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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Floods

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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 176,424 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,216 families (4,864 beneficiaries) and replenish the National Society stocks for the already distributed items for 421 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The heavy rainfalls that affected Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from 23rd February 2013 caused the overflow of rivers, damaging and spilling several dams and leading to serious consequences in the infrastructure, some agricultural fields and the houses of the residents in a number of regions in the country.

At the moment, the most affected regions by the floods in the country are: Kumanovo, Shtip, Sveti Nikole, Strumica, Valandovo, Ohrid, Probishtip and Kochani. Macedonian Red Cross and the Red Cross Local Branches in the above mentioned regions immediately started to conduct rapid assessment of humanitarian needs, worked jointly with other

institutions while the most vulnerable families were evacuated and provided with temporary accommodation and started to distribute the humanitarian aid from MRC's stocks. Approximately 1,637 families are affected by the floods. Macedonian Red Cross immediately distributed aid for 421 families (1,684 people) from their own stocks, therefore the needs of 1,216 will be addressed through this DREF operation and the National Society will replenish its stock for the items that they have already distributed to the 421 families.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 1st May 2013; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 1st July 2013).

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Heavy rain caused floods in the central parts of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Photo: Macedonian Red Cross

The situation

Starting on 23rd February, heavy rainfalls caused numerous floods in some regions in Macedonia. According to the gathered data, the most affected regions are: Kumanovo, Shtip, Sveti Nikole, Strumica, Valandovo, Ohrid, Probishtip and Kochani.

In Kumanovo region, as a result of the heavy rains, 175 houses are flooded, from which 297 people were evacuated and they are still accommodated in the sport gyms in the elementary schools "Krste Misirkov" and

“11th October”. Because of the rapid evacuation and the urgent need for humanitarian aid, Macedonian Red Cross has immediately started distributing relief on 26th February from late afternoon until midnight. In this region there is one confirmed victim that was drowned in the floods.

In Sveti Nikole region, more than 200 households have been affected, out of which 60 are located in the Municipality Sveti Nikole and others are located in the surrounding villages Gorubinci, Mustafino, Erdzelija. In this region, due to the heavy rain falls the local dam Mavrovica overflowed, and in order to prevent more serious damage the safety gates were opened. The high amount of water resulted in flooding of the rivers Perish and Mavrovica and inundating the houses closest to the river, while the other houses that were further were also seriously damaged but due to the increased level of ground-waters. Approximately 30 persons are accommodated in the local boarding school, and additional 10 persons receive meals there. Locals are using more than 60 motor pumps to remove the water from their houses.

In Shtip, 60 houses have been flooded, located near the river Bregalnica in Novo Selo. 15 families living in the most critical area affected by the floods were evacuated and other 50 families have their houses seriously damaged and are in need for additional help.

In Valandovo region, the most affected village is Josifovo, where 150 families have been affected by the floods.

In Ohrid region, the dam on Slatinsko Lake is seriously damaged with high possibility to crash. Four families from the village Slatinski Ciflik have been evacuated together with their cattle and other animals. They are accommodated at relatives and there is no need for help. The governmental institutions are undertaking measures for controlled leakage of the water, in order to decrease the pressure on the damaged dams. However there is still risk of further damages to the dam due to the increasing pressure. Only the agricultural fields in the surrounding areas are flooded.

In Probistip region, the dam Pishica is also seriously damaged and it overflowed due to the high level of water. The safety gates have been opened, but still there is a risk of too much pressure on the damaged dam. The nearest village under the dam, village Pishica is evacuated for safety reasons. 35 evacuated families are settled at relatives in Municipality Probishtip, while seven families are settled in the local boarding school but only for overnight. Due to the floods three villages are cut off. The local bridge that was connecting villages Bunesh and Drach with the municipality Probishtip is destroyed. In both villages there are approximately 30 families with more than 250 beneficiaries. In the village Tripatanci where more than 90 families are living, is almost cut off, since the road is inundated and there is no information available about how damaged it is. At the moment the residents have potable water, from mountain springs that are not polluted. Their stocks are minimal, and for emergency they are bringing necessary supplies on foot.

