



## Operations Update 5 Kermanshah Earthquake - Iran

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### The Situation

A magnitude 7.3 earthquake hit Kermanshah province, western part of Iran along the border with Iraq on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 21:48 pm local time, killing at least 620 people and injuring more than 9,000 in numerous districts of the province. In total, 427,266 people were affected in 8 cities and 1,950 rural areas of Kermanshah province. 37,796 residential units in rural areas and in the cities have been seriously damaged between 50 and 100 percent. So far, 1,309 aftershocks in Kermanshah have been registered, according to the Iranian Seismological Centre.

### Response of the Iranian Red Crescent

The Red Crescent Society of Iran has a strong presence in the quake affected areas of Kermanshah, with 569 operational relief and rescue teams of ERU, emergency sheltering, emergency health and, 3,017 emergency response teams and 418 operational vehicles, 31 sniffing dog teams (found 6 persons alive and 15 persons dead). 350 operational relief workers are present in the field and 52 relief vehicles are in the field as well.

The 15 task force of the IRCS with the support from 25 Red Crescent provincial branches are controlling and monitoring the operations as the National Society is continuously rendering its humanitarian services for the affected people.

10 relief helicopters of the Iranian Red Crescent were on the scene for 11 days with 259 flights transferring 129,300 kilograms of humanitarian relief items, 717 relief workers to the affected areas, 194 injured people to medical centers.

| Relief (food and nonfood items)  |   |
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| Outcome  | Output  |
| <b>Outcome 1:</b> The immediate shelter and tent needs of the target population are met. | <b>Output 1:</b> Essential household items including food and non food items are provided to the target population. |

### Progress:

So far, along with the emergency sheltering of the affected people, non-food items including 91,000 tents, 322,000 relief blankets, 49,600 kerosene heater, 43,572 electrical heaters,

648,000 clothes, 62,000 sleeping mat (moquettes), 40,000 Hygiene kits, 46,600 kitchen sets, 311 tons of nylons (as covering sheets), 59,300 jerry cans, have been distributed amongst the affected population in the earthquake-hit areas.

The food items have distributed in seventy-two-hour packages (53,245 packages) and in one-month packages (59,647 packages) for two times as follows:

- First one-month package:
  - 3,400,000 canned food, 1,035 tons of rice, 7,000,000 bottles of mineral water, 277 tons of date, 384,000 kg of sugar, 223,000 edible oil and 4,940,000 loaves of bread
- Second one-month package:
  - 960,000 canned food, 400,000 kg of rice, 277 tons of date, 192,000 kg of sugar, 120,000 edible oil, 20,000 kg of tea, 252,000 kg of beans, 8,000 kg of salt

50,150 ratio booklets are issued among the affected population for distribution of relief items.

| <b>Health and Care</b>   |  |
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| <b>Outcome</b>   | <b>Output</b>  |
| <p><b>Outcome 2:</b></p> <p>The immediate and medium-term risks to the health of affected populations are reduced.</p> | <p><b>Output 2:</b></p> <p>Target population is provided with rapid medical services to assist the injured and prevent from epidemic diseases.</p> |

**Progress:**

At the first hours of response phase the Iranian Red Crescent deployed 1 Rapid Deployment Hospitals (RDH) of Kermanshah province to Sar Pol-e Zahab (to provide medical services instead of the local destructed hospital) – the injured were transported to this RDH by local community and IRCS relief and rescue workers within 72 hours of the earthquake first days. 4 Basic Health Care Units from Lorestan, Kermanshah, Kurdistan, West Azerbaijan and Markazi provincial branches to the affected areas of Solas-e Babajani, Javanrood and Qasr-e Shirin. The units provided medical services and treatments of nursery, midwifery, nutrition, PSP and Environmental Health.

In agreement reached with Iranian Ministry of Health in order to organize the medical services and treatments for patients, IRCS did the followings for coverage:

- BHC services in rural areas of Sar Pol-e Zahab, Salas Babajani, Javanrood and Dalahoo (the medical workers were deployed to the above-mentioned areas from 10 provinces)
- Rehabilitation services in Sar Pol-e Zahab (the medical teams deployed from 7 provinces).
- 70 tents for recovery phase of patients, damaged centers of Medical Science University in affected areas.

33,573 medical services of emergency health, nursery, mother and child care, PSP, environmental health, nutrition, physiotherapy and orthopedics have been rendered in Solas-e Babajani, Javanrood and Qasr-e Shirin, Solas-e Babajani and Dalahoo.

### Restoring Family Links

| Outcome   | Output   |
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| <p><b>Outcome 3:</b> Contacts are re-established and maintained between family members separated by the earthquake in the affected areas.</p> | <p><b>Output 3:</b> Vulnerable families and people separated from each other are registered and tracing services are provided to the affected.</p> |

### Progress:

Iranian Red Crescent's tracing unit is providing RFL services in the affected areas by the earthquake. The services furnish the family members with offers of the possibility to search through the list of missing persons and people who have responded that they are alive; register names of persons who wish to inform other that they are alive, with whom they have lost contact. The families can refer to Red Crescent operational centers in Qasre-Shirin, Sare-Pule-Zahab and Thalath-i-Babajani to receive the services.

### Volunteering Activities

- Establishing of emergency task force in Volunteer Organization for managing cash donations, receiving, organizing and sending in-kind donation, managing of volunteering services and skillful and professional volunteer recourses.
- Issuance of 16 announcements to manage the volunteers' capacities and reaching integrity of functions and operations
- Launching a responsive center and organizing public participation in rendering humanitarian services
- Setting-up a tent for collecting public donation in Volunteer Organization.
- Visiting the affected areas for the process of sending the public donation, warehousing, etc. in coordination with engaged IRCS departments and organizations
- Registering the required data of volunteers (297 medical workers and 514 volunteers) to be deployed to filed in case of necessity
- Collecting data and information of public donation
- Holding meetings with donators in order to effectively meet the needs of the affected communities
- Setting-up 1800 posts in 32 provinces for collecting public donations

### Youth Activities (PSP)

- Participation of youth members in collecting public donation, packaging of the donated items and loading
- Codification of regulations for PSP team engagement

- “Kind Hand” plan (distribution of toys, stationary, cloth, etc.)
- Recalling youth members for blood donation
- Field assessment for PSP teams in the affected areas
- Establishing the coordination task force for PSP teams in Kermanshah
- Scheduling the presence of PSP teams
- PSP services and activities:
  - Covering 8 cities and 496 villages
  - 65 teams from 31 province (include 973 members)
  - Covering 185,100 beneficiaries
  - Entertainment activities for children
  - Sport activities
  - Celebrities and athletes participation in PSP activities
  - Individual consultations, group consultations, door-to-door visits to assess the psychological needs, identifying vulnerable communities, Psychological supports for children by means of games and physical activities, Psychological supports for elders and the disabled, consultation workshop for mothers to learn how to treat affected children, PSP workshops for school staff, PSP workshop for parents

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