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The Situation

On Saturday evening, 5 May, an explosion killed eight miners and injured many others in a shaft of the Kirov mine near the town of Makyivka, southwest Ukraine. At the time of the blast 151 workers were underground; most were brought quickly to the surface and taken to hospital where 35 people were kept for treatment.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

Ukraine Red Cross workers and volunteers from Makyivka and Donetsk assisted at the scene of the accident and provided first aid treatment to assist those suffering from gas intoxication. The local branch is planning to assist family members while their income earners are in hospital, pending a more complete assessment of further needs. The Ukraine Red Cross is also currently heavily committed to supporting the post-flood operations in the extreme west of the country (see Appeal 13/01),

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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