children International, Solidarités International, Shanti Volunteer Association, Welthungerhilfe, Care International, ACTED International, OXFAM, HELVETAS and Mercy Corps etc.	

### Summary of operation update:

*This operation update mainly informs the extension of the operation by a further six months, until 30 September 2020 following request by the National Society. Based on latest assessments conducted in nine provinces; Nimroz, Herat, Faryab, Badghis, Jawzjan, Sar-e-pol, Kandahar, Balkh and Helmand, it is estimated that 298,963 people, (42,709 households) are still struggling to cope from the effect of 2018/2019 drought and floods. This extension will enable the National Society to reach the targeted people with the much-needed humanitarian needs.*

*Note: This progress report issued on 9 March 2020 has been republished again on 10 June 2020 with updated/corrected information on the number of Mobile Health Teams deployed – from six corrected to five only.*

### Description of the disaster

Afghanistan experienced the worst drought in a decade in 2018-2019 with about 13.5 million people severely food insecure, which was 6 million more than in 2017<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> IPC report – 2019

Several droughts affected provinces were also hit by flash floods in March and April 2019, further exacerbating the humanitarian situation. The flash floods destroyed homes, damaged infrastructure and agricultural land in several districts affecting more than 350,000 people in the country. According to the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Agency, the most affected provinces were Farah, Helmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Herat, Nangarhar and Badghis.

As of December 2019, millions of people are still struggling to recover from the devastating effects of the drought and flash floods. Hunger and malnutrition remain at dangerously high levels despite the passing of the drought with **14.3 million people** forecast to be in crisis or emergency food insecurity in the first months of 2020<sup>2</sup>.

Early of this year heavy snowfall, flooding and a large number of avalanches have been reported in different parts of Afghanistan between 12-15 January 2020. Around 11 out of 34 provinces reported to have been badly affected. Provinces with casualties and significant damage to homes and livelihoods included Helmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Laghman, Herat, Badghis, Ghor, Daykundi, Bamyan and Baghlan. ARCS has mobilized their staff and volunteers in the affected areas from 13 January 2020 to conduct assessments and to distribute relief items such as blankets, tents, kitchen set, tapeline sheets and jerry cans.<sup>3</sup>

## Summary of current response

Overall ARCS response supported by IFRC Emergency Appeal (EA) as of 31 January 2020:

### Summary of ARCS response

Sector	Intervention	Contribution from IFRC EA	Remarks
Shelter	Distribution of emergency shelter and essential household items	4,000 HHs	Through the EA, 4,000 most vulnerable households were reached in 10 provinces.
	Orientation of HHs	4,000 HHs	
Livelihoods and Basic Needs	Food assistance	6,000 HHs	The overall EA target is 9,000 households in 13 provinces for people affected by floods and drought; Due to funding gap, only 6,000 households were reached with food assistance in 8 provinces.
	Cash assistance	498 HHs	Cash piloting done and 498 households assisted with multipurpose cash grant, 1,500 more households will be reached out with the available funds; more households will be assisted subject to funding availability.
Health	Deployment of Mobile Health Teams (MHTs)	94,428 people	The overall EA target is to reach 405,159 people through MHTs. As of reporting period, MHTs have been deployed in five provinces (Herat, Jawzjan, Helmand, Badghis and Kandahar reaching 94,428 people. The reach gap is still significant due to funding gap.
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	Capacity building trainings & community based DRR/CCA & EWEA sessions	1,185 people	DRR activities have started in 8 provinces - Herat, Badghis, Nimroz, Kandahar, Helmand, Nangarhar, Kunar and Balkh. Branch staff are trained in the 8 provinces, and community based DRR or Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), and Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) sessions conducted in Herat province where 1,000 people participated. DRR sector is also with significant funding gap.

**Note:** One household - one family of average seven people.

### Summary of progress against indicators

Sector	Indicator	Target	Actual
Shelter	<i># of people targeted/reached with safe, appropriate and adequate shelter and settlements assistance</i>	21,000	28,000
	<i># of households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance</i>	3,000	4,000
	<i># of staff and volunteer trained on safer shelter techniques</i>	240	240

<sup>2</sup> UNOCHA report, 20 Dec 2019

<sup>3</sup>960-blankets, 90-tents, 2-kitchen set, 11-tapeline sheets,10-jerry cans, 2-spades and 2-picks.

