



Red Cross Head of Branch Eucerus

The Red Cross' official auxiliary role is to provide humanitarian assistance to Tumerington's government and support the most vulnerable. Your team is responsible for helping communities affected by the flooding.

Last year, over 300 homes were destroyed by floods. These left over 1,200 people in need of emergency assistance.

When you receive reports of floods, your team sets up evacuation shelters to provide temporary housing for displaced families. Unfortunately, some of the more remote communities often can't be reached due to security concerns. The Red Cross, in line with its principle of neutrality and impartiality, tries to maintain a dialogue with all parties in order to ensure the implementation of its humanitarian mandate. Notwithstanding, field teams have been prevented from accessing certain areas and, from time-to-time, security incidents have occurred.



If shelters in remote areas could be set up in advance of the flooding, the population would be encouraged to evacuate, and you could support people more efficiently. The shelters take about 2 days to construct, and it usually takes your team 1 ½ day to reach them. With support of the ICRC, you could also make some minor flood containment work in some communities.

Taking early action costs money and you can only take action if there is a strong likelihood of rain (e.g., over 70%). At the moment, the forecast you receive doesn't provide that information so you're reluctant to trigger action. Current forecasts also do not say how rainfall will affect river levels.

In previous years, intense rainfall has caused the Tulusino and other rivers to flood surrounding areas, damage nearby houses, and flood farmland. This causes displacement to camps, where the Red Cross supports shelter installations and management. The shelters cost \$500 each and last year 150 were required. The shelters are equipped with clean drinking water, non-perishable food items, shelter and bedding. You have heard some of the shelters being taken by the EFFE, but you have not been able to confirm this.