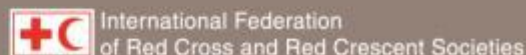


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## Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Albania : Floods



<b>DREF n° MDRAL005</b>	<b>Glide n° FL-2015-000009-ALB</b>
<b>Date of issue: 6 February 2015</b>	<b>Expected timeframe: 4 months</b> <b>Expected end date: 6 June 2015</b>
<b>DREF allocated budget: 246,846 CHF</b>	
<b>Total number of people affected: 42,000 people</b>	<b>Number of people to be assisted: 8,000 persons or 2,000 families</b>
<b>Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 25 staff, 200 volunteers</b>	

### A. Situation analysis

#### Description of the disaster

Due to the heavy rainfalls in recent days, which varied between 160 and 200 mm in three days equalling to a normal monthly ratio, the southern and south-eastern parts of Albania have been hit by major floods, leading to the evacuation of some 850 families from their houses since Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 up to date.

The situation in Vlora and Fier, Berat, Elbasan and Gjirokastra districts is becoming increasingly critical. The heavy rains going on uninterrupted for almost five days have increased the levels of the Vjosa, Devoll, Osum and Seman rivers which have inundated their banks and caused huge flooding in several areas endangering also some major national highways. The rise of the rivers is threatening the nearby communes and villages especially in Levan, Darzeze, Fitore, Poro, Delisuf, Akerni, Novosele, Docove, Frakull, Bishan, Mifol, Ferras and UraVajgurore.

The Albanian Government has mobilized the State Police, the Military Units, and the Emergency Teams which are assisting the affected families in high-risk areas, especially in the evacuation of people and livestock, mostly to relatives and friends. Food packages and bottled water are being distributed to the most vulnerable families with the support of private companies. The Albanian Government is preparing to declare a state of emergency for the worst affected areas.

According to the preliminary information provided by the Red Cross branches operating in the flooded areas, the affected families have lost their winter food reserves and their livestock as well as their home furniture and electro-domestic devices. So far, there is no need for Family Restoring Links services as the evacuated families are sheltered mostly with their relatives.

Some power stations and water supply stations are reported as inundated. So many of the affected areas have no power and drinking water, which increases the level of vulnerability of many families. The local authorities are in charge of providing safe water to the residents.



Needs assessment in a cross country vehicle of the Albanian Red Cross.  
Photo: Albanian Red Cross

According to the preliminary data received from Emergency Commission and the Albanian local authorities, this is a list of evacuations and material damages.

- The updates show some 42,000 people affected in all the flooded areas; in Vlora 15,800, Fier 20,000, Berat, Elbasan, and Gjirokaster in total 6,100 people, respectively.
- 850 families have been evacuated so far.
- Around 2,000 houses are surrounded by water, most of them already flooded and seriously damaged in the areas of Vlore 750 houses, in Fier 720, in Berat 180, in Elbasan 260 and in Gjirokaster 90 houses.
- Around 3,500 heads of livestock killed; around 6,000 animals have been evacuated.
- An area of 17,000 acres of farm land is flooded: in the areas of Vlora 8,000 acres, Fier 7,000 acres, Berat 1,000 acres, Elbasan 600 acres, Gjirokastra 400 acres.

The State Police urged all citizens who were planning to travel to the south to cancel any movement. Furthermore, many bridges are destroyed thereby preventing traffic on the main communication routes. Emergency evacuations are continuing by military units, following the water levels' rise.

## **Summary of the current response**

### **Overview of Host National Society**

The National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (DPP) Coordinator of the Albanian Red Cross visited some of the most affected villages to assess the damages and the emergency needs, joined by the Red Cross members from the affected areas.

The Red Cross branches are mobilizing their DPP Volunteer Teams in order to follow up closely on the situation and to assist the affected people in each respective area.

As the situation evolves, the Albanian Red Cross is going to distribute immediately food packages, blankets and hygienic kits released from the actual DPP stocks for 30 affected families in one of the most affected areas, Novosel, Vlore.

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

#### **Movement Coordination**

Coordination among the Movement partners will be ensured through regular information exchange and remote technical support from the IFRC Secretariat's Europe Zone Office in Budapest. The Albanian Red Cross has adequate human resource capacities to respond to the emergency needs, and to implement the relief operation by mobilizing its own disaster response teams.

