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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) Georgia: Floods

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Date of issue: 25 July 2018	Expected timeframe: 3 months Expected end date: 25 October 2018
Category allocated to the of the disaster or crisis: Yellow	
DREF allocated: CHF 60,060	
Total number of people affected: 1,143	Number of people to be assisted: 640
Host National Society presence: Georgia Red Cross Society (GRCS) with 23 volunteers, 7 staff Mestia branch and Zugdidi and Senaki branches	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Emergency Management Service, National Environmental Agency, Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Ministry of Defence	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 5 July 2018, due to heavy raining, melting of snow and glacier in the upper part of the river Nenskra basin, a part of the mountain Khokrili (Samegrelo Zemo Svaneti Region, Georgia) collapsed, blocking the Nenskra River bed. As a result, accumulated water flooded the Nenskra valley villages. In total 1,143 people (323 families) live in Chuberi community villages. All of them were affected by the flooding according to the local government of Mestia.

Due to the disaster, infrastructure has been damaged; roads and four bridges connecting the villages as well as agricultural lands and fruit trees have been totally destroyed. Electricity lines have been damaged.

According to the information received from the Georgia Red Cross Society Mestia branch, the number of households affected are the following:

As of the latest reports, 323 families (1,143 people) remain without access to the sewage system, proper access to drinking water and electricity. Out of these 323 families, 160 families have lost their household items, food stocks in their basements, furniture, clothing, cattle and poultry. Their agricultural lands and fruit trees are destroyed.

Houses of 60 families have been partially destroyed; they also lost their belongings – food stocks, household items, furniture, cattle and poultry – and have been accommodated at their relatives'. Three families' houses have been totally destroyed, including all of their belongings.



Image 1. Flooded area in Chuberi community
Photo: Lasha Jafaridze / GRCS Mestia branch



Image 2. Flooded house in Chuberi community
Photo: Lasha Jafaridze / GRCS Mestia branch

Due to the rain, the roads connecting Chuberi villages was totally destroyed. All the relevant structures are involved in disaster liquidation works in Chuberi community.

Eight small wood processing plants were destroyed, which were the main source of income for the local population, which is expected to affect the livelihoods of the population in longer term period.

Specialists of the National Environmental Agency are studying the causes of the disaster in the affected area; they are developing recommendations to carry out preventive measures.

Summary of the current response

The GRCS Disaster Management (DM) Department has sent GRCS volunteers in the affected areas (Chuberi community villages) to conduct a rapid assessment of the situation. Nine volunteers of the Georgia Red Cross Society were deployed for conducting the needs assessment. Soon after the disaster had happened, 63 (3 houses totally destroyed, 60 houses partly destroyed) families were immediately evacuated from the flooded houses with the support of fire/rescue brigades. The evacuated people (284 people) went to stay with their relatives.

GRCS Mestia branch has 23 trained volunteers in Disaster management, First Aid, PSS, needs assessment; all of them are mobilized and have a permanent communication with relevant structures and local population to support them in case of need. They are cleaning the territories after the flooding. There are around 65 trained volunteers in the neighbouring municipalities that can be deployed in the affected area if needed. Additional volunteers will be engaged in the packing, loading and of the relief in the capital as well as at the distribution points.

GRCS staff and volunteers are mobilized and are ready for further support the affected population and relevant structures if needed. At the same time, volunteers in the field are assessing the situation and sending reports to the HQ. The volunteers will be actively involved in humanitarian aid distribution process, and any other activities they are trained in based on the needs.

Overview of Host National Society

The Georgia Red Cross Society is coordinating its assistance with the national and local authorities. The National Society seeks to fulfil its auxiliary role to the government of Georgia and its role as the sole Georgian humanitarian organization being included in the Civil Safety National Plan of Georgia. Close coordination and information sharing are maintained with the Emergency Management Service of Georgia, and the Red Cross branches in the affected areas by the disaster. Data and the main needs of population was received from local authority representatives and the task force GRCS branch representative was present.

After the disaster, a task force was established in Chuberi Community, which consisted of local authority representatives, Emergency Management Service, National Environmental Agency, Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development,



Image 3. Flooded house with belongings in Chuberi. Photo: Lasha Jafaridze / GRCS Mestia branch

Ministry of Defence of Georgia. Georgia Red Cross Society local representative (head of branch) present was sharing information from the task force to the GRCS HQ and to the volunteers on the main needs. The main aim of the task force was to make decisions and to coordinate response activities in the field.

