

## ***MOLDOVA: ICE STORM***

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### ***The Disaster***

Heavy rains in late November and early December in Moldova were quickly followed by a cold front which provoked a severe ice storm, ravaging the Orhei, Soroca, Balti, Edinet, Ungheni, Chisinau Counties and Transnistria and resulting in the destruction of thousands of hectares of crops, orchard forests, and infrastructure.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

CHF 65,000 has been released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable the Moldova Red Cross Society to provide emergency assistance to some 1,000 particularly vulnerable persons in the form of food parcels (consisting of wheat flour, buckwheat, vegetable oil, condensed milk, tins of beef, pasta, sugar, and rice), bed sheets, and blankets. Distribution will be carried out by the local Red Cross committees and branches, and beneficiaries will each receive 1 food parcel, 1 winter blanket, 1 bed linen set, and 1 pair of shoes and clothing.

### ***Needs***

While the International Federation does not intend to launch an international appeal at this time, the donor community is requested to provide assistance to the operation by reimbursing the DREF allocation.

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