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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF)

Russian Federation: Floods in Volgograd region

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 165,447 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Russian Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to 957 families (2,406 people) in Volgograd region affected by floods. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: In the view of the flood danger in Volgograd Region the Ministry of Emergencies (Emercom) Regional Department has introduced a regime of high preparedness in the Elansky, Rudniansky and Kamylyzhensky districts, due to the increase of the water level in the rivers Elan and Tersa, and the inundation of houses and farmlands.



Flooded villages on the river Elan
Photo: Russian Red Cross

According to the assessment conducted by the Russian Red Cross, 957 families (2,406 people) are considered to be affected by the floods in three districts of the Volgograd region of Russia. The local authorities are doing their utmost to stabilize the situation but they have already contacted the Russian Red Cross regional branch, asking for humanitarian aid. The Russian Red Cross Society regional branch has asked for the support of the International Federation in the provision of funds for of hygienic kits, bed linen sets, mattresses blankets, and pillows to be distributed to the 957 affected families. The Volgograd regional branch of the Russian Red Cross possesses the necessary capacity in terms of knowledge and experience to support the affected population.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by the end of July 2012. A final report will be made available by the end of October 2012.

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The situation

In the view of the flood danger in Volgograd Region, the Ministry of Emergencies (Emercom) Regional Department has introduced a high level of preparedness for disaster status in the Elansky, Rudnyansky and Kamylyzhensky districts, due to the increased water level in the rivers Elan and Tersa that caused inundation of houses and farmlands.

According to data from Emercom and the administration of the Elansky municipal district, an emergency situation status was announced in the Elansky district on 10th April 2012. On that particular day, the water level in the Tersa river rose to the mark of 652 cm at the Elansky hydrological station and inundated 398

households (where 1,014 people live, including 95 children), and also 22 private houses with 47 inhabitants, including 12 children. The water level in the flooded houses is 7-20 cm, and 10-55 cm at the territory of households.

On 17th April, in Kamylyzhensky district, the water level in the local river surpassed the critical point by 29 cm. An emergency situation status has been announced in the district. The floods have affected 320 households with 890 inhabitants. Local people have refused to leave their homes in spite of the danger of flooding.

In Rudnyansky district, an emergency situation status has been introduced with the flood having affected 217 households. Gas and energy supply has been taken care of. The rescue teams are on duty in the affected settlements.

Coordination and partnerships

In the first days of the disaster, the local authorities of the region established an emergency task force that is coordinating all disaster response actions in the affected locations. EMERCOM as a specialized emergency agency focused on immediate activities mostly related to engineering tasks, and it is carrying out the following disaster response actions:

- Evacuation of the most affected people to temporary shelter. In case of emergency, four stations of temporary accommodation are ready to receive 1,300 people;
- A constant monitoring of the floods situation is being carried out at the Elansky hydrological station;
- Search and rescue activities;
- Two additional mobile groups of the GKU “Volgogradsky Regional Service of Search and Rescue on Inland Waters” including motor boats, propeller sleighs, automobiles, DM experts have been deployed to the zone of the disaster.
- Two operational groups of the “Regional Medical Centre for Disasters” with two mobile hospitals and six specialists have been deployed to the zone of the disaster.

Medical support to the affected population will be provided by mobile teams of the Elansky Central Hospital.

The police is patrolling the disaster zone to maintain public order.

The local administration of the Elansky district will provide means of transportations (8 buses PAZ type, 3 buses «Volzanin» type, 2 minibuses «Ford» type) for the evacuation of the affected population in the event if needs arise.

The local authorities are engaged in the stabilization of the situation, and they have already contacted the respective Russian Red Cross branches asking for humanitarian aid to be provided to the affected population.

The Volgograd regional Red Cross branch, in coordination with the Regional Department of Health, is involved in the control of the sanitary-epidemiological situation in the area of inundation. The local Red Cross branch is also participating in the continuous warnings of the population on the evolving situation as a member of the Emergency Task Force.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Volgograd Regional Russian Red Cross Branch reported that the local authorities had contacted the Russian Red Cross for non-food support for the affected population. The Red Cross volunteers and staff are actively involved in the disaster response actions at the community level: conducting needs assessment and participating in evacuation of disaster victims.

