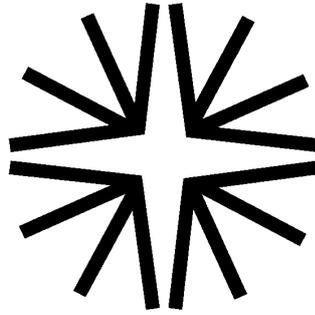


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**EADRCC Situation Report N°2
SEVERE SNOWFALLS IN ALBANIA
(Latest update in BOLD)**

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1. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Massive Snowfalls
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : beginning of 2012
Location of the Disaster : Northeast and Southeast of Albania

1.1. The weather situation is improving and higher temperatures have predominated. Minimal temperatures have risen by a moderately 3-4 °C and in some parts snow has gradually started to melt down.

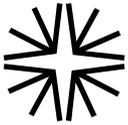
1.2. In most remote communes, including Margegaj, Lekbibaj Porocan, Kuker etc., which can be reached only by air, food supplies have been provided. Search and rescue missions have been conducted too.

1.3. Qark of Shkodra, Kukes, and Diber have 5 main roadways blocked. Communal and rural roads are still covered with snow-ice and many of them in the affected areas are considered very hazardous. The worst situation is in Dukagjin, Tropoja and Puka.

2. Initial Assessment of the damage.

2.1. Presently 27 communes are isolated (Shkodra Qark - 9, Qark of Kukës – 9, Qark of Dibër – 5 and Qark of Elbasan – 4).

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2.2. Nearly 100.000 people are affected and nearly 18 thousands cannot reach their administrative centres. This population have not enough stocks of food and medicines. The army aerial unit has deliver aid and food to remote part of Shkodra.

2.3. Even though electricity supply has improved throughout the area, a few communes are still experiencing electricity power supply shortages, due to the rise of electricity consumption and problems with the mains line supply.

2.4. The Council of Ministers declared a state of emergency in the North-East and East part of Albania.

3. National resources available for disaster response and measures taken.

3.1. National, regional and communal emergency headquarters of Civil Emergencies have been set up and have intensified their activity due to harsh weather conditions. Fire and rescue service, emergency medical teams, police and special forces, helicopter units, regional support brigades and army are engaged in rescue, evacuation and other emergency activities.

3.2. Army helicopter wing has conducted 8 missions transporting food supplies, clothes, heaters and most needed equipments. Heavy snow clearing machinery has worked on opening 9 motorways. Plowing and scraping operations of snow-ice is continuing, dumpers, graders, and retrofitted trucks are still working in the area.

3.3. An account for financial assistance from donor countries will shortly be opened by the Ministry of Finance.

4. The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
4.1.	MEDEVAC helicopters	asap	2	TBD
4.2.	Heavy machinery on snow-cleaning and road repairing	asap	3	TBD
4.3.	Off road vehicle	asap	10	TBD
4.4.	Snowmobile	asap	15	TBD

5. **Assistance provided by EAPC nations:**

5.1. Luxembourg is deploying a helicopter, scheduled to arrive on 21 February 2012.



6. Points of Entry:

- 6.1. Air - the International Airport of Tirana.
- 6.2. Sea - the Port of Durres.
- 6.3. Land lines of communication- Cross border point of Muriqan, Cross border point of Kakavija, Cross border point of Qafe Thana.

7. The Operational Point of Contact in Albania can be reached in the following ways:

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8. Response co-ordination.

8.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

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