

# MINOR EMERGENCY



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## MOLDOVA: FLOODS

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### In Brief

**THE MOLDOVA RED CROSS HAS BEEN GRANTED CHF 50,000 (USD 38,850 OR EUR 32,041) FROM THE FEDERATION'S DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF) TO ASSIST 3,000 BENEFICIARIES DURING ONE MONTH.**

**UNEARMARKED FUNDS TO REPAY DREF ARE ENCOURAGED.**

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### The Situation

As a result of heavy rains and storms, which hit Moldova on 18-19 August 2005 throughout the country, 2 municipalities (Chisinau and Balti) and 15 districts in the north and central parts of Moldova – with a population of over one million people – have been affected.

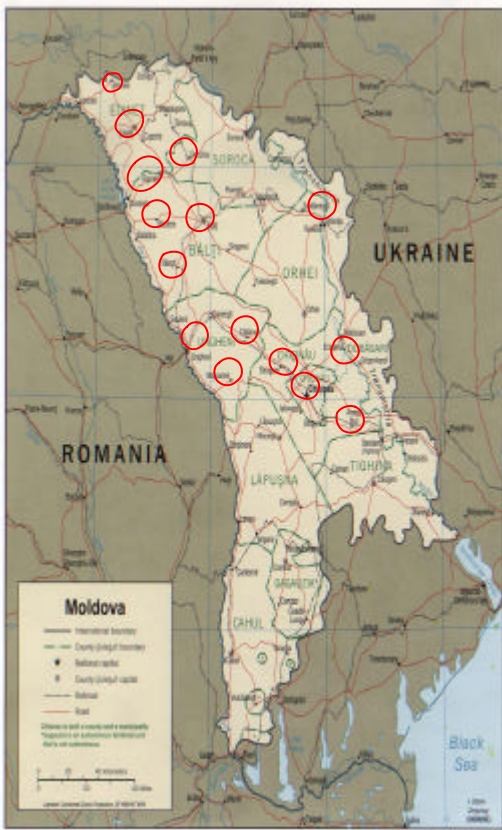
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**Flood waters in the capital of Moldova (Railway station Chisinau)**

More than 170 settlements (which constitute 23% of the total number of settlements in the affected 15 districts) are located in the disaster-stricken area. The Moldova Red Cross reports that the total number of the affected people is over 6,500. A total of 102 families in Chisinau and about 300 families in 38 villages were evacuated by the government. The districts of Edinet, Criuleni, Briceni, Nisporeni, Riscani and the capital of Chisinau were hit the most. Preliminary estimate of damages and losses due to the disaster is approximately 95,605,000 Moldovan Lei (EUR 6,310,560.00).

### The regions affected by the flooding



Some rivers like Prut and Chevcar, and some water reservoirs like Chevcar and several small lakes located near the villages, have overflowed (level of water increased critical line by more than 2-4 metres in some places).

The flooding caused severe damage and completely ruined public and private buildings (over 840 in the most affected 38 villages), destroyed and damaged electricity and telecommunication lines (over 200 settlements had up to one-week disruptions in electricity supply), activated landslides, and damaged 3 dams, 15 bridges and made 86,5 kilometres of roads unusable. Only in four most affected districts, the flooding ruined 11,991 hectares of farmlands. Furthermore, the flood waters have over-run about 1000 private wells, compelling people to use the dirtied water for drinking, bathing and cooking purpose.

With rainfalls slowly decreasing and water levels receding, the situation has stabilised but remains serious. According to the prime-minister of Moldova, the country might lose about 70% of the harvest.

### Local authority and state initiatives

Local authorities put their main efforts into the reinforcement of dams and reconstruction of infrastructure. Rescue teams and local authorities are now busy trying to clear up the mess and assess the

damage. Some 1000 military are engaged in relief and cleanup work, also helping to repair and build private houses.

According to the officials of Chisinau, the municipal authorities do their best to assure the homeless people with food and shelter. All homeless disaster victims are so far temporarily accommodated in public buildings and are being provided with water and hot meals. The Chisinau government has already started to build 24 new houses for the people affected by floods in the capital, which are expected to be built and granted to the affected families by 10 October.

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The government also issued a decree releasing 145,000 Moldovan Lei (around EUR 9,900) for the reinforcement of dams and reconstruction of infrastructure, as well as begun supplying building materials from its Reserve Fund to the three most affected districts.

The government is committed to pay to each member of the families that have lost their homes a 5,000 lei (USD 400) compensation, and each person whose home was damaged but can be repaired a compensation of 3,000 – 1,000 – 500 Lei (USD 240 – 80 – 40) depending on the damage gravity.

