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RUSSIAN FEDERATION: MINE BLAST IN KEMEROVO REGION

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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: 27 April to 26 July, 2007.

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

- CHF 105,000 (USD 86,415 or EUR 64,760) allocated from the Federation's DREF on 27 March, 2007 to respond to the needs of this operation.
- This operation is expected to be implemented over six months, and will be completed by 25 September, 2007; a DREF Bulletin Final Report (narrative and financial) will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 25 December, 2007).

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

On 19 March a methane explosion occurred at the Ulyanovskaya mine in Novokuznetsk, in the Kemerovo region of Western Siberia (Russian Federation). Of the 203 people who were in the mine at the time, rescue workers were able to save 93 while 110 died in the explosion. Two months later, on 24 May, a second methane explosion occurred in Novokuznetsk at the Yubileinaya mine, 60 km from the site of the first explosion. Of the 217 people in the mine, 38 died in the collapse of the mineshaft and one miner died later at the hospital of burns and injuries. A total of 420 families were affected by the two accidents, 149 of which lost their principle wage-earner. The state investigative commission identified violations of the safety regulations as the principle cause of both tragedies. Both mines reopened a month after the respective accidents.

The affected families have received financial support and initial psychological counselling from the local authorities. The Kemerovo administration announced a collection of monetary support for affected families immediately following the tragedy, while the operator of the mine, Yuzhkuzbassugol (“South Kuzbass Coal”), has pledged on average RUR 2,000,000 (CHF 93,477) to each affected family.

The Russian Red Cross (RRC), together with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (the International Federation), continued a six-month psycho-social support operation in Kemerovo, involving psychologists and nurses from the RRC Rehabilitation Centre in Beslan, North Ossetia. Currently, 14 nurses and psychologists at the RRC Kemerovo branch provide psycho-social support to 420 families (over 1,000 people), through home visits and self-support groups.

This planned response is the first attempt of the RRC to utilize the learning from the Beslan Hostage Crisis on a wider scale, thereby demonstrating the niche for RRC psycho-social support in response work. This important humanitarian action will also be a significant contribution to defining a longer term role for the RRC in disaster response.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The RRC continues the psychosocial support project in Novokuznetsk based on the experience gained in Beslan over the last two years. As in Beslan, psychosocial support is offered to affected families and the rest of the community as well, including those who pulled the dead and the injured from the mine and those miners who have returned to work following the renovation of the mines.

A team of trained RRC psycho-social specialists arrived from Novokuznetsk within twenty-four hours after the explosion of the second mine (Uubileinaya) to render aid to the victims, fulfilling the following objectives:

- Psychological aid to relatives in the morgue during the identification of the bodies
- Psychosocial support at the cemetery during and after the burials

During the identification of the bodies, RRC staff monitored the physical and mental state of the relatives. They provided medication and offered tea, sandwiches, water, warm blankets and chairs. Doctors and nurses were invited to render urgent medical aid. RRC staff spent three nights with the most psychologically affected families offering support. At the funerals, on 26-27 May, a mobile RRC team accompanied the families of those killed. All of them were equipped with first aid kits, hygienic supplies and water. The entire response operation was carried out in close collaboration with the city and regional administrations.

As a result of all these actions, RRC staff gained the trust of the affected families. RRC aid was delivered in a very timely, professional manner, in recognition of which the city and regional administrations expressed appreciation and awarded RUR 5,000 (CHF 235) to each RRC staff member.

Goal: To minimize the psychological effects in the aftermath of the coalmine explosion by providing direct individualized psycho-social support to affected individuals and families.

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In the reporting period, 14 psychosocial support team members worked systematically with all the families which had lost a family member. 149 families (667 people) lost family members in the accidents, 134 of which received constant psycho-social support for the entire period, while 15 received more limited support according to their needs. Over three months, RRC employees made 1,085 home visits. The visits lasted from 40 minutes to three hours. Trust was established with 93 families during the very first visit, with 18 families during the second visit, while is yet to be established with 38 families.

RRC employees carried out 946 individual chats with 487 family members. 134 people require no fewer than two chats per week. The topics of the chats included reminiscing about those who had been killed, accepting the loss, adapting to new circumstances, and eliminating feelings of guilt.

In addition, RRC workers carried out 212 consultations with family members, and organized seven consultations with external specialists. Topics of the consultations included legal advice, finding employment, education, financial support, and raising children.

RRC employees helped solve social problems in 215 instances (i.e. related to documents for apartments or education, telephone installation, delivery of medicine, groceries).

As a result of the operation, RRC workers have observed improvements in the emotional states of the beneficiaries. Many have returned to work and their everyday responsibilities, reconnected with their families, made plans for the future and feel healthier. RRC workers observed that people from affected families have started to seek social activity.

In June, the RRC began work with the families of miners who survived the accidents. A meeting was held with 55 relatives and government representatives to discuss the creation of support groups. Five newly created support groups of five to eight members begun to meet in order to solve various problems.

The psychosocial support team meets weekly to discuss problems and constraints in their work. To date they have come together 13 times.

The people of Kemerovo need individual attention and understanding. According to the RRC Visiting Nurses Service estimations, about one third of their beneficiaries in psychosocial support will continue to require support after the end of the emergency operation. One of the major rehabilitation factors in Kemerovo today is the local efforts to provide support to those who still cannot overcome the psychological shock and find the rehabilitation process difficult. Involvement of volunteers from the local community in the RRC operation proved effective for both the beneficiaries and the volunteers themselves, who included miners.

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/3-2007/7
Budget Timeframe	2007/3-2007/9
Appeal	MDRRU002
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
A. Budget		105,000				105,000
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		105,000				105,000
C6. Other Income		105,000				105,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		105,000				105,000
D. Total Funding = B + C		105,000				105,000

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		105,000				105,000
E. Expenditure		-65,252				-65,252
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		39,748				39,748

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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
BUDGET (C)		105,000					105,000	
Supplies								
Food			8			8	-8	
Medical & First Aid	450						450	
Utensils & Tools	300		131			131	169	
Other Supplies & Services	240		434			434	-194	
Total Supplies	990		573			573	417	
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	900		1,238			1,238	-338	
Total Transport & Storage	900		1,238			1,238	-338	
Personnel Expenditures								
National Staff	1,673		1,677			1,677	-4	
National Society Staff	41,904		19,002			19,002	22,902	
Consultants	8,530		4,240			4,240	4,290	
Total Personnel Expenditures	52,107		24,920			24,920	27,187	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	25,950		11,240			11,240	14,710	
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General Expenditure								
Travel	12,440		7,098			7,098	5,342	
Information & Public Relation	1,700		94			94	1,606	
Office Costs	360		262			262	98	
Communications	2,772		843			843	1,929	
Professional Fees			177			177	-177	
Financial Charges	956		-51			-51	1,007	
Total General Expenditure	18,228		8,423			8,423	9,806	
Program Support								
Program Support	6,825		4,241			4,241	2,584	
Total Program Support	6,825		4,241			4,241	2,584	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			14,617			14,617	-14,617	
Total Operational Provisions			14,617			14,617	-14,617	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	105,000		65,252			65,252	39,748	
VARIANCE (C - D)			39,748			39,748		