In the affected areas, the Georgia Red Cross Society is taking the lead in the response to the flooding, coordinating its work with the country representations of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross and NGOs working in the Disaster Management field through GRCS regular updates on the situation (SitRep) and activities planned to avoid any duplication of activities.

Constant communication between GRCS DM Department and Emergency Management Service is ensured.

Local branch representatives and volunteers coordinated debris cleaning activities with the local authorities and Emergency Management Agency representatives.

GRCS is also sharing situation reports regularly with representatives of RCRC Movement partners (Danish RC, Austrian RC, IFRC, ICRC) who are present in the country.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The Georgia Red Cross Society Disaster Management Department is constantly sharing information with the non-state actors in Georgia working in the Disaster Management field NGOs (Bridge innovation, RDFG, Save the Children, ASB, CENN, People in Need, Caritas, salvation Army, and etc.) on the on-going response activities conducted from the Government and GRCS side. Local NGOs shared the information with GRCS that so far no support of affected population is planned from their side. Local Authorities are assessing damages in their Municipalities.

The following actors have provided assistance to the affected population:

- Tbilisi City Hall – 11 tons of food parcels
- Zugdidi City Hall and Samegrelo Municipalities – in total 10 tons of food parcels
- Non-profit legal entity – 100 sacks of flour, oil, sugar, pasta
- Non-profit legal entity “Cerera” – 140 sacks of flour
- Non-profit legal entity – 70 sacks of flour

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

GRCS is in constant communication with the local authorities. Based on the information received from local authorities and from the GRCS assessment teams, as of 13 July, the needs of people affected by the floods include basic non-food items (blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets, hygiene kits), as well as food items.

Considering the necessity for a more detailed needs assessment, GRCS staff and volunteers are in close contact with the local authorities and other key stakeholders in the field to receive the latest information on the current situation – including updated on where the evacuated people are located; whether they will be able to return to their houses; etc.

The National Society aims to meet the needs of 640 affected people (list was received from the local mayor of 160 families, 640 people out of which 387 women). Beneficiaries were also identified by the assessment conducted by GRCS volunteers.



Image 4-5. GRCS Mestia Branch volunteers cleaning stadium in Chuberi. Photo: Lasha Jafaridze / GRCS Mestia branch

The beneficiaries will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Elderly people living alone
- People living with disabilities
- Families with small children
- Female-headed households
- Evacuated people

No health problems have been recorded due to the disaster. The government has been distributing clean water. GRCS First Aid (FA) volunteers were also mobilized to deliver FA in case of need. The doctors in the region were also mobilized. PSS volunteers were also mobilized, but no PSS volunteer involvement has been needed to date.

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

To provide relief assistance to the selected 160 households (640 people) through the distribution of food, hygiene kits and other household items within three months.

Proposed strategy:

GRCS is planning to implement following activities within the DREF operation by staff and volunteers:

- Detailed needs assessment and finalization of the beneficiary list agreed with local authorities;
- Improvement of the hygiene situation of 160 families by distributing hygiene kits (to be used for three months);
- Distribution of food parcels to 160 families. food has already been distributed by the different entities (see above), but it was done once and there is still need of food for the affected population.
- Out of 160 families, 63 families who are most affected will receive during the second distribution additional food parcel and two hygiene kits (as their houses are totally or partly destroyed) and food parcels distribution will be conducted two times on monthly basis.
- Distribution of household items to the selected 160 families (2 mattresses and 2 blanket will be distributed per family. 2 Hygiene kits per family (additional two kits will be distributed to the most affected 63 families), food parcels (additional one parcel will be distributed to the most affected 63 families) and one kitchen sets will be distributed per family).
- All the activities will be shared with media and through the social media.

GRCS staff and volunteers will be involved in implementation of the above-mentioned activities. Two technical staff will be hired to support the successful implementation of the actions.

Table 1. NFI distribution per family

Item	Quantity
Blanket	2 pc
Mattresses	2 pc

Table 2. Content of hygiene kits

Item	Quantity
Shampoo	2 pc
Tooth paste	2 pc
Tooth brush	2 pcs
Toilet paper	3 rolls
Soap	5 pcs
Bath towel	3 pcs
Washing powder	3 pcs
Dishwashing liquid(500mg)	2 pc

The hygiene kit, which is for one month per family, is uniform for men and women, as no specific requirement was received from the local government and the local population.