Assessment activities were carried out in the following locations in the Volgograd region:

Affected districts	Affected families (people)	Children	Elderly, disabled
Rudnyansky	217 (455)	64	136
Kamylyzhensky	320 (890)	84	194
Elansky	420 (1061)	107	268
Total	957 (2406)	255	598

Based on the assessment results it has been agreed that the operation implemented by the Russian Red Cross regional branch will support the affected families according to the following criteria (the average family size in Russian Federation is low, 2-3 persons per family):

- Families whose houses were damaged by the floods and are put up in temporary accommodation;
- Single-parent families;
- People living with disabilities;
- Elderly living in remote areas without family support.

The Red Cross regional branch and its volunteers are working in close cooperation with the local Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare and its Committees for Social Protection at the district level and raising community awareness on personal sanitary and hygiene skills, with focus on water born diseases. It is planned to provide hot meals and drinking water to the affected people in the flooded area from the stock of food parcels that is available at the social welfare service of the Local Administration.

The needs

According to the coordination with local authorities and the results of the conducted assessments, there is a need for hygienic kits, bed linen family sets, blankets and pillows, mattresses. The regional Red Cross branch considers that the distribution of non-food items is more appropriate to be implemented for households. Local residents are applying for help to the local administrations and the Russian Red Cross respective branches.

Needs of the affected	Non-food items	Water and sanitation
Volgograd Region	For 957 households (2,406 people): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bed linen sets ▪ Pillows ▪ Blankets (one set per household) ▪ Mattresses (one set per household) 	For 957 households (2,406 people): <p>Hygienic kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Towel 70x140 cm ▪ Toilet soap 1 piece ▪ Soap 2 pieces ▪ Shampoo 0.4 l ▪ Toilet paper 2 rolls ▪ Tooth paste 0.1 kg tube ▪ Tooth brush 2 items ▪ Sponge 1 item ▪ Detergent 0.5 kg ▪ Items of feminine hygiene 2 packs ▪ Nappies (on request) 1 pack

The proposed operation

The Russian Red Cross branch contacted the IFRC for funding of the procurement of hygienic kits, bed linen sets, mattresses, blankets, and pillows to be distributed to the 957 affected families (2,400 people). As soon as the funds are made available, all mentioned items can be purchased in the Volgograd Region. The Volgograd branch of Russian Red Cross has enough capacity in terms of knowledge and experience to support the affected population.

The relief items will be distributed by the team of trained volunteers.

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)
Objective 1: The immediate needs of the people (957 families) affected by the floods are met through the support provided by Russian Red Cross.
Outputs (expected results) : Provision of non-food items to 957 families (2,400 people) affected by the floods
Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Procurement of relief items in the region • Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Monitoring and Communication

The Volgograd Regional Red Cross Branch will be in charge of implementing the activities in the region. The Russian Red Cross Headquarters, in close cooperation with IFRC Regional Representation, will monitor the progress and provide necessary technical advice.

A workshop will be organized in the regional branch of the Russian Red Cross with the participation of the volunteers involved in the implementation of the disaster response operation for lessons learned and experience shared during the operation.

Visibility of the work of the volunteers is provided during the operations through publications and regular information to the media. Weekly operation updates will be sent to the IFRC European Zone Office.