#### **Overview of non-RCRC actors in country**

The Albanian Government is coordinating different response actions and has called for in-country donations including the support to the Albanian Red Cross, and it has also appealed for international assistance.

So far, the Albanian Red Cross is asked by "Save the Children" for updated information which will lead to a common further cooperation.

The Albanian Red Cross has been closely coordinating with the authorities at both local and national levels. The Red Cross branch representatives have been participating in the local meetings of the emergency management commission set up in the five most affected areas.

## **Needs analysis, beneficiary selection, risk assessment and scenario planning**

According to the preliminary assessments conducted by the Red Cross branches in the five most affected districts, the number of the affected families so far is around 42,000, while 850 families have been evacuated by military units and other government structures.

The priorities of needs for the affected population are three:

- Accommodation; which is managed by Local Authorities; evacuated people are accommodated with their relatives. In this line of intervention Albanian Red Cross will contribute with the distribution of blankets.
- Water and sanitation assistance; provision of drinking water will be done by local authorities and private companies while Albanian RC will deliver hygienic kits and leaflets with health information.
- Distribution of food; Albanian Red Cross, in close cooperation with government authorities, will cover the needs for food for the 8,000 most vulnerable people.

Assessments conducted by Albanian Red Cross staff revealed the following damages to the households: buildings; winter reserves; home furniture and electric household appliances; livestock and fodder and corn plants.

Based on the initial analysis and in coordination with governmental structures which are providing assistance in the field, the Albanian RC highlights the following priorities for the flooded areas:

- Food items;
- Hygiene kits
- Environmental sanitation awareness.



Inundated streets in the disaster stricken area.  
Photo: Albanian Red Cross

As the situation is still ongoing and many areas are still under water, continued assessments will have to be carried out in order to have accurate figures on the real damages and needs.

Each family selected will receive one monthly relief package consisting of 1 food parcel, 1 hygienic kit and 5 blankets.

One monthly food package is composed by the following items.

Food items	Quantity
White flour	30 kg
Rice	4 kg
Sugar	4 kg
Vegetable oil	4 liters
White beans	4 kg
Pasta	4 kg
Salt	0.5 kg

Hygiene kit	Quantity
Washing powder	3 kg
Shampoo	500 ml
Soap	12 pieces
Toilet paper	12 rolls
Toothpaste 75ml	5 tubes
Tooth brush	5 units
Disposable razor	5 units
Hygienic pads	80 units

The Albanian RC has already distributed 10,000 blankets that are sought to be replenished by the DREF allocation.

### Selection of beneficiaries

Based on needs assessment, the proposed operation will address the needs of 8,000 most affected people and will provide them with relief items. Furthermore, an awareness campaign on health and safety issues will be implemented. Leaflets, posters and a TV spot will be produced.

The Albanian Red Cross will provide relief distributions in the municipalities listed below:

Municipality	Number of assisted persons
Vlora	3,000
Fier	2,900
Berat	700
Elbasan	1,050
Gjirokaster	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,000</b>

Regarding the beneficiary selection criteria, priority will be given to:

- Families evacuated and accommodated with their relatives;
- Families most affected by the floods and landslides but not evacuated;
- Families with social-economic problems, elderly people, widowed women with young children;
- Roma families

### **Risk Assessment**

More rainfall is forecasted for the coming days; accordingly new flooding is expected especially in the areas surrounded by the rivers.

## **B. Operational strategy and plan**

### **Overall objective**

The immediate needs of the 8,000 people affected (2,000 families) by the floods in five areas in Vlora, Fier, Berat, Elbasan and Gjirokaster are met through the provision of basic food and non-food items, and hygienic promotion.

### **Proposed strategy**

To accomplish the overall objective, the Red Cross staff and volunteers have been focusing on the provision of emergency food and non-food distribution and hygiene promotion activities. The key activities planned as part of this operation are as follows:

- Detailed needs assessment and completion of the beneficiaries' lists according to the criteria agreed with the local authorities;
- Distribution of 2,000 food parcels (1 parcel per family for 1 month)
- Procurement and distribution of 2,000 Hygiene Kit
- Procurement and distribution of 10,000 blankets.
- Replenishment the essential Disaster Preparedness (DP) stocks (10,000 blankets) of the Albanian National Society, which have been used up through the operation.
- Production of a TV spot and leaflets on public awareness about hygiene promotion.