Table 3. Content of food parcels

Item	Quantity
Flour	4 kg
Oil	2 litres
Salt	2 kg
Sugar (800 gr)	4 unit
Rice (800 gr)	4 unit
Tea	2 (bag)
Pasta 500 gr	4 (bag)
Buckwheat	2 kg
Cereals 500 gr	2 (bag)

Table 4. Content of kitchen sets

Item	Quantity
Frying pan	1
Cooking pot	1
Fork	6
Spoon	6
Plate	6
Cup	6

Logistics and supply chain

The Georgia Red Cross has a logistics department and procurement guidelines in place which are in compliance with IFRC procurement standards and the locally pertaining legal requirements. Procurement will be done by GRCS in consultation by IFRC GLS if and when required.

Procurement will be conducted at central level by the logistics department. The transportation is budgeted. Given that the DREF operation is considered to be implemented within three months, it will not be possible to sign agreements with the banks and retailers to implement cash transfer programming. Therefore, there is no plan to use cash/vouchers within the operation.

Communications

The visibility of GRCS activities and strengthening of the National Society's image will be ensured through the following activities: maximizing the visibility of National Society through press releases, relief distributions, visits to the affected people, monitoring and evaluation by staff and trained volunteers of Red Cross branches;

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

GRCS and the IFRC Country Cluster Support Team for Southern Caucasus (based in Tbilisi) will jointly monitor the action. In addition to the GRCS and IFRC Tbilisi Office joint monitoring actions, during the distributions IFRC Regional Office for Europe will deploy a staff member to conduct monitoring.

An RDRT mission will take place at distribution phase of the operation. A lessons-learned workshop will be organized together with GRCS staff and volunteers.

A beneficiary satisfaction survey will be organized as soon as the operation is finished, using the standard IFRC questionnaire adapted to local specifics. Brief monitoring reports will be sent to IFRC Regional Office for Europe by GRCS monthly.



Shelter

People targeted: 640

Male: 253

Female: 387

Requirements (CHF): 14,080

Needs analysis: Based on the assessment in the field emergency household items (blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets) will be distributed to support the affected population in Chuberi community.

Population to be assisted: 160 families will be assisted through the action. Mattresses and blankets will be distributed 2 pieces per family, and kitchen sets per family.

P&B Output Code	Shelter Outcome1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions													
	Shelter Output 1.1: Emergency household items (blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets) will be distributed to support the affected population in Chuberi community.											Number of people provided with emergency household items (640)		
	Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AP005	Coordination with government and other stakeholders	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
AP005	Conduct detailed assessment in the affected areas	x	x	x	x									
AP005	Analysis of the local market to identify availability/access to shelter and household items	x	x	x	x									
AP005	Contracting local suppliers		x	x	x	x								
AP005	Distribution of the shelter and household items to the affected population						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
AP005	Monitoring of the distribution						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People targeted: 640

Male: 253

Female: 387

Requirements (CHF): 10,704

Needs analysis: Based on the needs assessment, hygiene parcels will be distributed to the affected population. Baby-specific items will be included in the hygiene kits as well.

Population to be assisted: Improvement of the hygiene situation of 160 families by distributing hygiene kits (2 hygiene kits in total and an additional two hygiene kits for the most affected families). The hygiene kit is uniform for men and women, as no specific requirement was received from the local government and the local population.

P&B Output Code	WASH Outcome1: The risk of water and sanitation related diseases have been reduced through provision of appropriate sanitation and hygiene items for affected population													
	Output 1.1. Hygiene needs of the most affected population by the floods are secured.											Number of people provided with hygiene sets (640)		
	Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AP029	Detailed assessment to identify areas for intervention	x	x	x										
AP029	Procurement of hygiene parcels		x	x	x	x	x							
AP029	Distribution of hygiene parcels							x	x	x	x	x	x	
AP029	Monitoring of the distribution							x	x	x	x	x	x	



Livelihoods and basic needs

People targeted: 640

Male: 253

Female: 387

Requirements (CHF): 11,170

Needs analysis: Based on the needs assessment, 160 families are in need of basic food items.

Population to be assisted: Distribution of food parcels to 160 families will take place. In the first month all affected families will receive a food parcel, and the 63 most affected families will receive food parcel in the second month, as they are unable to return home.