The Government has approached the Moldova Red Cross with the request to mobilise support for rural affected communities. The Department for Emergencies of Internal Affairs Ministry is continuing to provide the necessary information to the Moldova Red Cross.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action



**Moldova Red Cross is distributing humanitarian aid to affected families**

### Coordination and Cooperation

CHF 50,000 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the immediate needs for food, hygiene parcels, blankets, bed linen and kitchen sets. Branches of the National Society have been in daily contact with the relevant authorities and the Emergency Department to monitor the situation and to develop their response initiatives. The National Society President, as a member of the Government Humanitarian Aid Commission, has taken part in all coordination meetings relating to the floods situation.

As a principal emergency response agency operating in the field, the National Society maintains close contacts with the Department for Emergencies, local administrations and media.

Moldova Red Cross also coordinates its assistance to the affected people with a non-governmental organisation "Our home is Chisinau", which organised collection of clothes and food, as well as temporary accommodation for eight evacuated families in the capital

### Immediate Response

Since the very beginning, the Moldova Red Cross has been involved in the relief operation. During the first days of the disaster, the National Society assisted 162 flood victim families, using almost the entire emergency stock available in its warehouse in Chisinau. By 31 August, the National Society has distributed three metric tons of the following relief items:

Nr.	Items	Units	Quantity
1	Blankets	pcs	165
2	Bed linen	set	165
3	Hygiene parcels	set	150
4	Clothes	kg	480
5	Food	kg	444
	<b>Total value</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>5,947</b>

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These items were distributed among 567 affected people in Chisinau and Criuleni district, the village of Magdachesti. Thus, support was provided to a total of 162 families including the following most affected and vulnerable groups: lonely elderly people aged over 60 – 86; single women with young children – 16; multi-child families – 2; disabled – 7; low-income families – 51.

### Assessment

Along with the relief efforts, the National Society has deployed staff and volunteers to assess the situation in the field. For technical support, the Federation Delegation in Minsk has made available its regional disaster management officer. On 21 August, two emergency response teams comprised of the Moldova Red Cross branch and headquarters staff conducted an assessment mission in the affected area. The Federation disaster management officer also joined the team in the field. The task was to compile a detailed and inclusive needs assessment report, as well as to deliver basic food, non-food supplies and clothing to the affected communities. All members of assessment teams were trained in the current year through national and branch level workshops.

The teams visited two villages of the Chisinau municipality and four villages in the Criuleni, Briceni and Edinet districts.

The assessment methodology included:

1. official information from local authorities and the Department of Emergencies;
2. direct observations;
3. semi-structured interviews (200 respondents in villages and cities)

The assessment confirmed that the already received information (see section above), updated on the latest initiatives by the local authorities and concluded that the most urgent needs are for food, hygiene items, bed linen, blankets, clothing, kitchen sets, clean drinking water and construction materials.

The data obtained through the needs assessment show that arable land, basements and gardens have been flooded and 75% crops destroyed while the rescued food stocks will probably last only a few days; 45% of people lost their warm clothing; 65% will attempt reconstruction of their houses while other 10% will have to look for a new shelter. Children make up 30% of the affected population.

### The needs

Disaster area	General	Families
Villages	Water pumps Disinfection of toilets and wells Mosquito repellents, Electrical devices, Repairing bridges, roads Construction materials Special equipment for cleaning of the mudded areas, Cleaning of river beds Repairing of the drainage systems	Disinfection of toilets and wells Hygiene items, Clean drinking water, Family food parcels, Bed linen and mattresses, blankets Clothes Footwear Furniture Household equipment: kitchen sets, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines; Construction materials
Towns	Construction materials	Family food parcels Hygiene items, Bed linen and mattresses, blankets Clothes Footwear Furniture Household equipment: kitchen sets, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines

### Plan of action

This operation is expected to cover a one-month period during which the National Society will assist directly 3,000 flood affected beneficiaries.

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In order to organize a proper response the National Society, through its local branches, identified the most vulnerable of the affected population. The relief operation should cover the basic needs of 1000 families in 25 villages of the three districts (Briceni, Criuleni and Riscani) and the city of Chisinau as the most affected by floods and based on the following criteria:

- lonely elderly people aged over 60
- single women with young children
- multi-child families
- disabled
- low-income families

According to the assessment, the most urgently-needed items, which Moldova Red Cross can cover with DREF funds, are hygiene parcels, kitchen sets, blankets, bed linen, food, and footwear. All relief items will be purchased locally through standard tendering procedures.

