

DREF operation



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Russian Federation: Floods

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The International Federation's 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 response to emergencies. 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 76,059 (USD 71,378 or EUR 52,846) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to 1,100 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: A sharp increase in the temperature from minus 10 degrees to plus 10 degrees Celsius triggering the melting of snow caused floods between 22 and 26 March, inundating seven settlements in four municipal districts in the Volgograd region of the Russian Federation. Some 3,250 people, including 197 children were affected and had

to be evacuated into temporary shelter solutions. The Volgograd Red Cross branch has been supporting the governmental emergency services (EMERCOM) in assisting the affected people, in providing relief and preparing for their return to their homes.

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

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Flooding in Novoanninskiy district of Volgograd region. Photo: International Federation

The situation

Unusual snow fall in the winter and a sharp increase of temperature from minus 10 degrees to plus 10 degrees Celcius increased the level of water in the rivers and caused flooding between 22 and 26 March in four municipal districts of the Volgograd region. The overall territory affected by the floods is estimated at 99 square kms. Twenty-one settlements in eight districts were partially flooded and about 1,100 houses inundated. This forced the evacuation of 3,250 people, including 197 children, to temporary housing solutions.

Taking into account the capacity of the rivers and the height of snow of 160 per cent of the norm, the continuation of the fast melting of snow in the region itself, the increase of the water level in neighbouring regions, as well as the ice and dirt blockage in small rivers, the authorities have predicted a possible second wave of floods. The zone in danger far additional flooding is 33.9 square kms and the flooding in this area would affect 23 other settlements in 6 districts (Kividensky, Novoannensky, Olhovsky, Rudnyansky, Staropoltavsky and Kamishinsky) with 6,294 houses and an overall population of 33,000 people.

An alert for a “higher state of readiness” has been officially announced in a number of municipal districts and the population has been informed about the emergency situation. Additional shelter is being prepared by the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) for in total 32 places and provisions are made for a temporary stay of 4,406 people in Ilovinsky and Bikovsky districts. In addition EMERCOM and the local authorities have been cleaning riverbeds, fortifying river banks, building road metal and sand dams in the streets, pumping out and diverting water from the settlements. At the electro-substation “Commune” emergency repairs are being done, dikes and barrages are being fortified and water drainage collectors are being cleaned.

Coordination and partnerships

EMERCOM is in charge of the coordination of relief activities in cooperation with the local authorities. The Volgograd city branch of Russian Red Cross contacted EMERCOM at the beginning of the event and offered its services to the administration of the region and the city in providing help to the affected people.

The Volgograd Red Cross branch has a trained team of 40 volunteers, that has accomplished a first-aid course in 2009. Since the most affected settlements are located at a distance of up to 400 kms from Volgograd the Volgograd Red Cross branch has established good communication with the local Red Cross committees. The volunteers of these local branches are assisting EMERCOM and have been involved in the assessment of the situation, in taking preventive actions (transport of sand, reinforcing barriers, cleaning of the sewage systems) and providing care for the people in the temporary shelters (mainly gyms of schools and kindergartens).

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

According to the assessments about 1,100 houses have been inundated, affecting some 3,250 people, including 197 children. These people were provided with temporary shelter by EMERCOM and the authorities, taking into account that shelter might be needed for up to two months. EMERCOM is at present preparing 17 additional shelters for another 2,000 people possibly affected in Volgograd region. EMERCOM provides food, water and sleeping facilities in the shelters. The volunteers of the Red Cross branches have been assisting those staying in the shelters through food distribution, provision of first aid and other practical assistance. In general these families were living in houses close to the river bank and were dependent on small-scale agricultural work for their income. They do not have any savings and all assistance provided by EMERCOM (such as bed-linen and dishes) has to be returned after the disaster is over. The Volgograd city branch of Russian Red Cross, based on the results of its assessment, will support the 1,100 affected families during their stay in the temporary shelters and also in helping them to prepare for returning to their homes.

The needs

Based on the needs assessment conducted by the Russian Red Cross, the following needs have been identified among the affected population:

Needs identified	Items and quantity
Shelter and non-food relief items	bed-linen sets, blankets, detergents and hygiene kits for 1,100 families
Food items	food parcels for 1,100 families
Medical-social support	first-aid kits for 40 volunteers

The branch will provide each family, when returning to their homes, with cleaning materials, bed-linen sets, hygiene kits and food parcels (supplementary food). The relief items will be distributed by Red Cross

volunteers, who will also provide first aid where needed. The local authorities have committed themselves to provide transport to the different shelter camps, which are scattered over the region.

Forty volunteers directly involved in the relief activities will be provided with first-aid kits. A small seminar will be organized to discuss the experience of the volunteers and to prepare the distribution of relief goods and the provision of psychosocial support. The psychosocial support component of the operation is estimated to last for about three months.

The proposed operation

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)
Outcome: 1,100 families in Volgograd region are provided with immediate humanitarian assistance in the form of basic food and non-food items, reducing the impact of the disaster on their lives.
Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute relief items and provide hot meals to the affected families in temporary shelters. • Distribute relief supplies to the affected families enabling them to return to their homes. The Russian Red Cross will establish distribution points in the flood affected areas for the distribution of bed-linen sets, blankets, detergents, hygiene kits and food parcels. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.

Psychosocial support
Outcome: Psychosocial support is provided to all families returning home to help them cope with the psychological effects of the disaster.
Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct home visits to older people and people in need of psychological support. • Conduct a refresher workshop for Red Cross volunteers on the administration of relief distributions, health promotion, and the provision of first-aid and psychosocial support.

