



Iran Floods

Iran was hit by unprecedented rainfall from mid-March to April this year.

Around 140 rivers burst their banks as flash floods and landslides swept away roads, homes and crops. Nearly all of the country's 31 provinces were impacted, with Golestan, Ilam, Lorestan and Khuzestan among the worst hit.

Flooding affected approximately 10 million people, or 1 in 8 Iranians, and left 2 million in need of humanitarian assistance. Dozens of people lost their lives.

Right away, Iranian Red Crescent teams on the ground sprang into action to save lives, evacuating nearly 10,000 people to safety and conducting search and rescue activities.

Even in the most remote or cut-off communities, Red Crescent volunteers arrived by boat or helicopter with much needed humanitarian aid.

While the floodwaters have largely receded and weather conditions have stabilized, the scale of this disaster means many Iranians still need support. But because of your generosity, the people of Iran do not have to suffer alone. The International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, in support of the Iranian Red Crescent, will continue to be there for those in need, providing shelter, health care and livelihood support as people recover from these devastating floods.

Meet Dr. Riazi, who helped stop a disaster within a disaster



After the immediate danger of flash floods and landslides, a new danger emerges: infectious disease. Waterborne diseases can appear after flooding, and if not properly treated can easily become epidemics. This is why Iranian Red Crescent mobile medical teams are so important.

Dr. Zahra Riazi is a specialist of infectious disease. She visited the hard-hit villages of Qanqormeh and Sallaq Yilqi in Golestan Province after the flood.

“The villagers had persevered through the initial flood problems with the assistance of Red Crescent relief workers, but intestinal diseases due to infected food and water had spread in the village,” said Dr. Riazi.

Dr. Riazi examined 160 patients in just three days, prescribing free medication and following up with many of them over the phone with test results and advice.

The eight-member mobile medical team included an infectious disease specialist, dentist, general practitioner and psychologist. Together, they provided services to 1,300 people in the two villages. Months after the initial disaster, the Red Crescent has operated dozens of mobile clinics. This is the kind of support you are providing to those in need.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



296,000

people given emergency shelter



33,000

Red Cross Movement staff and volunteers responded



29,000

people received health interventions, including psychosocial support



216,000

food parcels delivered

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Canadian Red Cross would like to thank the generous individuals, businesses and organizations who donated more than \$150,000 in support of our response to the Iran Floods. Compassionate donors like you have enabled us to deliver help and hope to the people of Iran.