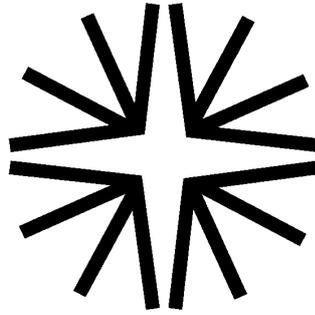


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EADRCC Situation Report N°8
SEVERE SNOWFALLS IN ALBANIA
(Latest update in BOLD)

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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 cloudy with rain. **The temperatures are increasing by 2 degrees. As a result the snow cover is expected to decrease by 7 cm. Reports from drini hydro power plants show no increase of water level in the basin due to melted snow. Danger of flooding is not a high concern for the moment but still the whole situation is being strictly monitored.**

1.2. **Presently 4 communes are isolated (Shkodra Qark – 3 and Qark of Kukës – 1).** In district Bulqize, Elbasan, Lezhe and Mirdite some villages are partly blocked and still aerial food supplies are needed. Communes are taking measures to access the internal rural roads and villages.

1.3. **Schools are closed in Shkodra Qark (communa Iballe - 2, communa Fierze - 2).**

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

2.1. 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.

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2.2. Helicopters have conducted **3 food supply missions**.

3. **Albania declared state of emergency on 12 February 2012, which is foreseen to last till 12 March 2012. Albania confirms that international assistance is still required.** The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
3.1.	MEDEVAC helicopters	asap	2	TBD
3.2.	Heavy machinery on snow-cleaning and road repairing	asap	3	TBD
3.3.	Off road vehicle	asap	10	TBD
3.4.	Snowmobile	asap	15	TBD

4. Assistance provided by EAPC nations:

The Luxembourg Helicopter MD-902, which had arrived on 22 February 2012, finished its mission in Albania on 25 February 2012 and returned to Luxembourg. This helicopter was offered through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

5. Points of Entry:

5.1. Air - the International Airport of Tirana.

5.2. Sea - the Port of Durres.

5.3. Land lines of communication- Cross border point of Muriqan, Cross border point of Kakavija, Cross border point of Qafe Thana.

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

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7. Response co-ordination.

7.1. 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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