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China - Sichuan Earthquake: facts and figures

(as of 20 August 2008)

Appeal

Revised Emergency Appeal launched on 30 May 2008: CHF 97.6 million (USD 92.7 million or EUR 59.5 million) to assist up to 500,000 beneficiaries for three years. The appeal is approximately 87% covered including "soft" pledges.

Earthquake impact

According to official government sources:

Death toll: more than 69,000

Missing: about 18,000

Displaced: 15 million, including 5 million homeless

International aid workers

The International Federation currently has currently 5 expatriate aid workers in its Chengdu operations office. A total of 34 expatriates served in four Emergency Response Units deployed by the International Federation to Sichuan.

- Current staff have vital expertise and experience in health, relief, water and sanitation and logistics
- The most recently deployed members specialize in public health in emergencies and in water and sanitation.

Relief

To date the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) has received and distributed more than **150,000 tents**. Of those tents, 100,000 were procured and delivered by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to the three most heavily impacted districts in China.

128,144 quilts and 246,842 pieces of clothing have also been distributed. RCSC has been operating from six prefecture offices in Sichuan, including one in Chengdu, staffed by more than 70 people from headquarters and provincial branches.

The International Federation is currently in the process of procuring **100,000 family kits**, including kitchen sets, quilts and hygiene parcels.

Transitional and permanent shelter

RCSC is contributing towards the building of transitional schools and clinics to serve one million families.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been signed with provincial governments under which RCSC will help build 12,376 rural residential houses, 57 schools and 53 township hospitals and 27 village health clinics in 29 counties in Sichuan; 10,090 houses, 80 township hospitals, 65 township schools, 69 village health clinics and 70 community centers in Gansu; 8,374 houses, 55 schools and 47 rural township hospitals and village health clinics in Shaanxi.

The International Federation and other Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies are working on detailed plans to support further reconstruction of homes, schools and clinics.

Water and sanitation and hygiene promotion

Three water and sanitation Emergency Response Units deployed by the International Federation to Sichuan province have now been handed over to the Chinese Red Cross, along with the Danish RC base camp supporting their operations.

RCSC teams have now been fully trained in operating the equipment, ready for future use at home or abroad.

The units provided clean drinking water for around 12,000 people and latrines for up to 8,000 people.

Community-based health and care, first aid and psychosocial support

In the immediate post-disaster phase, RCSC deployed 10 medical teams to the disaster area, consisting of 10-20 members.

A field hospital deployed to Sichuan by the German Red Cross has successfully completed three months of operation, treating more than 66,000 patients, including more than 7,000 emergency cases.

Doctors from the RCSC and German Red Cross hospital have been running an outreach service to nearby relocation centres for earthquake survivors, bringing back patients needing more complex treatment than the medical stations in the camps can provide.

After sending two psychosocial teams to train local volunteers in providing emotional support to earthquake survivors in the days after the disaster, RCSC has now handed over psychosocial work to teams from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); CASS has deployed some 200 psychologists in the disaster area.

More information

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