

DREF operation



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Moldova: 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 188,100 (USD 177,724 or EUR 140,720) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 8,000 beneficiaries from approximately 2,000 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains and flooding in July 2010 has directly affected 12,000 people in Moldova. A total of 3,183 houses in several districts have been flooded out of which many are destroyed. Moreover several thousands of people have been evacuated. A national emergency has been declared by the prime minister who appealed to international organizations, NGOs and governments to assist in responding to the situation.



Flooding in Moldova. Photo: Moldova Red Cross.

Through this operation the Moldova Red Cross will distribute humanitarian aid to 2,000 families amounting to 8,000 people in six branches and ten villages affected by the floods. Assistance will include food parcels, hygiene kits, water filters, blankets and bed linen. Moreover, provision of safe water, water filters, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion will target the 1,000 most affected families in six branches.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 15 October 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 15 January, 2011).

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The situation

Heavy and continuous rain in Moldova in July, lasting for several days, led to a dramatic increase in the level of water in the Nistru and Prut rivers. Subsequent flooding has caused severe problems in six regions in the country affecting some 12,000 people from around 3,000 families. As a consequence of the heavy rains and

the ensuing floods a total of 3,183 houses in several districts have been flooded out of which many are destroyed.

According to local authorities 3,200 persons have been displaced from the Nemteni district. Among these were at least 100 large families with more than 8 members as well as 500 elderly people. Several inhabitants of Cotul-Marii have been evacuated to Obileni including highly vulnerable groups such as 50 pregnant women, 150 children below 1 year and 135 children. In Drepcauti, Criva and Macaresti villages more than 200 people were evacuated. The people evacuated are placed in schools, kindergartens, some private warehouses and their assistance and support will constitute a priority of the operation for the next 6 months (including the reconstruction of houses). The government has already provided mobile kitchens and toilets, shower cabins, water, food and medicines in the field in order to meet the minimum necessary conditions.

The emergency teams also evacuated 1,371 children from summer camps as well as other people. The evacuated families are accommodated with their relatives, in primary schools and centres.

Summarized, according to information provided by the Department of Civil Protection the following damages are registered in the affected areas:

Branch	District	Families affected	Dead/ Missing people	Flooded houses	Destroyed houses	Evacuated people
Hinesti	Nemteni	216	1 / 7	173	30	3,200
	Obileni	70	-	30	-	
	Săretăni	70		-	-	
	Cotul-Marii	1,880	-	240	2,600	335
Briceni	Sirauti	160	-	-	-	200
	Drepcauti	320	-	80	-	
	Criva	73	-	-	-	
Ungheni	Macaresti	42	-	30	-	
Cahul	Brinza	20	-	-	-	
Nisporeni	Grozesti	20	-	-	-	
Criuleni	-	62	-	-	-	
TOTAL		2,933	1	553	2,630	

Table 1: Assessment figures showing the number of families affected, people dead or missing, flooded and destroyed houses, and people evacuated.

In total 64 check points have been created along the Nistru and Prut rivers in order to monitor the level of water. Also, the police keep the protection dikes under observation. Still the water level in the rivers continues to rise as a consequence of continuous rain. The districts of Cahul, Glodeni, Falesti, Ungheni and Nisporeni remain subject to flooding hazards. Authorities remain worried about additional flooding from the Prut and Dniester rivers. In order to avoid a possible emergency in terms of gas leaks, the gas supply in the high pressure pipes in Ocnita district was stopped.

Coordination and partnerships

The prime minister of Moldova has declared a national emergency due to the high number of affected people and severe material damages. In order to attract attention to the critical situation and the humanitarian consequences, and to appeal for international support, the Moldova government organized a multilateral meeting among international actors present in the country including the IFRC, the World Bank, UN, EU, embassies and NGOs. Another meeting was held recently in order to update the actors on the latest measures and present the best solutions available to address the situation. The prime minister reiterated the appeal to the international community in order to meet immediate needs and ensure support for recovery.

The Moldova Red Cross has been in contact with the national department in charge of emergency situations as well as local authorities in each affected district. Permanent contact has been established with other agencies such as USAID/Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

Since the beginning of the floods the Moldova Red Cross has been informing the Federation representative in Moldova and the Europe Zone office in Budapest on the current situation and the Red Cross response.

