

DREF operation



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Ukraine: 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 244,126 (USD 230,693 or EUR 182,524) has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 3,500 people (1,200 households). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Large territories of Eastern Europe, including regions within Ukraine, Romania and Moldova, have been hit by heavy floods, plunging rural communities into vulnerability.

Due to heavy rains at the end of June, and the consequent rise in river levels, more than 1,000 houses have been flooded in Chernivtsy and Ivano-Frankivsk regions though affecting a total of 65,000 people. The severe weather damaged 1,841 hectares of agricultural land, 36 main roads and 16 foot-bridges. Large amounts of crops have been destroyed, affecting current and future economic and food security, as vegetables grown during the summer months are picked and stored for winter use. The economic impact will be exacerbated through the loss of livestock, electrical equipments and personal possessions.¹



Flooded yard in Chernivtsy region in July, 2010 , Photo: Ukraine Red Cross

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 12 October 2010 a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 12 January 2011).

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¹ <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/10/10070901/index.asp>

The situation

Due to heavy rains at the end of June, floods have caused serious damages in livestock, personal possessions, electrical equipments and infrastructure in Ukraine.² In 236 settlements of two regions were reached by the floods though affecting 65,000 people. The weather also damaged 1,841 hectares of agricultural land, 36 highways and 16 foot-bridges have been destroyed, 58,014 km of motor roads have been washed away.

Table 1. Summary of damages caused by the floods in the affected regions

Affected regions	Number of affected settlements in the region	Most affected areas	Damages caused by the floods
Chernivtsy region	65	Districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zastavnytskyi, • Kitsmanivskiy, • Glybotskyi, • Putivlskyi, • Gertsaiivskyi, • Khotynskyi Vyzhnytskyi, • Novoselytskyi, • Storozhynetskyi • city of Chernivtsy 	16 schools, 529 houses, 431 household buildings, 2,526 basements, 2,938 farmlands, 694 farmsteads, 97 wells; 348 hectares of agricultural land, 57,930 km of highway, 14 bridges, 3,970 km of waterproof dams were damaged; 12 settlement lost power supply and two settlements lost gas supply
Ivano-Frankivsk region	171	Districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bogordchanskiy, • Verhovinskiy, • Galytskyi, • Dolinskiy, • Kaluzkyi, • Kosivskiy, • Kolomyyskiy, • Naddvirnyanskiy, • Rozhnyativskiy, • Snyatynskiy, • Rozhnyativskiy, • Tusmenytskyi, • Tlumatskiy, • Ivano-Frankivsk, • Kalush, • Yaremcha 	509 houses, 28 household buildings, 830 basements, 1,302 farmsteads, 1,078 wells, 2,551 farmlands; 1,494 hectares of agricultural land, 7,330 meters of bank protection, 1,100 metres of dams, 22 highway bridges and crossings, 16 foot-bridges, more than 84kilometres of highways paving, 3,000 cubic metres of bank protection, 68 wells were silted up, 9 power lines were switched off, 2 are out of order and 3 settlements lost communications

Local authorities and subdivisions are taking measures to clean rived beds, coast guards, pump out the water from the flooded houses, renew power supply in the settlements and provide medicine to the affected regions. Providing information to the affected population about the situation, measures to be taken and progress of wrecking is being carried out.

Coordination and partnerships

The general coordination is being carried out by the Minister of Emergencies of Ukrainian government.

The National Society works very closely with government authorities at all levels – national, regional and local – in its auxiliary role in providing humanitarian relief. To promote a coherent and unified response, the International Federation facilitates coordination activities for the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement including the host National Society, Partner National Societies - National Societies of the region, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as relevant, and externally with key operational agencies or organizations (UN, NGOs and others).

² <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/10/10070901/index.asp>

The National Society built up fruitful cooperation with Charity Fund “Development of Ukraine” to serve the needs of affected people. Also Ukraine Red Cross has a cooperation agreement with the Coca-Cola Company, which donated approximately 4,000 bottles of drinking water, 1536 pieces of 2 litres bottles to Chernivtsy region and 1250 pieces to Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Local authorities are undertaking evacuations, restoring power supplies and checking flood defences. The budget for reconstruction of infrastructure is being assessed by the Government of Ukraine. The Russian Ministry for Emergencies sent two transport planes with relief supplies to Ukraine.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Regional branches of Ukraine Red Cross Society have started immediately giving assistance to some of the 3,500 people affected, prioritising those who have been evacuated.