The Albanian Red Cross has mobilized the staff and volunteers of the disaster response teams of the branches in the affected areas which have been engaged immediately, since the first days when the heavy rains started.

Relief items will be distributed based on the above-mentioned beneficiary selection criteria and in close coordination with the state emergency response units.

### **Operational support services**

#### **Human resources**

The number of the Albanian Red Cross staff engaged in the response operation is 25 permanent staff from HQ and 5 Local Branches; while 200 volunteers have been mobilized to assist in the implementation of the relief operation.

#### **Logistics and supply chain**

DREF items will be procured locally, except for the blankets for which the IFRC Logistical Unit in Dubai will be asked to purchase due to the high quality of the product. The purchase procedures will follow the administrative regulations of Albanian Red Cross and will be done in accordance with IFRC standards. The operational costs as distribution costs and the cost of awareness materials and the organizing of workshop are also foreseen in the DREF budget.

#### **Communications**

During the relief distribution and awareness activities, visibility will be ensured through national and local media and updated press releases launched by the Albanian Red Cross Public Relation Office. Furthermore, the food packages and hygienic kits are packed in boxes with an Albanian Red Cross emblem. News and photos will be disseminated through the electronic media, social media, newspapers and the Albanian RC website.

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

The Albanian Red Cross staff in HQ, the DPP Coordinator and the Social and Health Coordinator will continuously monitor the implementation of activities and control the quality of the relief items.

In addition, the five Red Cross branches will be engaged in the distribution of relief items to the beneficiaries in order to ensure that Red Cross assistance goes directly to the most affected population.

The Albanian RC will cooperate with local authorities to determine the areas of intervention and prepare the list of beneficiaries.

The day-to-day monitoring of the operation will be the responsibility of the Albanian Red Cross branches in the affected areas.

Updated information on the implementation of the operation will be provided for the IFRC Secretariat's Europe Zone Office on a regular basis.

With the support of the Europe Zone Office, a workshop on lessons learned and a survey on beneficiary satisfaction will be conducted at the end of the operation.

A final report on this DREF operation will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 6 September 2015.

## Budget

Click [here](#) to see the DREF operation's budget.

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### C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

## Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

**Outcome 1: Accurate assessment is used to design a relief operation, and lessons learned are highlighted from the implementation**

**Output 1.1 Continuous needs assessment and preparedness for relief distribution are conducted following the updated information received from the field**

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**Output 1.2 Lessons learned from the operation are incorporated in the preparedness plans**

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## Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

**Outcome 1: The risk of sanitation related diseases has been reduced through provision of hygiene kits and health and hygiene promotion and**

**Output 1. Provision of hygienic kits for 2000 families affected**

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**Output 2 Improve sanitation and hygienic knowledge and behavior of the targeted people**

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**Output 1. 2,000 families will be provided with 10,000 blankets and other 10,000 blankets already distributed will be replenished**

## Food security, nutrition and livelihoods

**Output 1. 8,000 beneficiaries from the most affected areas have their nutritional needs met through provision of food parcels**

