

## Information bulletin

# Mongolia: Snow and sand storm

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<b>Date of disaster:</b> 25 November 2018	<b>Point of contact:</b> Munguntuya Sharavnyambuu, disaster management programme manager
<b>Operation start date:</b> -	<b>Expected timeframe:</b>
<b>Host National Society:</b> Mongolia red Cross Society (MRCS)	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> -	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> -
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> Government of Mongolia	

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## The situation

On 25 November 2018, strong wind of 20-30 m/s swept across Bayan-Ulgii, Govi-Altai, Uvs, Khovd provinces and the speed of wind reached 40 m/s in Bugat soum of Govi-Altai province causing strong snow and sand storm which resulted a number of missing people and livestock, injuries, electricity cut off due to fall of electrical substation, construction wreckage. Local emergency management agency and police, local authorities are in coordination to take action in the affected areas.



Strong snow and causing traffic on the road. (Source: National Emergency Management Agency)

In Uvs province, “Western Energy System” company which provides electricity toward destination of Umnugovi, Turgen soums had its four pole mounts of 110 kW, nine pole mounts of 220 kW wrecked due to the storm. Due to the wreckage, 13 soums of Bayan-Ulgii province, six soums of Govi-Altai province, 20 soums of Uvs province, 13 soums of Khovd province and as of 25 November 2018, a total of 52 soums are having power outage. According the National Emergency Management Agency, 173 people with 26 technical equipment from “national network of electricity distribution” government company are working to get the substation back to work.

The table below shows partial information of storm:

Province	Soum	Gers completely destroyed	Fence	Roof	Livestock	Affected HH
Zavkhan	Naranbulag	1	116	23		
	Zavkhan	16				
	Ulgii	11				
	Umnugovi	10				
	Sagil	2				
	Tarialan	25				
	Ulaangom	9				
	Khovd	1				
<b>Total</b>		<b>75 gers</b>	<b>116 fences</b>	<b>23 roofs</b>		
Bayan-Ulgii	Ulgii	3				

	Altantsugts	2				
<b>Total</b>		<b>5 gers</b>				
Khovd	Darvi	2	30	2		
	Tsetseg	2		1		
	Munkhkhairkhan	4	4			
	Must	3				
	Jargalant	2	1	1		
	Chandmani	2	10			
	Zereg	6	34			
	Erdeneburen	6	5			
<b>Total</b>		<b>27 gers</b>	<b>84 fences</b>	<b>4 roofs</b>		
Govi-Altai	Bugat	95				
	Tonkhil	1				
	Tugrug	1				
	Khukhmorit	5				
<b>Total</b>		<b>102 gers</b>				
Uvs		76	117	36	3900	213
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>285 gers</b>	<b>317 fences</b>	<b>63 roof &amp; tops</b>		

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Respective mid-level Red Cross branches in the affected areas are collaborating with local emergency management agency and authorities and are assessing the conditions and sending updated information to HQ in a timely manner. IFRC national disaster response team (NDRT) and regional disaster response team (BDRT) members on alert if any deployment needs to be made. Relief items such as blankets, mattresses and kitchen set are being prepared and to be distributed to affected families from MRCS's Regional disaster preparedness center. Government of Mongolia is releasing funds from "Emergency Fund" and planned to distribute ger's to affected families.



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protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.