National Society staff members and volunteers are helping people find shelter in community buildings and with host families, providing them with clothes, hygienic items, and bedding.

The two regions, Chernivtsy and Ivano-Frankivsk were also the worst affected regions by the massive floods in 2008³ and still not fully recovered after the disaster. Fortunately the local branches are well prepared and have a good working relationship with the local authorities. This allowed them to start rendering assistance as soon as the floods hit and distribute goods from emergency stocks of the National Society.

List of distributed items by Ukrainian Red Cross to people affected by the floods.		
	Ivano-Frankivsk	Chernivtsy
Type of assistance	Distributed quantities	
Clothes	460 sets	2100 kg
Shoes	48 sets	
Linen	370 sets	
Washing solutions	140 kg	938 kg
Disinfectant solutions	30 kg	
Mattresses	5 units	
Water filters	200 units	1000 units
Hygienic serviettes	2500 sets	
Medicines, syringes		1006 boxes+ 2260 syringes
First Aid boxes		100 sets

The needs

According to the assessment of needs of affected people carried out by the National Society, the most vulnerable are rural populations, particularly elderly people living alone, invalids, and multi-child families. The area is home to many Roma people, who have large families and low income. Their needs will be prioritized by the operation.

The immediate needs of affected people are to stabilize the humanitarian situation by providing access to clean water, replacing food stocks and household items, and ensuring sanitation through printed information on how to avoid infections through contaminated water, as well as distributing clean bedding, disinfectants, soap and hygienic materials.

The proposed operation

Ukraine Red Cross Society, with the support of the International Federation’s representation in Kiev and Minsk, will concentrate on distributing emergency relief supplies. The emphasis will be on providing clean drinking water, food, non-food items and domestic hygiene materials.

This operation will have a threefold impact: it will replace stocks families have lost, enabling them to use scarce cash resources for other pressing needs; it will protect their health status which is endangered by stagnant and contaminated water, poor sanitation and depleted nutritional stocks; and it will also provide vital

³ <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/08/MDR67003efr.pdf>

psychological support, particularly for lone elderly people who have been traumatized by their isolation and vulnerability.

The National Society also seeks to replenish its stocks which were distributed in the days after the floods hit, as per the table above.

This operation intends to make use of the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) mechanism which has proved very successful in the past. An RDRT will assist the national society in the start-up phase, working with them on assessments, logistics, monitoring and reporting

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: Three thousand five hundred people from the affected settlements in Chernivtsy and Ivano-Frankivsk regions have received food and non-food items to cope with the consequences of floods.
Outputs (expected results) and activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment of needs and preparation of beneficiary lists;• Distribution of 1,200 food parcels that contain vegetable oil, sugar, buckwheat, pasta, tinned beef, condensed milk, tea, dry biscuits/crackers by the Red Cross branches and their volunteers according to the prepared beneficiary lists.• Distribution of 1,200 kitchen sets that consist of disposable cutlery and plates, cups, teapot, and a cooking pot according to the prepared beneficiary lists;• Distribution of 1,280 blankets, 2,000 bed linen, 3,000 towels• Coordination with the local municipal authorities and social welfare institutions.

A total of 3,500 people will be served with food items and 1,200 kitchen sets through the operation. 370 bed linen sets out of 2,000 will be used to replenish the National Society emergency stocks.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion
Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 1,200 families in the affected settlements.
Outputs (expected results) and activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe water is ensured to 1,200 families through distribution of 1,200 water filters and 2,000 kg of disinfections.• Promote hygiene awareness and basic sanitation through distribution of 1,200 hygiene parcels and 30,000 pcs of information materials (<i>"How to avoid infection diseases in case of water pollution"</i>);

1,200 water filters will be used to replenish the National Society emergency stocks. Hygiene parcels will contain Washing powder, detergent with chlorine, soap, toothpaste, shampoo and tooth brushes. 1,100 kg out of 2,000 kg of disinfectants will be used as replenishment of emergency stock.

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.