P&B Output Code	Livelihoods and basic needs Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods													
	Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.2: Basic needs assistance for livelihoods security including food is provided to the most affected communities- Emergency food parcels are distributed to 160 families								Emergency food parcels are distributed to 160 families					
	Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AP008	Detailed assessment of the basic food needs of the affected population	x	x	x										
AP008	Procurement of food parcels		x	x	x	x	x							
AP008	Distribution of food parcels							x	x	x	x	x	x	
AP008	Monitoring of the distribution							x	x	x	x	x	x	

Strategies for Implementation

Requirements (CHF) 14,490

P&B Output Code	S1.1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform													
	Output S1.1.4: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected													
	Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AP040	Activate volunteers for the implementation of the plan	x	x	x										
AP040	Deploy staff experts for the implementation of the plan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
AP040	Conduct regular monitoring for the implementation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
AP040	Conduct an evaluation of the implemented activities											x	x	
AP040	Conducting a lesson learn workshop											x	x	
AP040	Ensure volunteers are properly trained			x	x	x	x							
P&B Output Code	Outcome S2.1: Effective and coordinated international disaster response is ensured													
	Output S2.1.1: Effective response preparedness and NS surge capacity mechanism is maintained													
	Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AP046	IFRC Monitoring visit during the distribution activity				x	x								
P&B Output Code	Output S2.1.4: Supply chain and fleet services meet recognized quality and accountability standards													
		Activities planned Week / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AP050	Warehousing, goods reception, forwarding, fleet, fuel costs, not related to a specific area of focus (Output S2.1.4)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

Budget

The total budget for this DREF operation is CHF 60,060. Please [click here](#) to see the detailed budget, annexed to this EPoA.



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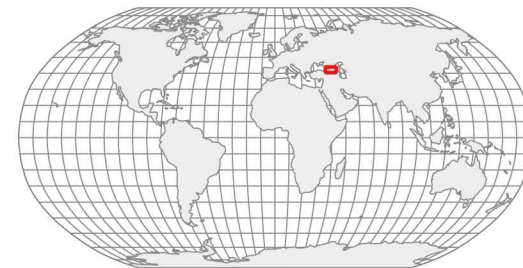
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Budget Group		Multilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
500	Shelter - Relief	0	0
501	Shelter - Transitional	0	0
502	Construction - Housing	0	0
503	Construction - Facilities	0	0
505	Construction - Materials	0	0
510	Clothing & Textiles	14,080	14,080
520	Food	6,690	6,690
523	Seeds & Plants	0	0
530	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	10,704	10,704
540	Medical & First Aid	0	0
550	Teaching Materials	0	0
560	Ustensils & Tools	4,480	4,480
570	Other Supplies & Services	0	0
571	Emergency Response Units	0	0
578	Cash Disbursements	0	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRU		35,954	35,954
580	Land & Buildings	0	0
581	Vehicles	0	0
582	Computer & Telecom Equipment	0	0
584	Office/Household Furniture & Eq	0	0
587	Medical Equipment	0	0
589	Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EC		0	0
590	Storage, Warehousing	510	510
592	Dsitribution & Monitoring	1,200	1,200
593	Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,700	3,700
594	Logistics Services	0	0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT		5,410	5,410
600	International Staff	5,000	5,000
661	National Staff	0	0
662	National Society Staff	3,200	3,200
667	Volunteers	1,080	1,080
669	Other Staff Benefits	0	0
Total PERSONNEL		9,280	9,280
670	Consultants	0	0
750	Professional Fees	0	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFE		0	0
680	Workshops & Training	0	0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING		0	0
700	Travel	3,000	3,000
710	Information & Public Relations	900	900
730	Office Costs	300	300
740	Communications	500	500
760	Financial Charges	250	250
790	Other General Expenses	800	800
799	Shared Office and Services Costs	0	0

	Total GENERAL EXPENDITURE	5,750	5,750
		0	0
830	Partner National Societies	0	0
831	Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0	0
	Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS		0
599	Programme and Services Support	3,666	3,666
	Total INDIRECT COSTS	3,666	3,666
	TOTAL BUDGET	60,060	60,060
	Available Resources		
	Multilateral Contributions		0
	Bilateral Contributions		0
	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCE	0	0
	NET DREF OPERATION NEEDS	60,060	60,060



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