**Goal: The vulnerability of the populations affected by floods is reduced**

**Objective: The populations affected by floods have received food and non-food aid and their living conditions have improved**

**Result 1:** Access to minimum energy/dietary requirements is secured for some 400 vulnerable families affected by the disaster.

Due to the heavy flooding, most of the affected people's stocks of food (90%) and 75% crops were damaged. The availability of food items in the affected areas has become a major problem, particularly for those who were evacuated and accommodated at the temporary shelter.

The nutrition rations to be distributed by the National Society during the emergency response phase will depend on the scale of damage:

- a) heavily affected families received main food support (2,100 Kkal per person per day) for 10 days;
- b) those with some coping mechanisms still in place received supplementary food support (1,000 Kkal per person per day) for 10 days.

Each family food parcel will include the following set of food items: wheat flour, cereals (rice), sugar, vegetable oil, and tea. It is planned to purchase and distribute a total of 680 food parcels during the emergency phase. In addition, food items will continue to be provided from the National Society emergency stock.

**Result 2:** Access to minimum hygiene requirements is secured and living standards improved for some 1000 vulnerable families affected by the disaster.

The National Society intends to distribute bedding materials among the most affected and displaced population: 100 mattresses, 300 woollen blankets, 300 bed linen sets, 150 kitchen sets, 65 pairs of children shoes.

High prices of soaps and detergents make sanitation and personal hygiene unaffordable for the affected rural communities. Therefore, the National Society intends to purchase and distribute a total of 1000 family hygiene kits, containing 2 kg of detergent, 1 bottle of shampoo, 1 bar of washing soap and 2 bars of toilet soap.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The monitoring will be undertaken by the National Society's disaster management coordinator and logistics officer together with the Red Cross branch staff. Weekly field visits will be undertaken to oversee the distributions to the families listed as beneficiaries. Should additional need be identified during the visits, this will be recorded and reported to the Moldova Red Cross headquarters. Written reports will be produced by the Moldova Red Cross staff with information collected during these field visits. Throughout the distribution of packages to beneficiaries, ongoing evaluation of activities will be undertaken and reported at regular Moldova Red Cross meetings, as well as communicated to the Federation delegation.

***Budget attached below. Please click [here](#) to return to the title page and contact information***

## Name of the Project: Moldova - Minor Emergency - Floods

	Code	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unite price	Total CHF
<b>A</b>		<b>SUPPLIES/Subtotal</b>				<b>41,958.25</b>
	5100	Blankets	300.00	UNIT	17.17	5,151.00
	5101	Bed linen	300.00	UNIT	14.14	4,242.00
	5102	Mattresses	100.00	UNIT	21.21	2,121.00
	5106	Footwear (for children)	65.00	UNIT	45.45	2,954.25
	5206	Meals for volunteer helpers	1.00	UNIT	110.00	110.00
	5210	Food parcels	680.00	UNIT	13.50	9,180.00
	5212	Mineral water for volunteer helpers	1.00	UNIT	50.00	50.00
	5604	Kitchen sets (type B)	150.00	UNIT	55.00	8,250.00
	5703	Hygiene parcels	1000.00	UNIT	9.90	9,900.00
<b>B</b>		<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>0.00</b>
<b>C</b>		<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE/Subtotal</b>				<b>1,880.00</b>
	590	Warehousing & distribution	1.00	UNIT	800.00	800.00
	593	Transport & vehicle	1.00	MONTH	1080.00	1,080.00
<b>D</b>		<b>PERSONNEL/Subtotal</b>				<b>441.00</b>
	6616	Hotel accommodation , NS	3.00	UNIT	47.00	141.00
	6618	Per diem , NS	3.00	UNIT	100.00	300.00
<b>E</b>		<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; SEMINARS/Subtotal</b>				<b>0.00</b>
<b>F</b>		<b>GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal</b>				<b>200.75</b>
	7001	Local Travel	1.00	MONTH	100.00	100.00
	7106	Photos	1.00	MONTH	100.75	100.75
<b>G</b>		<b>OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal</b>				<b>400.00</b>
	7301	Stationery, NS	1.00	MONTH	100.00	100.00
	7403	Telephone NS	1.00	MONTH	300.00	300.00
<b>H</b>		<b>FIELD BUDGET/Subtotal</b>				<b>44,880.00</b>
<b>J</b>		Delegation Support Costs (4% of Field Budget)			4%	1,870.00
<b>H</b>		<b>SUBTOTAL PROJECT</b>				<b>46,750.00</b>
<b>I</b>	5990-5998	<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT BUDGET/Subtotal</b>			6.5%	3,250.00
<b>K</b>		<b>GRAND TOTAL CHF:</b>				<b>50,000.00</b>