Monitoring and communications

The Volgograd city branch will be in charge of implementing the activities in the whole region. The Russian Red Cross headquarters, in close cooperation with the Federation regional representation will monitor the progress and provide advice and technical support. Visibility of the work of volunteers will be ensured throughout the operation through publications and regularly informing the media.

Budget

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief		0
Shelter - Transitional		0
Construction - Housing		0
Construction - Facilities / Infrastructure		0
Construction - Materials		0
	Clothing & Textiles (blankets - 1100 families)	15,900
	Clothing & Textiles (bed linen - 1100 fam.)	19,400
Food parcels 1100	16,902	16,902
Seeds & Plants		0
Water & Sanitation	5,500	5,500
Medical & First Aid	900	900
Teaching Materials		0
Utensils & Tools		0
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements		0

Total Supplies	58,602	58,602
Storage		0
Distribution & Monitoring (IFRC / RRC 3 people)	3,000	3,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	800	800
Total Transport & Storage	3,800	3,800
International Staff		0
Regionally Deployed Staff		0
National Staff		0
National Society Staff	4,450	4,450
Other Staff benefits		0
Consultants		0
Total Personnel	4,450	4,450
Workshops & Training (one day induction training for 40 RRC volunteers)	250	250
Total Workshops & Training	250	250
Travel	1,200	1,200
Information & Public Relation		0
Office Costs	2,215	2,215
Communications	700	700
Professional Fees		0
Financial Charges	200	200
Other General Expenses		0
Total General Expenditure	4,315	4,315
Cash Transfers to National Societies		0
Cash Transfers to 3rd parties		0
Total Contributions & Transfers	0	0
Program Support	4,642	4,642
Total Programme Support	4,642	4,642
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	76,059	76,059

How we work

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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

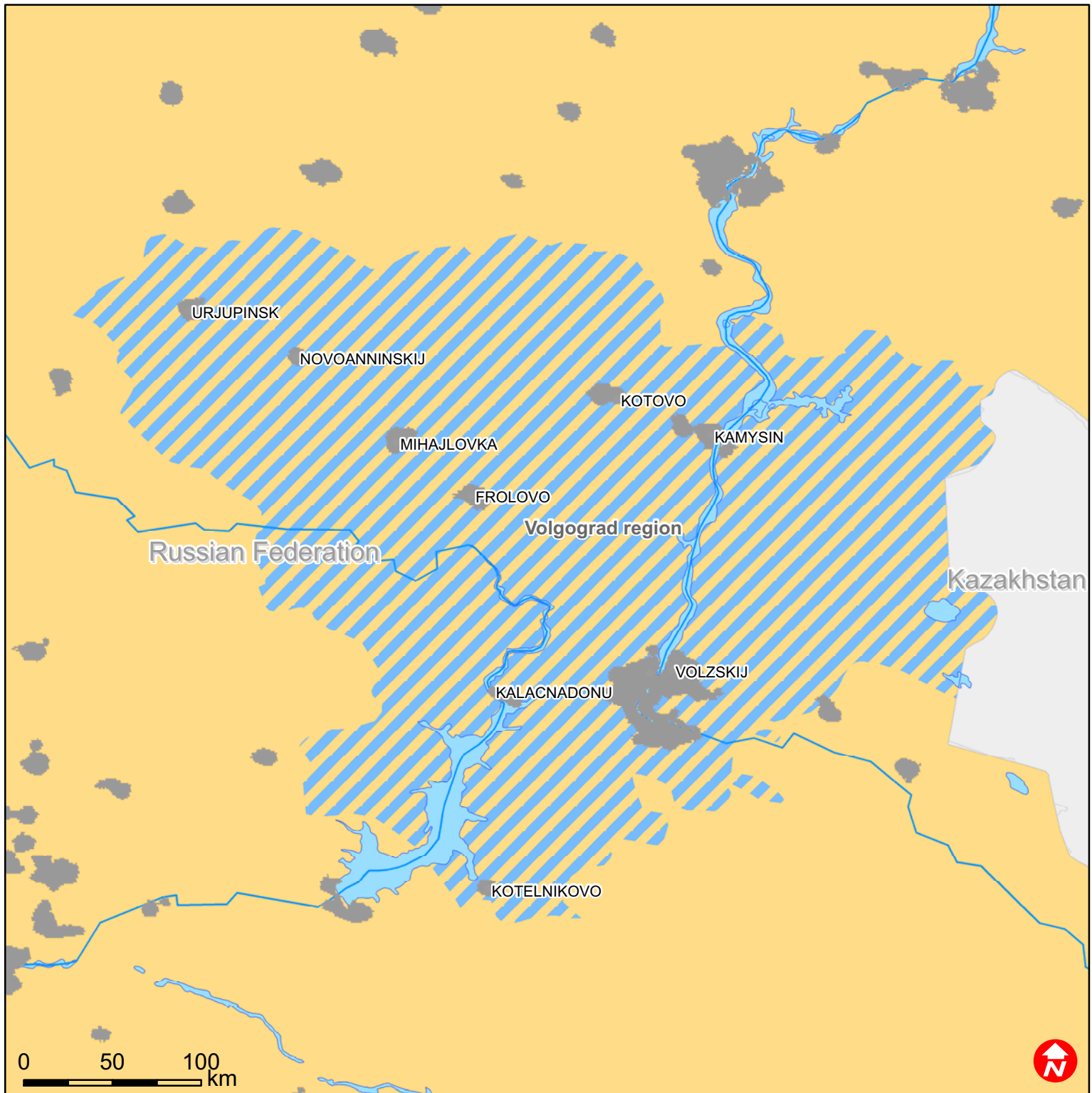
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