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Sichuan Earthquake: Facts and Figures

One year commemoration

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APPEAL

Revised Emergency Appeal launched 20 November 2008: CHF 167.1 million (USD 146 million or EURO 110 million) to assist approximately 200,000 families (up to one million people) for 26 months. The appeal is approximately 91% covered.

EARTHQUAKE IMPACT

State-run media sources continue to report:

Dead and missing: more than 87,000 feared dead – 69,000 officially dead and 18,000 still classified as missing, with more than 374,000 injured.

Displaced: Approximately 15 million people have been displaced, with around 5 million who have lost their homes.

INTERNATIONAL AID WORKERS

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) currently has ten expatriate aid workers based in its operations office in Chengdu, Sichuan. Their areas of expertise include logistics, health and psychosocial support, livelihoods and recovery, water and sanitation and finance. The most recently deployed members specialise in recovery and reconstruction.

RELIEF PHASE ENDS

The IFRC's relief phase has officially ended with the distribution of the last remaining food parcels. Distribution of 100,000 tents and 300,000 quilts has now been completed, with 100,000 hygiene kits having been procured by the IFRC. More than 130,000 food parcels procured by the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) have also been distributed. The food parcels contained both grain and cooking oil.

FROM EMERGENCY SHELTER TO RECONSTRUCTION

After the International Federation's mobilisation of 100,000 tents to the disaster area in the weeks following the earthquake, many of the families quickly moved into temporary shelters. Now, the rapid pace of reconstruction has already seen more than 16,000 families move into their new homes built with Red Cross Red Crescent assistance. 16,000 more homes are currently under construction.

The RCSC is assisting approximately 100,000 families to rebuild their homes, while the IFRC will be giving reconstruction support to a further 34,000 households, targeting the

most vulnerable in the community. Red Cross Red Crescent assistance is also helping with the reconstruction of more than 660 schools and over 2,000 hospitals and clinics in Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi.

WATER AND SANITATION

The RCSC is supporting at least four different drinking water projects in the three worst-hit provinces. The IFRC is working on plans to supply water into individual households from gravity-fed water systems being constructed by the local government in our project area.

The IFRC will also support around 1000 biogas latrines for the most vulnerable households in the communities in which reconstruction assistance is targeted. Work on restoring the water and sanitation infrastructure will be part of the integrated community-based component of the IFRC's reconstruction plans. This is in addition to health, livelihoods support and disaster risk reduction, predominantly in the areas where IFRC is supporting RCSC to rebuild village homes.

As an immediate response to the disaster, the IFRC deployed two Emergency Response Units (ERU) to provide clean drinking water and one to provide mass sanitation in Mianzhu County.

Between June and September 2008, the ERUs provided more than 4,100 cubic meters of water during the most critical period, reaching more than 19,000 people. The Red Cross mass sanitation ERU provided latrines to more than 13,000 people. The IFRC deployed national society teams from Spain, Austria, France and Britain who trained Chinese counterpart teams to operate the ERU equipment, during a workshop on managing the units held in November 2008.

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND HEALTH SUPPORT

The IFRC is using its experience of post-disaster psychosocial work in many different situations to provide technical support to the RCSC's psychosocial project, *Sunshine in Your Heart* (SiyH).

SiyH has already implemented an extensive programme of psychosocial training for teachers in schools in the disaster area and care centres to provide a safe space in schools for children who have been affected by the disaster.

The IFRC is now working on developing a psychosocial toolkit for use in local schools, which can help those children who may still be experiencing difficult emotions in the aftermath of the disaster.

The IFRC, supporting the RCSC will implement a programme of community-based health and first aid beginning in the three townships where the needs of more than 17,500 households will be addressed.

Extensive Disaster Management Health trainings will be held for Red Cross personnel and local health workers around the disaster area, with translations of relevant handbooks into Chinese, adapting them to local needs.

LIVELIHOODS ASSISTANCE

Both directly and in creative partnerships with a number of other NGOs, the RCSC has established a range of projects to help local communities in the disaster area with new ways of generating income.

These range from a project set up by the Red Cross-linked Jet Li One Foundation to help ethnic minority women to create and market their embroidery work, to a project with a charity which supports local people breeding rabbits.

The IFRC's integrated programming in Mianzhu County will also incorporate livelihoods support in the next few months after construction is completed and people move into their new homes. The livelihoods support will focus on vulnerable populations to start or restart livelihoods activities that were disrupted by the earthquake.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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