Hundreds of personnel have been mobilized in order to construct dams and evacuate people including 517 employees from the Department of Civil Protection and Exceptional Situations; 700 police officers; 294 gendarmes: 105 border guards; 228 soldiers of the Armed Forces; and 26 rescuers from Romania. According the Moldova government plans are made for constructing 500 houses within mid-November for which it seeks international support. Moreover, according to state officials support to affected people will also include procurement of additional houses and material compensation

The Romanian and Austrian governments are supporting the floods response in Moldova with mineral water, sand bags, plastic bags and polyethylene. Measures to avoid duplication of international support are being implemented. Technical support and consulting have been required in order to assess the situation of Nistru and Prut rivers and to identify future floods solutions.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

A Red Cross assessment team from the National Society visited the flooded area near Prut river on 7 July where it met with local authorities in Obileni, Cotul-Morii and Nemteni. Volunteers from local branches along with branch directors also contributed to assessing the situation.

The president of Moldova Red Cross gave interviews to the media and also contacted big supermarkets in order to organize a collection of food and hygiene materials. Major distributors of drinking water including Aqua Nova, Coca-Cola and Selbin have also been contacted which committed to provide donations.

The Moldova Red Cross has distributed relief items in the villages of Criva and Drepcauti in Briceni district and Nemteni village in Hincesti district. More than 200 families, mainly poor people and elderly people, received clothes and hygiene kits recently donated by the Swiss Red Cross. Moldova Red Cross branch directors in each affected district are closely monitoring the situation and reporting to the National Society headquarters.

The needs

The affected population live in small villages and their livelihood are severely damaged or destroyed altogether. Owing to the fact that the groups identified as the most vulnerable have lost or left behind essential goods for maintaining their livelihood, they are in great need of relief items such as food parcels, hygiene items, water, clothes, bed linens and blankets. Moreover the affected population needs information on best hygiene practices. For many families the floods has affected food reserves as well as the opportunity to breed animals.

Moreover, as young people and adults have left the villages in search of work in the surrounding cities, leaving their children with their grandparents, the majority of the village populations are elderly people and children. The National Society has defined the most vulnerable groups as women, lonely elderly people, invalids and multi-children families out of which most has been evacuated.

The proposed operation

The operation will be focusing on distribution of food and non-food items in six branches and ten villages during a period of three months. The aid will be delivered and distributed by the volunteers trained in first aid and disaster response. It is expected that this operation will give good visibility to the National Society and improve their capacity and relations with stakeholders.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Distribution of humanitarian aid to 2,000 families amounting to 8,000 people in six branches during three months, consisting of food parcels, hygiene kits, water filters, blankets and bed linen.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

The NS will work with two RDRT members in order to:

- Conduct detailed emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Procure relief supplies
- 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.
- Organise coordination meetings to monitor the activities

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, Emergency health

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, water filters, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to the 1,000 most affected families in 4 branches for 3 months.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

- Assess the existing water coverage with a view of ensuring availability of adequate water supply
- Provide safe water to 1,000 families until damaged water systems are restored.
- Promote hygiene education to 500 the most vulnerable families in Nemteni, Obileni and Cotul-Morii.

Disaster Management capacity building

Outcome: Reinforce the capacity of local branches and volunteers in disaster management and first aid including promotion of Red Cross and Red Crescent Fundamental Principles.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

- To organise two training sessions in three affected branches for some 45 volunteers and branch directors covering the fundamental principles, disaster response, code of conduct and first aid.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	0	0
Shelter - Transitional	0	0
Construction - Housing	0	0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure	0	0
Construction - Materials	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	36,000	36,000
Food	60,000	60,000
Seeds & Plants	0	0
Water & Sanitation	12,000	12,000
Medical & First Aid	0	0
Teaching Materials	1,000	1,000
Utensils & Tools	0	0
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	30,000	30,000
Total Supplies	139,000	139,000
Land & Buildings		0
Vehicles		0
Computer & Telecom		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment		0
Medical Equipment		0
Other Machinery & Equipment		0
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,500	1,500
Distribution & Monitoring	2,570	2,570
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,600	3,600
Total Transport & Storage	7,670	7,670
International Staff	0	0
Regionally Deployed Staff	15,000	15,000
National Staff	0	0
National Society Staff	2,700	2,700
Other Staff benefits	0	0
Consultants	0	0
Total Personnel	17,700	17,700

Workshops & Training	6,900	6,900
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Travel	3,000	3,000
Information & Public Relation	1,000	1,000
Office Costs	600	600
Communications	750	750
Professional Fees	0	0
Financial Charges	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	0
Total General Expenditure	5,350	5,350
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	11,480	11,480
Total Programme Support	11,480	11,480
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	188,100	188,100

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.