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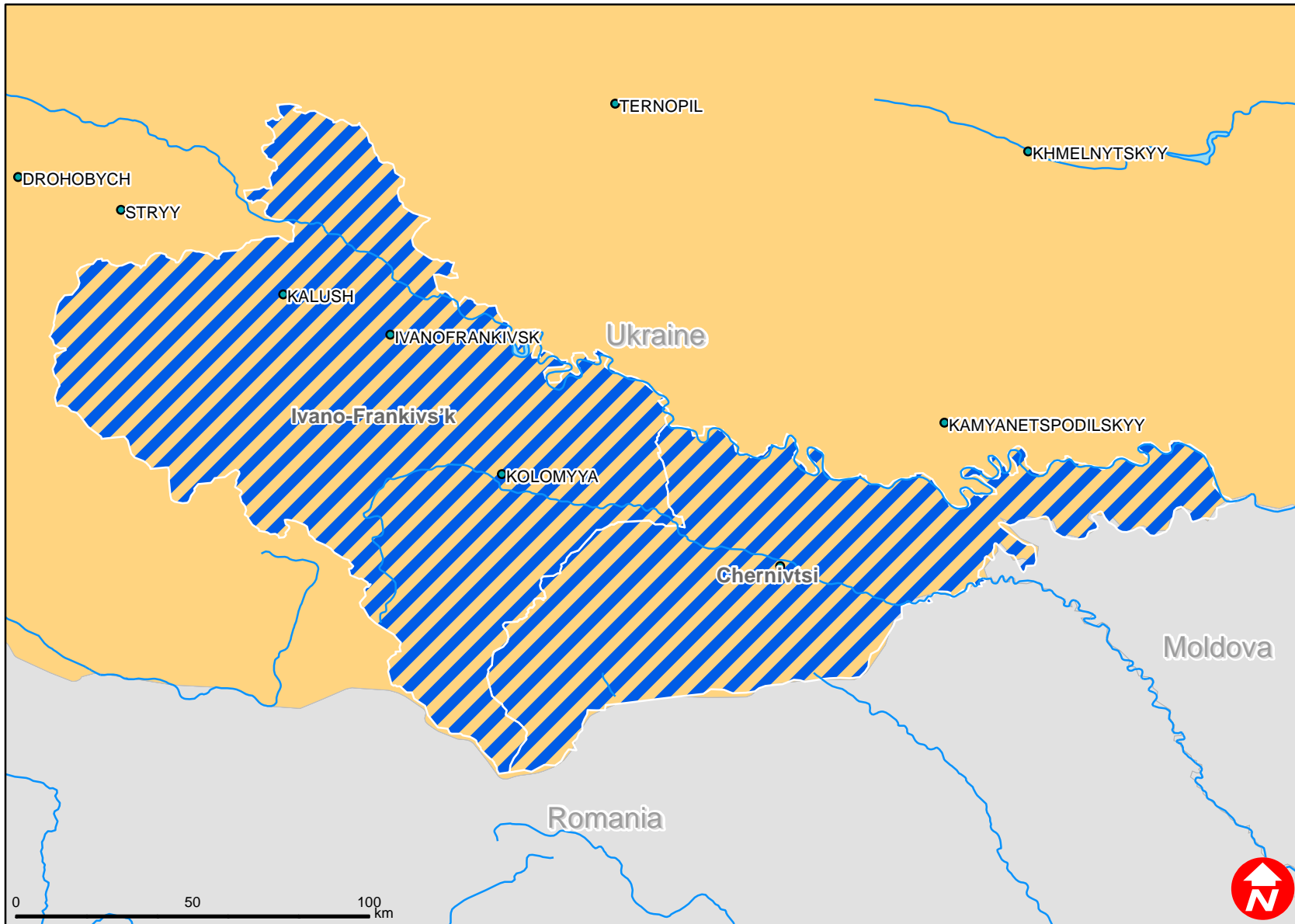
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Clothing & Textiles	86,880	86,880
Food	18,000	18,000
Water & Sanitation	50,400	50,400
Ustensils & Tools	18,000	18,000
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	14,400	14,400
Total Supplies	187,680	187,680
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	0	0
Storage	1,246	1,246
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,790	5,790
Total Transport & Storage	7,036	7,036
Regionally Deployed Staff	10,000	10,000
National Society Staff	4,860	4,860
Total Personnel	14,860	14,860
Total Workshops & Training	0	0
Travel	2,000	2,000
Information & Public Relation Communications	15,150	15,150
	2,500	2,500
Total General Expenditure	19,650	19,650
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	14,900	14,900
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Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	244,126	244,126



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 Affected regions

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