



EMERGENCY IN FOCUS

KYRGYZSTAN CIVIL CONFLICT

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Critical humanitarian needs in the health, food, shelter and protection sectors
- Lack of security remains a major obstacle to humanitarian operations

FLASH APPEAL NEXT WEEK

A Flash Appeal will be launched for Kyrgyzstan next week



Numbers at a glance (according to latest update by OCHA on 15 June 2010)		Source
Estimated Deaths	170	Ministry of Health-15 June
Estimated Injured	1,762	Ministry of Health-15 June
Estimated Number of refugees crossing to Uzbekistan	80,000	ICRC 14 June

International Response to Kyrgyzstan Civil Conflict

- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) launched a preliminary emergency appeal for AED 32 million to assist 100,000 people affected by the violence in southern Kyrgyzstan over the next month.
- The U.S. government committed over AED 3 million for immediate humanitarian assistance that will be provided through USAID.
- UN agencies have begun to dispatch emergency supplies to the displaced people (see section on humanitarian needs below).

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Violence broke out on 11 June in the city of Osh between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbeks. Ethnic tension has been growing in southern Kyrgyzstan following the overthrow of the previous government in early April. Groups of thousands of youths armed with guns and sticks fought each other in the city, leading to the displacement of tens of thousands of people.

According to the interim government, several armed groups attacked civilians, looting and destroying the city. The Government of Kyrgyzstan opened the border to allow civilians to pass into Uzbekistan; 80,000 refugees crossed the border while 15,000 others are reported to be waiting.

In Uzbekistan, refugees are occupying schools and public buildings. Many other citizens have or displaced by the fighting. On Tuesday 15 June), the Government of Uzbekistan announced the closure of the border due to a lack of locations to receive the incoming refugees.



An official request was made by the interim Government of Kyrgyzstan to the Russian government and the Collective Security Treaty Organization for military support to help to curb the violence. Russia has said that it is not willing to dispatch peacekeepers.

The U.N. political chief, Lynn Pascoe, called on Monday for the urgent creation of a humanitarian corridor for aid to be delivered in Kyrgyzstan.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Very few operational organizations are on the ground and unable to operate under the prevailing insecurity.

Health

- The number of injured continues to rise, with 754 people being treated in hospitals and clinics.
- The Government of Kyrgyzstan sent a plane with 49 medical specialists to Osh hospitals with limited supplies of antibiotics and other medical goods.
- According to the ICRC, a large number of wounded in spontaneous camps on Kyrgyz/Uzbek border are in need of urgent health assistance.

Food

- Availability of and access to food remain critical in Osh, where families' stocks are depleting quickly.
- The government has released 520 tons of wheat from its reserve stocks.
- WFP delivered 5 tons of cooking oil to the interim government for distribution to hospitals with wheat flour.
- The Ministry of Emergency in Kyrgyzstan has delivered food to Osh, although the exact amounts and delivery mechanism within the city are not yet clear.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

- Authorities in Uzbekistan are accommodating refugees in several locations in Andjian, Fergana and Namangan Provinces.
- No organized camps have been established in Kyrgyzstan.
- National Red Crescent Society sent NFIs (mattresses, blankets) to hospitals in Osh hospitals.
- UNICEF dispatched emergency supplies to refugees. The supplies comprise 76 tents, 2,210 blankets, 25 emergency health kits.

Logistics

- Humanitarian access is a key concern and the Kyrgyzstan national humanitarian partnership team (including the Government of Kyrgyzstan, UN agencies and civil society) agreed to mobilise the logistics and telecommunications cluster. The road to Osh airport is being secured by the interim government.

Useful links

▪ Reliefweb page on Kyrgyzstan:

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc104?OpenForm&rc=3&cc=kgz>

▪ ICRC on Kyrgyzstan:

<http://www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/html/kyrgyzstan-uzbekistan-news-140610?opendocument>

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All donations (cash or in-kind) from government representative organizations, non-governmental organizations or private sector can be documented and recorded in the UN Financial Tracking System (FTS) (fts@reliefweb.int).

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OCFA wishes to include details of contributions from UAE donor organisations to humanitarian relief efforts in its next situation report. Sharing this information will help us identify gaps in relief work and better direct UAE aid to respond to the most pressing needs.

We would therefore ask you to send any information about your efforts – in Kyrgyzstan, or any other emergency situation -- to OCFA:

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