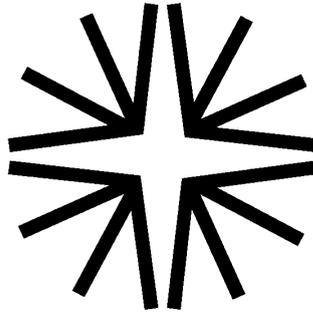


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EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST

FLOODS - ALBANIA

1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 26 September 2002, a disaster assistance request from Albania. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster	: Flood
Date and Time the Disaster occurred	: 22 September 2002
Location of the Disaster	: Western part of Albania
Size of the area affected	: Approximately 26.000 hectares
Estimated number of Persons affected	: 80.000 people

3. Initial Assessment of the damage and description of the situation.

3.1 The Western part of Albania has been stricken by serious floods. According to the Ministry of Economy, about two-thirds of the country's lower land surface has been hit by heavy inundation and, consequently, a state of emergency has been declared in areas most affected by the flooding. About 26.000 hectares of land has been flooded and at least 80.000 people in the districts of Lezhe, Shkoder, Gjirokaster and Berat remain without shelter. Considerable damages have been assessed in agricultural areas and to roads, railways, energy infrastructure, pumping stations as well as clean and dirty water systems. Over 20 bridges have been totally destroyed. Damages are estimated at up to 2 billion Leks (approx € 15.3 million) The protecting dyke to the Gjadri river is totally destroyed. The damages associated with this emergency situation are beyond available Albanian government's resources. The state's contingency funds are very limited. The Albanian government believes that international humanitarian assistance as well as emergency assistance in building or repairing roads and bridges are indispensable. Funding support to address structural infrastructure damage and to assist the afflicted population will be required.

4. Measures taken.

4.1. The Ministry of Local Government and Decentralisation is co-ordinating all rescue operations. All available resources have been allocated to mitigate the consequences of the disaster.

4.2. The Albanian Red Cross has been providing the affected population with various aids, mainly with food and blankets.



5. The following requirements for assistance have been identified:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity
5.1.	Excavator, wheeled or tracked	As Soon As Possible (ASAP)	7
5.2.	Cranes (10-16 tons)	ASAP	13
5.3.	Dump trucks	ASAP	15
5.4.	Loaders (1.5-2m ³)	ASAP	10
5.5.	Bulldozers	ASAP	7
5.6.	Fast boats	ASAP	5
5.7.	Lifesaving boats	ASAP	40
5.8.	Amphibious transport vehicles	ASAP	7
5.9.	Fire trucks	ASAP	10
5.10.	Fire trucks with ladder	ASAP	10
5.11.	Generators (200-400 kW)	ASAP	15
5.12.	Air compressors	ASAP	10
5.13.	Ambulance with medical equipment	ASAP	10
5.14.	Water pumps	ASAP	30
5.15.	Mobile Welding machines	ASAP	20
5.16.	Mobile medical station	ASAP	3
5.17.	Frogman (diving) suits	ASAP	110
5.18.	Expedient/rapidly deployable bridging equipment (for various gap lengths totalling 1,100 meters)	ASAP	
5.19.	Sandbags	ASAP	100,000
5.20.	Sandbag filling machines	ASAP	10
5.21.	Tents (up to 80,000 displaced persons)	ASAP	
5.22.	Food	ASAP	
5.23.	Drinking water	ASAP	
5.24.	Blankets	ASAP	

6. Expert services as follows (potentially from foreign military units deployed in Albania).

	Type of Speciality	Period
6.1	Bridge construction	To Be Determined (TBD)
6.2	Road construction	TBD

7. Point of entry, to be confirmed by Albanian authorities.

8. Delivery points to be confirmed by Albanian authorities.

9. The Operational Point of Contact at national level is as follows.



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10. Response co-ordination.

10.1. 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 below.

10.2. The EADRCC is in close contact with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the Albania Mission to NATO.

10.3. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached the following ways:

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