In Kochani region, more than 100 houses are flooded, but mainly the basements, except one old house which had completely collapsed. Still there are serious damages on the agricultural fields.

In Radovish, one bridge was collapsed due to the floods, and left few villages cut off. The army is providing the necessary aid by helicopter.

Region Strumica is the most affected region from the floods. The heavy rains caused rivers Strumica, Markova Reka and Trkajna to overflow from the river beds and flooded the Strumica valley. Municipality Strumica was also flooded but with no serious damage on the infrastructure or on the households. The bridge that leads towards villages Raborci, Polchovo, Rich, Belotino is ruined, and so as the bridge that leads towards village Sushevo. There is an alternative road to each village.

The most affected villages in region Strumica are as follows:

- In Municipality Vasilevo the following villages were serious hit by the floods: Sushevo 40 families, Vasilevo 20 families, Gradishorci 50 families, Peperovo 50 families, Dobroshinci 50 families. 43 families are evacuated and accommodated at relatives.
- In Municipality Strumica the following villages were most damaged, Murtino 456 families/ Sachevo 32 families, Dabile 45 families, Prosenikovo 32 families, Dobrejce 33 families, Banica 11 families and Gorna Strumica 13 families.
- In Municipality Bosilevo, only village Monospitovo with 13 families.
- In Municipality Novo Selo, village Zubovo 14 families.

Coordination and partnerships

Macedonian Red Cross is in continuous contact with the governmental institutions. Every day on national level, the Secretary General is attending meetings with representatives from Centre for Crisis Management, Directorate for Rescue and Protection, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transport and Communications to share updated daily information, and further actions are agreed.

During the weekend (02-03.03.2013) joint teams from MRC and Ministry of Labor and Social Policy visited the flooded regions. The teams conducted additional assessment and provided psychological support for the beneficiaries. Also MRC continues to work jointly with the governmental institutions so the planned activities are coordinated.

On local level, crises headquarters also have daily meetings with the local branches of Red Cross, Centre for Crisis Management, Directorate for Rescue and Protection, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Interior, Ministry for Health, Ministry for Transport and Communication. The information gathered on the local level is forwarded to the National Society HQ on national level and each day is being analyzed and actions are taken to address the evolving situation.

The Operative Centre in Macedonian Red Cross is gathering all daily data from all stakeholders (Governmental institutions, RC Branches), and makes daily analyzes of the current situation.

Based on the meeting – workshop in Budapest with representatives of Coca Cola Company few years ago, and following up on their recommendation, Macedonian Red Cross started cooperating with the national Coca Cola Company in Skopje. Macedonian Red Cross launched a request to Coca Cola Company in Skopje and after sharing the information about the situation; the company contributed with in kind support and provided 7,560 litres of bottled water.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Macedonian Red Cross is closely monitoring the situation and is in constant communication and coordination with the government institutions on both local and central levels. In the affected regions, the regional HQ's Centres for Crisis Management are fully operational. The Red Cross Local Branches in the affected areas (Kumanovo, Sveti Nikole, Shtip, Probishtip, Strumica, Ohrid, Valandovo and Kocani) already conducted rapid field and needs assessments jointly with the local governmental institutions. Updates are shared on a daily basis with MRC HQ for analyzing and further planning of the response operation.

On 26th February, the members of the National

Emergency Response Unit started to pack the relief items. Few hours later they were deployed in Kumanovo and Shtip. Three teams in Kumanovo and one team in Shtip were distributing relief items in the shelters and assisted the volunteers from the Local Branches Kumanovo and Shtip.

On 27th February in the morning, MRC HQ sent four teams to assist the RC Local Branches in Sveti Nikole, Shtip, Probishtip, Strumica and Valandovo. At the same time another four teams were deployed and distributed relief items for the same regions.