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.

Contact information

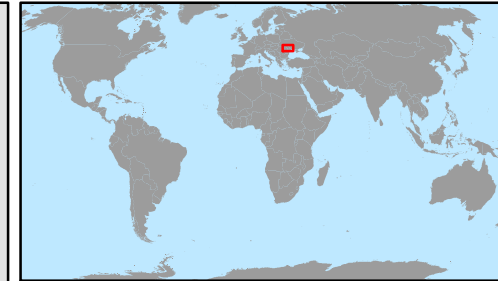
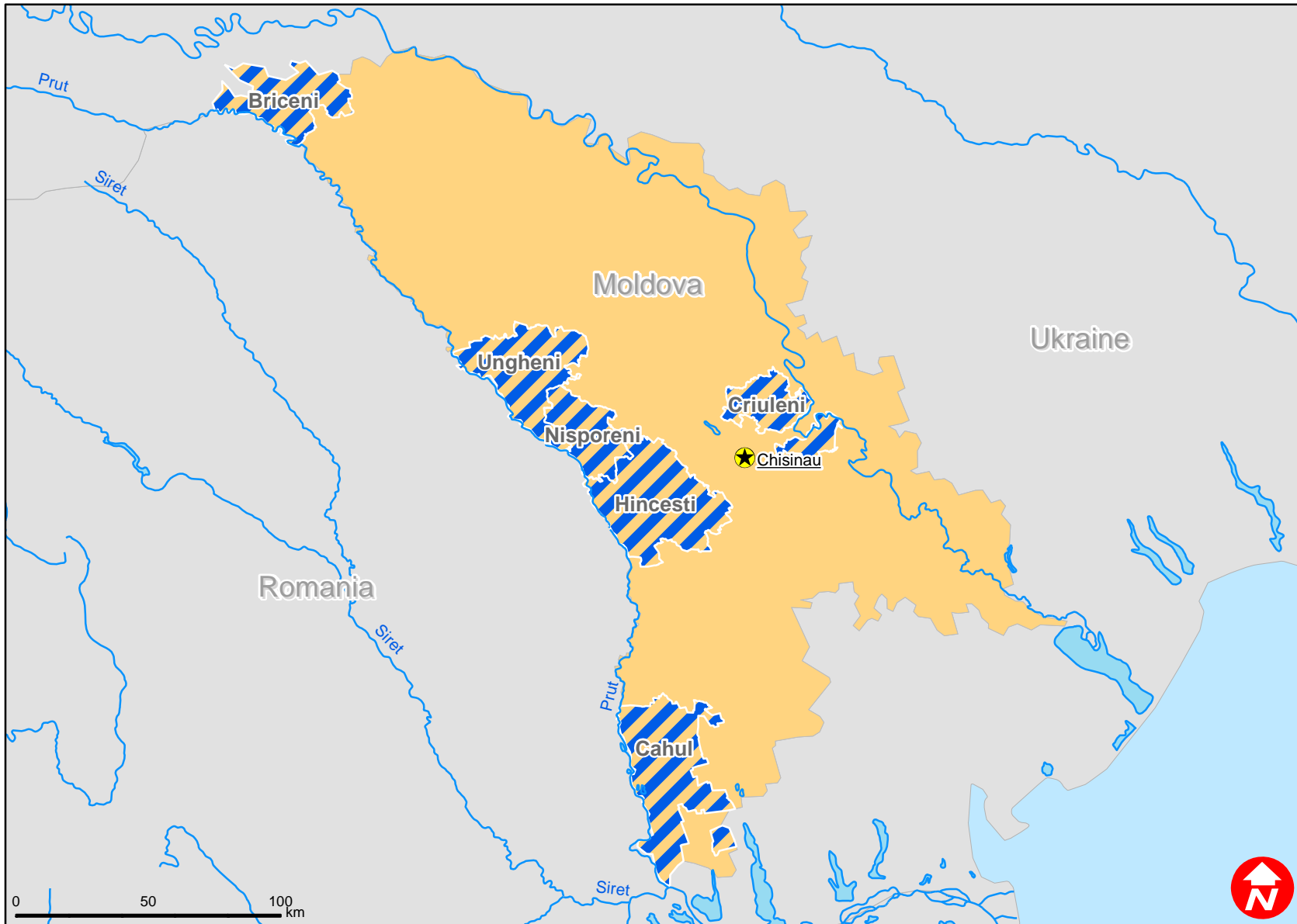
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 Affected districts

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