Sector	Indicator	Target	Actual
Livelihoods and Basic Needs	# of people that have enough food, cash or income to meet their survival threshold	105,000	45,486
	# of households assisted with conditional cash grants	1,500	0
	# of training conducted in vegetable gardening	25	0
	# of households reached with food assistance	9,000	6,000
	# of ARCS staff & volunteers trained on cash and voucher assistance (CVA)	300	75
	# of households reached with multipurpose cash grants for basic needs	4,500	498
Health	# of people reached by ARCS with services to reduce relevant health risk factors.	405,159	94,428
	# of MHTs deployed to provide health services support	6	5
	# of community volunteers trained on CBHFA modules	180	240
	# of ARCS RCY volunteers trained on CBHFA modules	90	28
	# of lactating and pregnant women (PLW) received nutritional supplements	4,500	0
WASH	# of people reached through health education sessions	405,159	40,466
	% of people provided with safe water (according to WHO standards)	80%	0
	% of target population with access to an improved water source	80%	0
	# of water points rehabilitated/repared	50	0
	# of new handpumps/boreholes installed	20	0
	# of households provided with jerry cans (2 per HH)	3,000	0
	% of targeted population have access to sanitation facilities	80%	0
	# of latrines installed to an improved sanitation facility	60 <sup>4</sup>	0
	# of ARCS staff/volunteers trained on PHAST modules	300	0
# of teachers/volunteers trained on CHAST modules	250	0	
DRR	% of the targeted population reached for hygiene promotion activities	80%	0
	% of the targeted population increased the resilience level and prepared to respond disaster	80%	1%
	# of ARCS staff/volunteers trained on DRR/CCA & EWS	225	185
	% people have communities risk knowledge	80%	1%
	# of sessions conducted in flood & drought communities	200	10
Protection, Gender and Inclusion	# of provinces with mitigation measures taken in high risk areas	12	0
	# of staff/volunteers trained on PGI	30	0
	# of dignity kits distributed to women and girls	5,000	0

Based on the latest assessments conducted, the following are key activities prioritized in the remaining timeframe:

- Restoration of livelihoods of 9,000 households through conditional cash grant.
- Distribution of multipurpose cash grants to 6,000 households.
- Provision of health services to affected people through the existing six mobile health teams in provinces.
- Enhance community resilience through integrated community based DRR programming.
- Ensure protection, gender and inclusion, and to make sure that Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention is mainstreamed throughout the operation.
- Enhance the disaster response and preparedness capacity of ARCS.

## Financial Report

The appeal budget for this operation is CHF 8 million with total DREF allocation of CHF 750,000 (which has been reimbursed). The [appeal coverage](#) is at CHF 3.8 million (48 per cent). The expenditure as of 31 December 2019 closing is CHF 3,319,688 (87 per cent against coverage/income). See attached financial report for more details. (Click [here](#))

<sup>4</sup> This reflects the number of latrines that can be funded with the current Appeal income, actual needs are higher.

Reference documents



Click 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.

# Emergency Appeal

Interim FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2019/3-12	Operation	MDRAF005
Budget Timeframe	2019-2020	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 19 Feb 2020

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## MDRAF005 - Afghanistan - Drought and Flash Floods

Operating Timeframe: 13 Mar 2019 to 31 Mar 2020; appeal launch date: 16 Mar 2019

### I. Emergency Appeal Funding Requirements

Thematic Area Code	Requirements CHF
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	593,000
AOF2 - Shelter	1,895,500
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	1,448,000
AOF4 - Health	479,000
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	969,500
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion	182,000
AOF7 - Migration	0
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	779,000
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	1,487,000
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	151,000
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	16,000
<b>Total Funding Requirements</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
<b>Donor Response* as per 19 Feb 2020</b>	<b>3,808,433</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>47.61%</b>

### II. IFRC Operating Budget Implementation

Thematic Area Code	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	0	36,067	-36,067
AOF2 - Shelter	2,240,136	2,146,593	93,543
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	565,256	367,430	197,826
AOF4 - Health	167,192	238,930	-71,738
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	0	0	0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion	0	0	0
AOF7 - Migration	0	0	0
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	458,017	102,730	355,287
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	148,865	307,835	-158,970
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	54,404	25,110	29,293
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	81,834	94,992	-13,158
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,715,703</b>	<b>3,319,688</b>	<b>396,015</b>

### III. Operating Movement & Closing Balance per 2019/12

Opening Balance	0
Income (includes outstanding DREF Loan per IV.)	3,790,294
Expenditure	-3,319,688
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>470,606</b>
Deferred Income	0
Funds Available	470,606

### IV. DREF Loan

* not included in Donor Response	Loan :	750,000	Reimbursed :	750,000	<b>Outstanding :</b>	<b>0</b>
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### V. Contributions by Donor and Other Income

Opening Balance							0
Income Type	Cash	InKind Goods	InKind Personnel	Other Income	TOTAL	Deferred Income	
American Red Cross	252,917				252,917		
British Red Cross	229,845				229,845		
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch	25,497				25,497		
European Commission - DG ECHO	1,129,481				1,129,481		
Finnish Red Cross	9,753	152,050	0		161,803		
Japanese Red Cross Society	89,726				89,726		
Norwegian Red Cross	13,163	215,860			229,022		
On Line donations	1,189				1,189		
Red Cross of Monaco	16,536				16,536		
Swedish Red Cross	109,489				109,489		
The Canadian Red Cross Society	47,775	809,402			857,177		
The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Govern	687,612				687,612		
<b>Total Contributions and Other Income</b>	<b>2,612,982</b>	<b>1,177,312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,790,294</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Income and Deferred Income</b>					<b>3,790,294</b>	<b>0</b>	