Distributed humanitarian aid on 26-27th February 2013

No	Relief items	Kumanovo	Sveti Nikole	Shtip	Probishtip	Strumica	Valandovo	Total:
1.	Hygiene parcels	120	40	33	30	75	15	313
2.	Food parcels	30	30	33	30	60	10	193
3.	Mattresses	100	50	20	30	50	30	280
4.	Blankets	300	90	10	90	150	70	710
5.	Rubber boots	20	30	20	30	40	20	160
6.	Sleeping bags		20	20	20	20	20	100
7.	Cooking sets		20	10	20	50	10	120
8.	Plastic sheets		10	10	10	10	10	50



Red Cross team distributing relief items. Photo: Macedonian Red Cross

On 28th February, MRC continued the relief operation and distributed 2,300 litres potable water.

No.	Relief items	Sveti Nikole	Shtip	Strumica	Total:
1.	Potable water in litres	375	375	1550	2,300

On 1st March, MRC deployed four teams to distribute additional humanitarian aid

No.	Relief items	Sveti Nikole	Shtip	Strumica	Valandovo	Total
1.	Hygiene parcels		13	100	125	238
2.	Food parcels		13	40		53
3.	Mattresses	30				30
4.	Blankets	100	60	200	400	760
5.	Potable water			1,550		1,550
6.	Cooking sets		5			5
7.	Plastic sheets		5			5



The needs

Red Cross is focusing its efforts to support the most vulnerable population. Those are mainly elderly households or older individuals living alone in remote areas with little to no family support, families with small children with low level of income and social security.

No.	Assessment	Kumanovo	Sveti Nikole	Shtip	Probishtip	Strumica	Valandovo	Total:
1.	Affected families	175	200	63	190	859	150	1,637
2.	MRC stocks	70	40	36	40	135	100	421
3.	DREF	105	160	27	150	724	50	1,216

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: The food and hygiene needs of the most vulnerable 1,216 families (or 4,864 beneficiaries) will be met through distribution of essential relief items.

Outputs (expected results)

The provision of Hygiene parcels, Food parcels, Mattresses, Blankets, Rubber boots, Sleeping bags, Cooking sets will help the affected families to cope with the consequences of the floods.

Activities planned:

- Conduct needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- 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.
- Conduct Lessons Learned workshop for the local responders in BORC
- Conduct Beneficiary satisfaction survey to find out whether the operation satisfied the needs of the affected people.

The contents of one food parcel are as follows (for one family for a period of one month):

Items	Contents of one parcel
Wheat flour	6 kg
Canned food (fish)	8 cans
Sugar	2 kg
Cooking oil	4 l
Salt	2 kg
Rice	2 kg
Pasta	4 packs
Packing box	1

The contents of one hygiene parcel are as follows (for one family for a period of one month).

Items	Contents of one parcel
Machine washing powder	1.5 kg
Hand washing detergent	1 kg
Soap	2 pieces
Shampoo	0.5 l
Tooth paste	2 pieces per 50 ml
Dishwashing liquid	0.5 l
Tooth brush	4 pieces
Sponge for dishes	1 pieces
Toilet paper	4 pieces
Packing box	1 pieces

The contents of one cooking set

Item	Contents of one parcel
Bucket 10l	1
Saucepan 5l	1
Saucepan 3l	1
Plate	5
Fork	5
Spoon	5
Knife	1
Plastic glass	3

The Macedonian Red Cross Headquarters, in close cooperation with IFRC Zone office, will monitor the progress and provide the necessary technical expertise. Visibility of the work of the Red Cross volunteers will

be ensured during the operation through the local media. Weekly operation updates will be sent to the IFRC Europe Zone Office.

In May a workshop will be held for Red Cross staff and volunteers to share best practices and lessons learned during the operation, to update the National Society contingency plan and further improve its disaster management capacity.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
 2. Enable healthy and safe living.
 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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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	64,773
Food	42,562
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	31,755
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Ustensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	
Emergency Response Units	0
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	139,090
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles Purchase	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	3,992
Transport & Vehicle Costs	7,000
Logistics Services	4,274
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	15,266
International Staff	
National Staff	1,200
National Society Staff	3,000
Volunteers	200
Total PERSONNEL	4,400
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	4,800
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	4,800
Travel	
Information & Public Relations	
Office Costs	1,500
Communications	600
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Support Services	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	2,100
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	10,768
Total INDIRECT COSTS	10,768
TOTAL BUDGET	176,424



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