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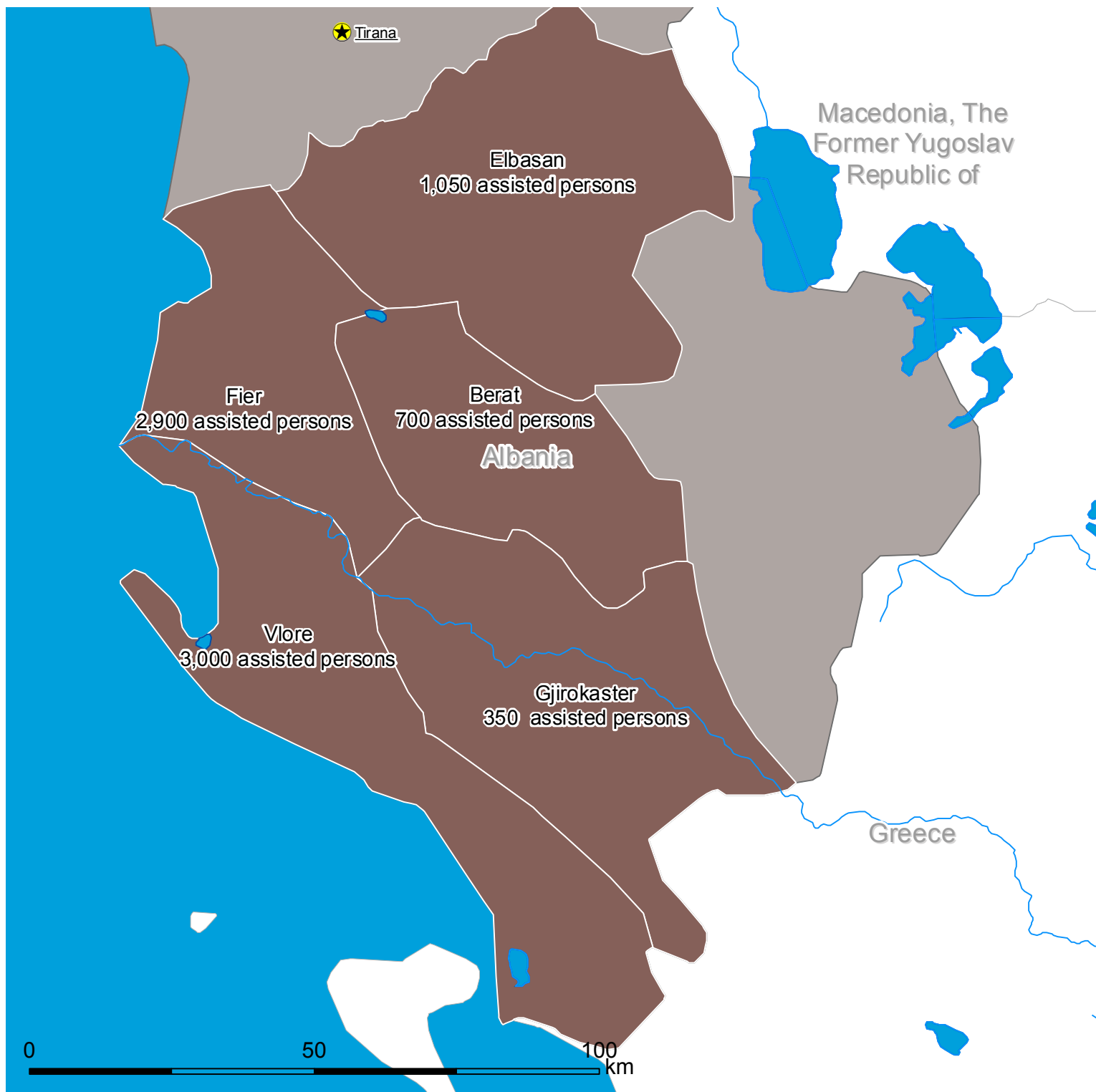
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	72,000
Food	84,320
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	24,000
Cash Disbursements	
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>180,320</b>
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	2,560
Distribution & Monitoring	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,200
Logistics Services	
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>5,760</b>
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	13,120
Volunteers	12,000
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>25,120</b>
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	6,000
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>6,000</b>
Travel	1,500
Information & Public Relations	12,400
Office Costs	680
Communications	
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,580</b>
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
<b>Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS</b>	<b>0</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	15,066
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>15,066</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>246,846</b>

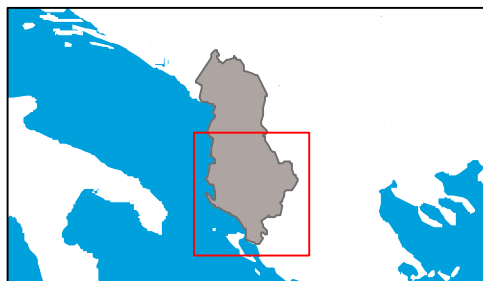




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Most affected districts