

HONG KONG RED CROSS

Highlights on Relief Operations 2008

Protect Human Life

Care for the Health of the Vulnerable

Respect Human Dignity

Year 2008 is full of disasters. It began with rare but severe snowstorms in China continuously for a few months, destroying thousands of acres of crops and wrecking the livelihoods of many rural families. In May, Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar, where more than 130,000 people were killed or reported missing, and over 2 millions were displaced. 8 days later, a devastating earthquake in Sichuan killed almost 70,000 people and affected tens of millions. Locally in Hong Kong, where disasters are uncommon, acute fires and floods were experienced.

Year 2008 is also a year of benevolence. Unprecedented amounts of donation for overseas disaster and conflict relief have been received by the Hong Kong Red Cross. The generosity of the Hong Kong public has once again outshined. A record-breaking amount has been raised, translating to a donation of almost HKD200 per capita. Hundreds of new volunteers joined the Red Cross in relief and post-disaster recovery work. Regardless of the location of the disasters, Hong Kong people have demonstrated respect for humanity.

Together with everyone in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Red Cross perseveres in protecting human life, caring for the health of the vulnerable, and respecting human dignity, any where, any time.

Mainland China Snowstorm Relief, Reconstruction and Disaster Preparedness Programmes

- Distributed relief materials such as jackets, quilts and food to over 400,000 affected people in the provinces of Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Xinjiang, Chongqing, Anhui, Jiangxi and Guangdong.
- Rebuilding 533 houses, 49 township hospitals, 79 village clinics, 19 schools/dormitories and 25 water supply facilities in the provinces of Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Xinjiang, Anhui and Jiangxi, serving approximately 2.6 million people.
- Pre-positioned more than 53,000 family kits¹ in disaster prone provinces for disaster preparedness purpose.



5.12 Sichuan Earthquake Relief & Recovery Operation

Emergency Relief

- Handled 12 emergency tracing cases and re-established family link for all.
- Dispatched 3 medical teams with Hong Kong professional volunteers of 20 person times, serving over 2,000 villagers in Sichuan.
- Distributed a total of 5,374 tents, 60,224 quilts and sleep packs, 8,962 family kits¹.
- Replenished medical equipment, e.g. ECR machines and X-ray machines, for 20 earthquake affected township clinics in Sichuan.
- Provided roofing materials to 790 affected families in remote areas for building transitional shelters in Sichuan.
- Constructed and furnished with essential facilities, one transitional township hospital and one transitional nursery in Sichuan.



Reconstruction

- Rebuilding 1 county hospital, 16 township hospitals, 235 village clinics, 24 schools and 3 elderly homes, as well as 15,000 houses and community facilities in 12 worst-hit counties of Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi provinces, benefiting approximately 500,000 people.

Rehabilitation Service

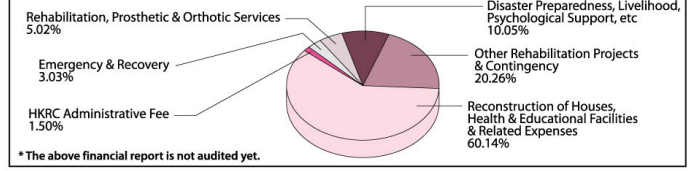
- In July 2008, the first post-earthquake, Rehabilitation, Prosthetic and Orthotic Centre was set up in Deyang city of Sichuan province.
- Provides prosthesis installment with free consultation, testing, production, installment, trial, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance services to the disabled.
- Patients enhance their self-care ability through physiotherapy, occupational therapy, clinical psychological services and community rehabilitation programmes.
- Offered relevant professional trainings to local staff.
- Served more than 240 disabled people and their relatives; provided prosthesis installment and other rehabilitation services to more than 100 patients.



¹ Family kit contains cooking utensils, personal hygiene materials, and food items, etc.

Sichuan Earthquake Donation Allocation Plan (2008-2011)

Total Donation Received: HK\$1,273,087,404.99 (Until 30 September 2008)



Myanmar Cyclone Relief Operation

- Estimated 260,000 families received emergency relief materials such as water and sanitation facilities, temporary shelters and health support services from the Red Cross.
- 80,000 families received emergency shelter items.
- 61 water storage facilities and 16 sewage contaminated wells have been cleaned and filtered.
- 80,000 families shall receive livelihoods assistances.
- 200 Red Cross first aid or health education posts being set up.
- Hong Kong Red Cross mobilized HKD 5.5 million for emergency relief as well as donated 2,000 emergency shelter kits and 200 first aid kits. A sum of HKD 8 million will be utilized to restore health and medical services.

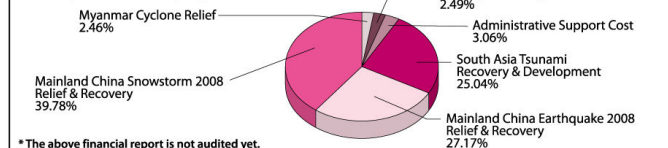


Local Emergency Assistance

- 12 emergency reliefs were dispatched to fire and flood victims, as well as the needy referred by government departments and social service agencies. 3,746 clothing bundles with daily necessities were distributed. Psychological support and post-disaster home clearance services were provided to a total of 4,521 people.
- Visits to 111 singleton elderly with distributions of quilts, tents and jackets. Home safety knowledge was also conveyed to 1,328 elderly before cold spells.
- During cold spells, jackets were dispatched to 206 street-sleepers.
- 130 volunteers were mobilized to provide the above emergency assistance to the needy.
- Emergency hotline for Psychological First Aid services was set up after major incidents. Collaborated with the Airport Authority to provide Psychological Support Services to victims of aviation disasters. A total of 198 volunteers received training on Psychological Support Services.

Allocation for Mainland China and Overseas Relief and Development Programmes (2007.10.01-2008.09.30)

Total Expenses: HK\$224,963,621.87



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