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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Ukraine: Civil Unrest

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of unearmarked 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 139,302 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Ukrainian Red Cross Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 10,000 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary:

Responding to the large-scale demonstrations on-going in Ukraine since the end of November 2013, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) has been on the forefront of facilitating dialogue and responding to humanitarian needs. The use of force against the demonstrators on 1 December in Kiev resulted in renewed rallies against authorities there and in other main cities. Efforts are underway to promote dialogue and negotiations. Since the start of the demonstrations the URCS has deployed emergency action teams throughout the country to provide assistance to those injured in Kiev and other cities. This DREF responds to a request from the URCS to support and increase the scope of its response and to deliver humanitarian assistance by training and equipping volunteers in first aid and other areas of need.



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This operation is expected to be implemented over two months, and will therefore be completed by 13 February 2014; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 13 May 2014).

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The situation

Massive protest actions have been taking place since the end of November 2013 in the Ukrainian capital and other big cities, supporting the initiative to conclude a trade agreement with the EU, demanding the resignation of the President and a few members of the government, as well as calling for new parliamentary elections. On 1 December the riot police used force in different parts of Kiev against the demonstrators who occupied the city's main square and several adjoining public buildings, and are set to continue until a compromise deal is reached to resolve the current political crisis.

According to local media reports, the government and the opposition have signalled their willingness to start negotiations, but both parties have attached certain preconditions before any talks can commence. It is not known how the situation will develop, and the level of tension might increase.

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society responded to the humanitarian needs around the mass demonstrations and immediately deployed its emergency response teams to help those injured and wounded on the streets of Kiev and other provinces. Each emergency response team consists of six people equipped with the essential equipment such as stretchers and FA kits.

Taking into account the high density of people in the capital and the threats of more tension, Ukrainian Red Cross intervention is fundamental in providing first aid, as MOH ambulances cannot work in the city centre due to the crowds and are stationed in the side streets.

Coordination and partnerships

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society has been in permanent contact with the local authorities, mainly the Ministry of Public Health, the Department of Health of Kiev Municipality, the Ministry of Interior and the law enforcement agencies.

Relevant agreements have been laid down with the governmental organizations through exchanges of letters in order to ensure the legitimate use of the Red Cross emblem and to protect the Red Cross staff and volunteers in the course of fulfilling their humanitarian mission.

Entrepreneurs and private donors have supplied to the Ukrainian Red Cross significant quantities of medicines and humanitarian items.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Ukraine Red Cross Society responded immediately to the humanitarian needs by deploying its emergency response teams to help those injured and wounded on the streets of Kiev and other provinces. Based on its contingency plan, several actions have taken place already since the beginning of the protests in Kiev and other provinces.

Four Red Cross first-aid points (RCFAP) with 1 physician, 2 Red Cross visiting nurses, and two volunteers trained in first aid at each of them, were deployed in the centre of Kiev. The task of the Red Cross first-aid points is to provide a round-the-clock emergency first aid and psychological support to the affected people.

The Red Cross mobile response team (RC MRT) is divided into 2 groups of 6 people and is deployed in the centre of the groupings. The RC MRT's main objectives are the following: to regulate the outflow of people to prevent crowding, to provide first aid and psychological support to those affected, to take injured people to ambulances if necessary, to inform those in need about the location of first aid points and ambulances, to liaise with other volunteer organizations that are providing drinking water, food, and heating to the people on the square.

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society has been closely coordinating with the Europe Zone Office of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and with the Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross so as to optimize their professional performance and utilize both internal and external expertise. The IFRC Europe Zone Office is constantly monitoring the situation and deployed one staff to support the NS to assess the situation and support the NS with the DREF request. The IFRC Europe Zone Office is in contact with the ICRC Office in Moscow in order to avoid a duplication of the efforts.

The ICRC has provided the URCS with an initial support of CHF 12,000 CHF for the procurement of emergency response material.

The needs

As several protests have taken place in different provinces of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society is doing its best to respond to the needs of the affected people who are in need of emergency health services such as on-site first aid, evacuation to hospitals and other needs such as psychological support.

Needs for improvement of the response capacity of the National Society	Number / pcs.
6 first aid trainings for commanders of the RC rapid response teams (study group of 15 people, training period 2 days, 16 hours curriculum)	6
First aid medical kits and dressings to provide first aid to the population	1,000
Blankets ¹	1,500

¹ 100 blankets each for injured and wounded at the 15 first-aid points.

Backpacks with Red Cross emblem for rescuer volunteers	500
Jackets for volunteers with RC emblem	500
Visibility waistcoats for volunteers	200
Flashlights	500
Helmets	500
Tents with RC emblem	15
Thermos for food (15 litres)	15
Electric power generators	15
Red Cross banners	30
First aid manual printing	10,000
Fuel for generators	1,500 litres

The proposed operation

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society aims to address the humanitarian needs of people in those regional communities, which are most affected by the demonstrations, namely Kiev city, Donetsk oblast (region), Lviv oblast, Kharkiv oblast, Odessa oblast and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

500 volunteers will be trained, as soon as possible, to work on the Red Cross rapid response teams: Kiev city – 150 people, Donetsk oblast - 50 people, Lviv oblast - 50, Kharkiv oblast -100, Odessa oblast – 50, and Crimea - 100. Six two-day regional training sessions will be held for 90 commanders of the RC rapid response teams.

Clothing and necessary equipment, tents for Red Cross points, will be purchased for volunteers.

Emergency health

Outcome: Increased readiness of Red Cross First Aid teams to provide timely first aid services to casualties during the protest actions.

Output 1: 500 Red Cross First Aid volunteers are trained and equipped to provide lifesaving first aid services to casualties in the cities most at risk.

