

# DREF Bulletin Update



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## UKRAINE: STORMS

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*The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.*

### In Brief

Period covered by this update: 3 August to 12 October, 2007.

History of this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)-funded operation:

- CHF 80,000 (USD 65,041 or EUR 48,280) was allocated from the Federation's DREF on 3 August, 2007 to respond to the needs of this operation and to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population.
- This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will be completed by 3 November, 2007; a DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 3 February, 2008).

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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## Background and current situation



**Turinskyi district of Volyn oblast was one of the areas which suffered from the storms that hit Ukraine in July, resulting in damaged buildings and infrastructure**

Between 22 and 24 July 2007, heavy precipitation and strong storms of a speed up to 20 m per second affected 14 administrative regions of Ukraine; which cover 56% of the country's territory. The storm resulted in extensive damage to the infrastructure, left 717 settlements without electricity and telephone links, and caused suffering among the local population.

In seven municipalities of the Volyn region, which was hit the hardest, 2,702 homes were damaged, out of which 181 could not be lived in at all. 295 hectares of forests were fully destroyed, and 4,500 of them were partially affected. Moreover, 3,800 hectares of cultivated land was spoiled completely, and 9,200 partially, which may lead to possible food shortages in the coming months.

The flying debris injured 17 people, five of whom were hospitalized. In total, the people in Volyn region directly affected by the storm reached 6,268 people and 1,267 people were left homeless. The total population of the areas severely affected by the disaster is 1,037,700.

The rescue teams of the Ministry of Emergency and local authorities have ceased their operations; after having restored electricity links, cleared the roads, renovated the damaged public buildings, and rebuilt the houses entirely destroyed by the storm. Two months after the storm, all homeless people were able to return to their houses. In addition, local authorities pledged compensation to each affected family, depending on the extent of damages. Nevertheless, evidently, all indoor repairs are left to private initiatives.



**New houses were built for people who lost their property as a result of the storms**

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In the initial days following the storm, the representatives of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) Volyn branch visited 24 rural settlements of five districts in order to assess the situation in these hardest-hit areas. This assessment showed that about 1,000 families, including 156 elderly, 232 multi-children families and 1,183 low-income people, were in need of food packages, hygiene kits and other items such as blankets, bed linen, mattresses, buckets, basins, and construction materials.

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The National Society mobilized resources from its own stocks, in addition to the ones from the local people, corporate/business sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and immediately began providing support to those most affected by the disaster. Up to date, more than CHF 21,000 has been raised locally and food, hygiene items (washing powders and soaps) and other supplies (kitchen sets, warm clothes) have been collected.

The following table shows the donations which URCS received at the local level:

Donor	Funds (CHF)	In-kind goods
International Humanitarian Fund "European Home"	875	
Jesus Christ's Holy Last Days Church (USA)	16,250	
Citizens	158	7,780 units of second hand clothes, 570 pairs of footwear, 373 units of household items including kitchen sets
Local business sector	1,400	
Emergency funds from the headquarters and seven branches of the URCS	2,375	
German Red Cross (Dorpen city)		4,000 kg of humanitarian goods (food: flour, sugar, pasta, crackers; textile: towels, bed sheets; medicines) in an amount of CHF 5,146
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,058</b>	

These in-kind items, in addition to the 1,560 food and 153 hygiene parcels purchased by the collected money, were distributed among the affected people in Turinskyi and Manevicheskyi districts. Thus, support was provided to a total of 562 families including the following most affected and vulnerable groups: lonely elderly people aged over 60 – 153; single women with young children – 16; multi-children – 130; disabled – 7; and low-income – 256.

The content of the food and hygiene kits was purchased from local providers in Lutsk (capital of Volyn oblast). The food parcels were customized to fit the Sphere standards (daily ration of 2,100 kkal for one person for two months) and contained vegetable oil - 1,5 l, pasta - 1,5 kg, cereal - 1 kg, and baby food if necessary. The hygiene parcels contained laundry soap (200 gr x 7 pieces) and washing powder (450 gr x 8 packages).

### Emergency relief

CHF 80,000 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the immediate needs for hygiene items, blankets, bed linen, basins, buckets and also to provide cash assistance. All relief items were purchased locally through standard tendering procedures. This allowed to save some money and therefore to buy mattresses. Up to date, 1,000 hygiene parcels, 390 mattresses, 1,000 blankets, 1,500 bed linen, 200 basins, 200 buckets with lids were delivered to the distribution points of 24 settlements in five districts of Volyn region. The distribution process is nearly completed.

The quick intervention of the local branches to assess and identify the needs of the storm-hit households has highlighted their high capacity to handle emergency situations. This was due to the special seminars given to the staff during the whole year prior to the emergency.

During this emergency response, for the first time, the URCS used cash distribution as disaster relief. According to the National Society's plan of action, a special mechanism of cash distribution was elaborated by the Volyn branch and headquarters of the National Society, along with the International Federation's regional representative in Moscow. A beneficiaries list for cash distribution was developed in the following steps:

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1. The most affected families were included in the interim list of beneficiaries, according to the estimations of the damage.
2. This list was compared with another list of the most vulnerable families (elderly, multi-children, single parents with small children and low-income) prepared by the National Society. Those who appear on both lists were selected as beneficiaries.
3. Candidates for cash distribution, indicated in this list, were discussed together with local governments, community leaders and the affected population.



