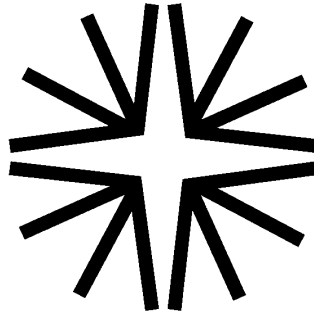


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**EADRCC Situation Report N°1
SEVERE SNOWFALLS IN ALBANIA**

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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. During last few days Albania has been hit by persistent low temperatures and massive snowfalls. The remote areas of Northeast and Southeast of Albania have experienced some unusual precipitations and nearly half of Albania is under snow. These weather conditions were not seen since 1985. Snowstorms and blizzards have had heavy impact on these areas, endangering life of citizens. Many communes have been cut off and could only be reached by aerial means.

1.2. There are heavy winter conditions on many national roads and snow chains must be used in some segments. Other communal, rural and uncategorized roads are partly blocked and emergency snow removal activities are undergoing. Snow removal equipment's, graders, retrofitted trucks or snow blowers are operating. In some areas loading and hauling of the snow needs to be undertaken.

1.3. Weather conditions are unstable and temperatures are still low. In highlands min temps are expected to go as far as -14⁰C and in lowland -2⁰C.

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2. Initial Assessment of the damage.

2.1. Presently 52 communes are isolated (Shkodra Qark - 9, Qark of Kukës – 21, Qark of Dibër – 7, Qark of Lezha – 5, Quark of Berat – 4 and Qark of Elbasan – 6). Many schools in these communes are closed.

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. Many communes are facing electricity power cuts and many electricity supply poles have been knocked down.

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.

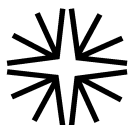
3.1. National, regional and communal emergency headquarters of Civil Emergencies have been set up and have intensified their activity due to harsh weather conditions. Fire and rescue service, emergency medical teams, police and special forces, helicopter units, regional support brigades and army are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

3.2. Army and emergency helicopters have been operating in the area and during the day have conducted 12 rescue and recovery missions and patients are hospitalized. Aid and medical supplies have been sent during yesterday in qark Shkoder, Kukes, Elbasan, and Lezha. Few animal deaths (cattle and sheep) were recorded in qark of Korca and Shkodra.

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. 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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