Output 2: 15 additional first-aid points of the UKRC are set up and equipped with generators and 100 blankets each

Activities planned

- Provide trainings for an additional 500 First Aid volunteers in the cities of Kiev, Donetsk, Lviv, Odessa, Kharkiv and Simferopol.
- Purchase medicine, equipment for volunteers, tents, manufacturing of banners with the Red Cross symbolic.
- Provide equipment including generators and 100 blankets each for 15 Red Cross first-aid points.
- Monitor purchase and supply.
- Reallocate Red Cross resources to oblasts and cities at increased risk (the property acquired within this operation plus hygiene items that are stored in the central emergency warehouse of the disaster response service).
- Coordinate with local authorities, the State Service of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Policy, and Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- Provide first aid to the population by volunteers at the Red Cross humanitarian aid stations
- Inform the population through the media about activities of the RC rapid response teams and other Red Cross units.

The Ukraine Red Cross Headquarters, in close cooperation with IFRC Europe Zone Office, will monitor the progress of the DREF operation and will provide the necessary technical expertise.

Weekly operation updates will be sent to the IFRC Europe Zone Office.

The visibility of the work of the Red Cross volunteers and staff will be ensured during the operation through the local media.

Contact information

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

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.

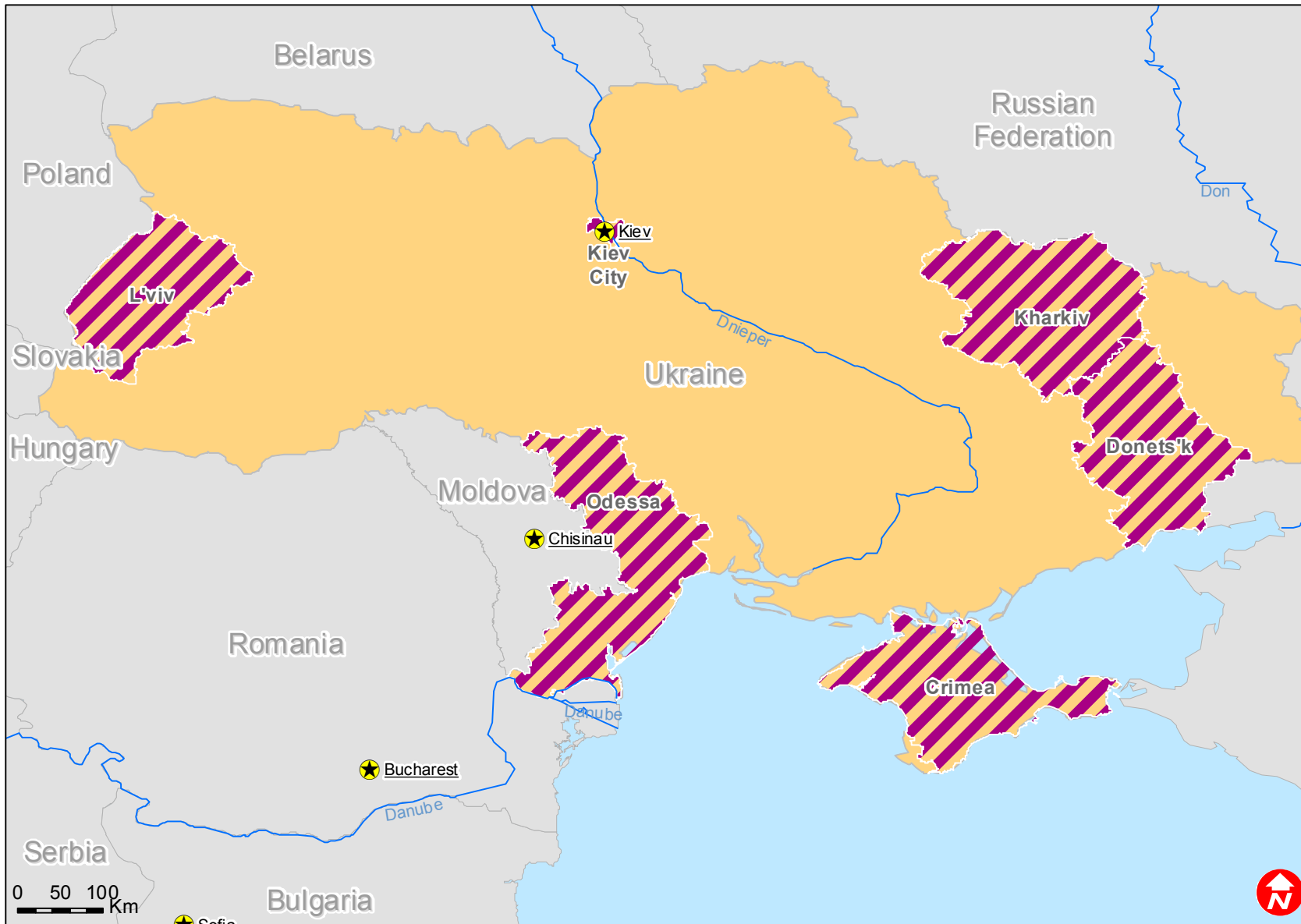
DREF OPERATION

Ukraine

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	7,875
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	
Clothing & Textiles	38,575
Food	
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	
Medical & First Aid	20,000
Teaching Materials	
Ustensils & Tools	3,000
Other Supplies & Services	32,000
Emergency Response Units	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	101,450
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	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,250
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	2,250
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	2,700
Volunteers	200
Total PERSONNEL	2,900
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	18,600
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	18,600
Travel	3,000
Information & Public Relations	2,500
Office Costs	
Communications	100
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Support Services	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	5,600
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	8,502
Total INDIRECT COSTS	8,502
TOTAL BUDGET	139,302



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 Targetted areas