**Obligatory visits were paid by Red Cross staff to vulnerable families in order to assess their needs and complete personal questionnaires**

This step included an obligatory visit to the house of a vulnerable family in order to perform a detailed needs assessment and complete personal questionnaires. This questionnaire form included information regarding the assistance already provided, current needs and the affected persons' personal capabilities. Needs which could be met by cash assistance were identified together with the beneficiaries. According to the questionnaire, in a future second visit paid to a beneficiary, it will be possible to estimate the effectiveness of the funds given.

4. The final list of recipients of monetary subsidies was locally approved by a special committee which included the representative of the local government and the Red Cross branch. This list was subsequently verified by the headquarters and the International Federation according to the results of the steps described above. Thus, target groups for cash distribution were chosen according to the following criteria:

- Those whose houses were not fully destroyed, but in need of considerable repair;
- Those already under the patronage of the URCS prior to the disaster;
- Those who have additional needs not covered by the Red Cross operation or government relief;
- Those who do not have any support from relatives, friends or neighbours.

In compliance with the abovementioned mechanism, the first group of 20 families (among the 45 chosen in the plan of action) received cash assistance of CHF 500 each. This group included 13 single elderly people, five multi-children and two low income families. In addition, one patient living alone was assisted. All of them located in three villages of Turynskyi district - Grusyatin, Manivichirn and Lovishi - plan to use these funds to repair their homes and take medical treatment. However, many affected people are in need of different kinds of construction materials which will not be provided by the local government, such as nails (various sizes), frames and glass for windows, door frames and patching materials.

The procedure for cash distribution was carried out by the finance manager of the local Red Cross branch. The confirmation of receipt of cash was the same as the one used for humanitarian aid (receipt with signature, address and passport details).

Currently, the local branch is continuing to define the groups of recipients of financial subsidies, taking into account the assistance already provided and their current needs.

All actions carried out by the URCS across the affected region involved approximately 60 volunteers who were assisted by two members from the headquarters highly qualified and experienced in assessment and relief operations.

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**Monitoring**

Over the reporting period, a representative from the Red Cross headquarters in Kiev carried out two control checks on emergency relief and cash distribution. In addition, the International Federation's regional disaster management officer participated in monitoring visits in the beginning of the programme.

**Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

During the first month of the operation, the Volyn oblast Red Cross staff were interviewed six times by radio and TV channels. In addition, more than 10 pieces of news appeared in the newspapers regarding the Red Cross activities. Local authorities highly appreciated Red Cross activities and the deputy head of the Volyn oblast gave a very positive appraisal of the local branch's activities during meetings with the representatives from the Red Cross headquarters in Ukraine and the International Federation's regional representation in Moscow.

Assistance provided by the Red Cross is very much welcomed by the affected population. Paying attention to the needs of each affected person and the systemic problem solving approach strengthens the status of the National Society and helps maintain it as a serious partner both at the local community and regional level.

**Coordination**

The URCS is working in collaboration with the government and attending regular coordination meetings with other partners.

***[Interim financial report below; click here to return to the title page or contact information](#)***

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/08-2007/09
Budget Timeframe	2007/08-2007/10
Appeal	MDRUA002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>		80,000				80,000
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		80,000				80,000
<b>C6. Other Income</b>		80,000				80,000
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>		80,000				80,000
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>		80,000				80,000

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>		0				0
<b>C. Income</b>		80,000				80,000
<b>E. Expenditure</b>		-63,603				-63,603
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>		16,397				16,397

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### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>80,000</b>					<b>80,000</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	28,500		34,557			34,557	-6,057	
Utensils & Tools	5,000						5,000	
Other Supplies & Services	27,500		12,889			12,889	14,611	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>61,000</b>		<b>47,446</b>			<b>47,446</b>	<b>13,554</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	500		469			469	31	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,100		915			915	1,185	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>2,600</b>		<b>1,383</b>			<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,217</b>	
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
National Staff	3,400		3,618			3,618	-217	
National Society Staff	3,230		1,604			1,604	1,626	
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>6,631</b>		<b>5,222</b>			<b>5,222</b>	<b>1,408</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	3,460		2,767			2,767	693	
Information & Public Relation	150						150	
Office Costs	330		1,103			1,103	-773	
Communications	630		220			220	410	
Financial Charges			10			10	-10	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>4,570</b>		<b>4,099</b>			<b>4,099</b>	<b>470</b>	
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	5,200		4,134			4,134	1,066	
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>5,200</b>		<b>4,134</b>			<b>4,134</b>	<b>1,066</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions			1,318			1,318	-1,318	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>			<b>1,318</b>			<b>1,318</b>	<b>-1,318</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>80,000</b>		<b>63,603</b>			<b>63,603</b>	<b>16,397</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>			<b>16,397</b>			<b>16,397</b>		