

Appendix 9

British Red Cross

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The British Red Cross International Logistics resources division has a range of Emergency Response and Reconstruction resources, which can be made available for use throughout the UK in the event of a major emergency. Deployment is carried out through the local British Red Cross Society and the offer is made on the condition that the resources are not deployed elsewhere or are on standby for another major incident.

Logistics support

- emergency supplies
- a Unimog 4x4 vehicle
- an inflatable boat
- Logistics Emergency Response Unit (Logistics ERU)
- delegates

Emergency supplies

Logistics has a network of contacts for supplies that may be of use in the response to a major incident or exceptional emergency in the UK or internationally. The following supplies /material can be sourced by Logistics:

blankets	hygiene packs including soap,
bedding	towels, sanitary products, washing
beds (fold-up bed)	powder, razors, etc.
mattresses	hot water urns
foil blankets	plastic sheeting
heaters	hot water bottle

Additional supplies can be requested from Red Cross logistics stores held in Europe (unless otherwise deployed to an international crisis). The European stores hold supplies of:

blankets x 25,000	kitchen sets x 600
tents x 600	clothing (donations)
jerry cans x 2,040	
plastic sheeting x 2,000	

Mercedes Unimog U1300L 4x4 vehicle

This is an all-terrain vehicle, which can deal with water up to 1.2 metres deep. The Unimog can carry up to 2.5 tons of cargo. It is fully equipped with relevant communications equipment

Can be deployed with a 4x4 Landrover, three generators, lighting kit and warehouse-tents. A Logistics Team will always be deployed to drive the vehicle and operate this equipment; the team can be self-supporting for power, communications, food and accommodation.

Inflatable boat

The boat, a Bombard C5, always carries life jackets, along with lights, ropes and engine spares. It is able to carry up to one ton of equipment or nine people, enabling relief supplies to be delivered and flood victims to be rescued. Drinking water can be supplied, generators carried to homes without electricity and blankets and comfort items provided to isolated emergency shelter centres. The boat can also be used to support search and rescue operations.

Logistics Emergency Response Unit (Logistics ERU)

Teams of four BRCS employees each remain on call-out for a one month period, on a rota basis, to respond to international crisis. The team is trained in setting up and running a logistics operation within a very short timescale.

International Delegates

In an exceptional emergency, where there is likely to be a need for a protracted BRCS involvement in the response, international delegates could be called upon to provide their expertise and skills.

Lead-time for Deployment

Timescales for delivery of resources across the UK will depend on the location, but as a guide the following can be expected:

Emergency supplies - 24 hours for initial relief, then 3 days for further supplies

Logistics Team and the Unimog/boat - 24 hours for most of the UK, 36 hours for Northern Ireland and the Highlands

Logistics Emergency Response Unit - 24 hours.

Costing

Costs will be met by the Area Red Cross, local statutory authorities or be taken from the Disaster Fund. Area and UK Office will agree how to meet the costs before deployment.

Costs to be covered would include:

Emergency supplies

Travel

Accommodation

Operational costs

Any repairs to damaged resources

Any necessary maintenance costs.

How to access Logistics support

Support should be accessed through the local British Red Cross office.

Contact:

Duty Officer Mobile: [REDACTED] (24 hr Confidential)

Duty Officer Pager: [REDACTED] (24 hr Confidential)

Red Cross Belfast Office: 02890 246400 (Office Hours)