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RUSSIAN FEDERATION: MINE EXPLOSION

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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

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The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve 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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The Situation

On Monday, 19 March, there was an explosion at the Ulyanovskaya mine in Novokuznetsk (Kemerovo region). The official investigation is expected to last two weeks, but the press service of the regional administration has

stated that apparently, during a check of new equipment, a build-up of methane exploded causing the mine shaft to cave in. 108 miners were killed, 2 are missing, and 93 were rescued.

The Ministry of Emergencies has sent a team of rescue workers and the families of the victims have been promised compensation by Yuzhkuzbassugol, the company which owns the mine. The neighbouring regions of Chita and Tomsk have also offered monetary aid, but Aman Tuleyev, the governor of Kemerovo, has proposed waiting nine days before distributing money or housing, so that it can be done “under calmer circumstances”.

On the same day, in Russian Federation, 6 died in a plane crash in Samara and 68 died in a fire at a home for the elderly in Krasnodar. President Vladimir Putin announced a day of mourning on Wednesday for those who had lost their lives.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Kemerovo branch of the Russian Red Cross has donated RUB 30,000 (CHF 1,398) for the affected families and is currently organizing a centre for psycho-social support. The National Society is working out a plan of action which will be finalized on Monday.

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