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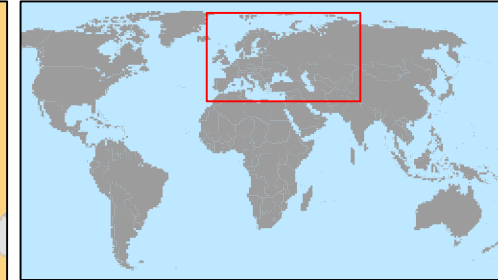
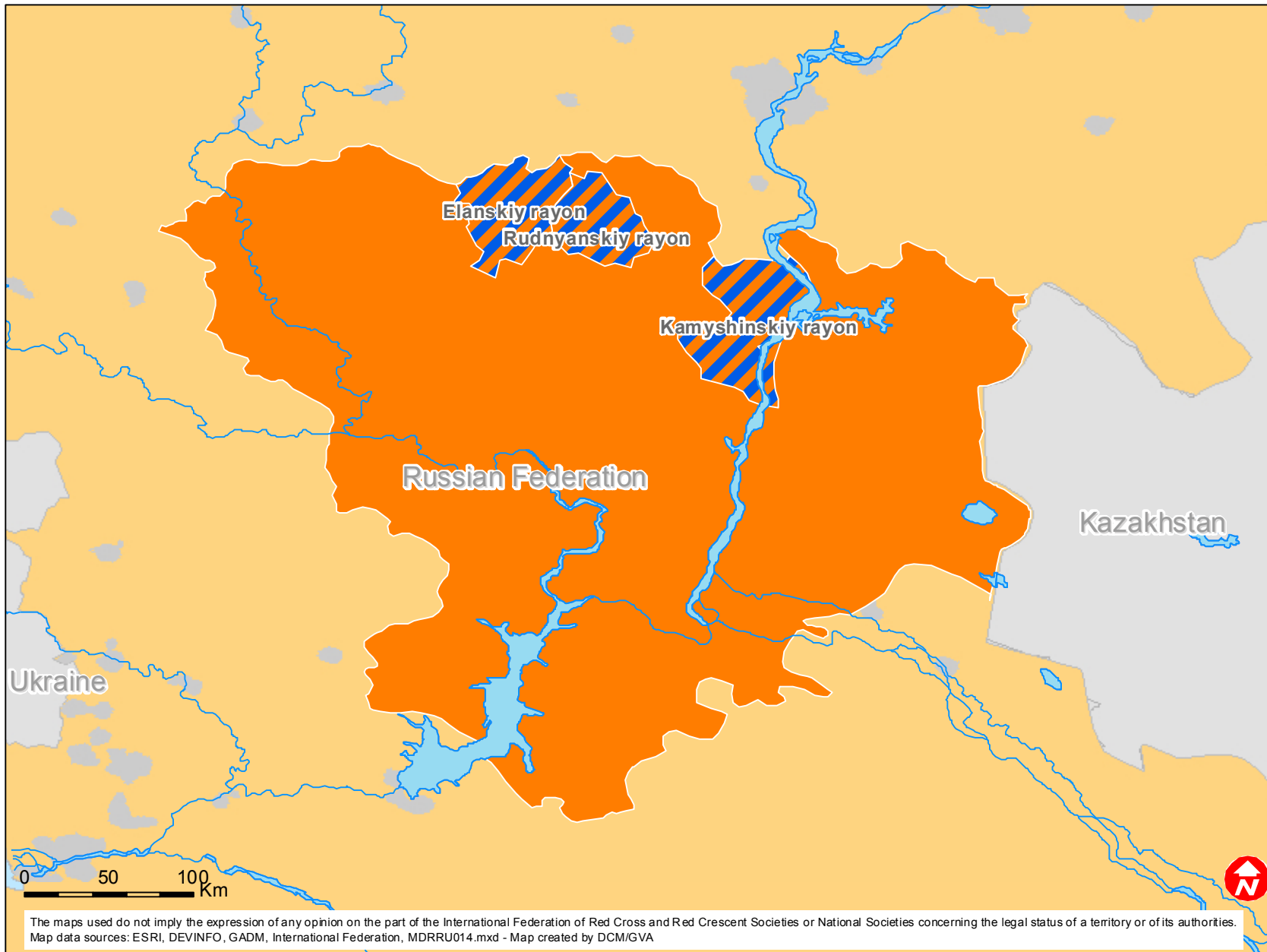
DREF OPERATION



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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	94,629
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	48,120
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Ustensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	142,749
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	350
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	2,350
International Staff	0
National Staff	
National Society Staff	
Volunteers	2,350
Total PERSONNEL	2,350
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	5,000
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	5,000
Travel	300
Information & Public Relations	1,500
Office Costs	500
Communications	500
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	100
Shared Support Services	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	2,900
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	10,098
Total INDIRECT COSTS	10,098
TOTAL BUDGET	165,447



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-  Affected districts
-  Volgograd region