

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Romania : Floods

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) 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 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 178,494 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 12,000 beneficiaries and to replenish emergency stocks. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains at the end of June and the start of July 2010 caused flooding in the north-east and north of Romania, damaging 4,384 households and affecting more than 12,237 people. The Red Cross of Romania provided basic non-food items to 350 families amounting to some 1,200 people as well as adequate sanitation and drinking water to another 11,000 people.



Humanitarian assistance distribution in Botosani county ,
September 2010,
Photo: Red Cross of Romania

The Red Cross of Romania branches joined the response efforts in all the municipalities, working closely with local authorities, helping with assessment, relief and early rehabilitation. Branches like Giurgiu Ialomita, Cluj, Olt, Satu Mare, Dambovita and other branches of Romanian Red Cross created campaigns to raise bottled water, clothes and hygiene items in communities not affected by floods. Through Red Cross efforts, safe water, food and hygiene items were provided for the 12,000 most affected people from Botosani, Tulcea, Bacau, Neamt and Suceava county. The Romanian Red Cross volunteers provided psychosocial support and advice about hygiene and water borne diseases to the evacuated people in the provisional camps, thus reducing the risk of an epidemic breaking out.

Besides that, the Red Cross efforts assisted the affected population in rescuing their possessions from the flooded houses, removing mud and water from lower levels using water pumps, working together with the General Emergency Inspectorate, providing disinfectant to affected communities and collecting information about what type of materials were needed to repair the damaged houses.

Following the implementation of the operation there is an outstanding balance of CHF 11,928 that will be reimbursed to the DREF fund.

The Kraft Foods Foundations contributed USD 20,000 and the Hewlett Packard Company Foundation contributed another USD 6,259 to the DREF in replenishment of the allocation made for this operation. The major donors to the DREF are the Irish, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian governments and ECHO. Details of all donors can be found on

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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The situation

Heavy rains at the end of June and the start of July caused floods in the north-east and north of Romania, damaging 4,384 households and affecting more than 12,237 people. Major flooding had hit 37 counties and out of these 5 counties, including Botosani, Suceava, Neamt, Iasi and Bacau experienced major damages affecting 382 villages. The most severely affected counties were Botosani and Suceava.

According to official information from the Ministry of Administration 22 people died between 23 and 30 June and 4 persons were missing. The great number of infected wells had caused severe water shortages, especially within the communities isolated by the floods. Sewage systems were also compromised in the flooded areas. Several hydro-technical installations were damaged as well exacerbating the consequences of the disaster. The floods also affected 253 bridges and 31 national roads.

The Romanian Red Cross immediately responded to the floods according to its mandate and capacities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The National Society immediately offered supplies from its warehouses to more than 1,000 affected persons in several counties as the table shows below:

County	No. settlements assisted	No. families assisted	Received relief items
Botoşani	1	50 persons	250 litres of water, 50 loaves of bread, 100 food cans and 200 pieces of soap
Brăila	2	102 persons	non-perishable food stuff, bread, detergents and milk for babies
Suceava	n.a.	300	blankets, food cans and water
Tulcea	1	n.a.	180 litres of water, 100 loaves of bread and 100 cans of food
Arad	1	70	mattresses, bed linen, blankets, shoes, and clothing
Alba	6	Approximately 300	10,000 litres of water, 1,000 loaves of bread, 20,000 eggs, 2,000 frozen chickens, bed linen, sleeping bags and blankets
Cluj	several	500	600 loaves of bread, 1,500 litres of water, 50 kg of food cans, 150 kg non-perishable food (sugar, oil, wheat, rice, and pasta)

In the most affected counties like Neamt, Tulcea, Bacau and also Botosani and Suceava, Romanian Red Cross distributed goods received from private donors: more than 1600 kilograms of medicine for zonal hospitals, 6,500 kilograms and 50,000 kilograms of different clothes for women, men and children.

The Romanian Red Cross Emergency Department coordinated the Red Cross operation. The Department met regularly to process information from various sources, including from the Red Cross branches, to assess the situation and to take decisions. As a result:

- National Society delivered immediately emergency aid to the affected people from its own disaster reserves and zonal warehouses;
- Romanian Red Cross launched a DREF¹ Emergency Appeal through the International Federation appeal mechanism;
- The Zone Office of the International Federation in Budapest released emergency funds from the DREF immediately to assist the operation;
- Romanian Red Cross used several cash donations received from private donors/ partners as well as goods received from other National Societies;
- Romanian Red Cross opened special bank accounts for floods victims and launched a national campaign to assist the affected population.
- Regular briefings and press conferences were held to inform the general public and increase the transparency of the operation. Information about the operation from each county was published on the National Society web page.

¹ Disaster Response Emergency Fund

In addition to the activities listed, the Red Cross of Romania worked on prevention of epidemic of water borne diseases. Red Cross volunteers organised lectures for hygiene promotion for all the community in all the affected regions.

Achievements against outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Totally 1,200 affected people are provided with basic non-food items.

Activities planned:

- Prepare guidelines for relief operation in Romanian Red Cross branches
- Prepare list of beneficiaries
- Procure relief items in Romania
- Deliver non-food relief items to the Romanian Red Cross local branches
- Organize distribution to the beneficiaries
- Prepare system of data reporting and monitoring of distribution
- Coordinate media coverage



Distribution of relief items to the affected families

Photo: Romanian Red Cross

The local branches of the Red Cross of Romania in the counties of Botosani, Tulcea, Bacau, Suceava and Neamt assisted by the headquarters, assessed the most urgent needs of the affected people in the hardest hit municipalities. The subsequent distribution targeted people in the most affected locations. Needs communicated by the affected population were divided between immediate relief needs and longer term rehabilitation needs. The immediate response included food, drinking water, hygiene items, bed linen, mattresses and rubber boots. The rehabilitation included assistance to families whose houses needed repairs and/ or disinfecting after the water retreat through provision of house repair materials. The table in the [annex](#) details the distribution for the most affected counties.

After the immediate needs of the affected population were met through provision of food, hygiene items and drinking water, the National Society provided assistance with household items and materials for repairs and early rehabilitation of the affected houses

as shown in the table below. Most of the houses were inundated by mud and dirty water so water and mud pumps had to be used to clean them.

Name	Quantity distributed
Refrigerator	150
Cooking machine	310
Gas tank	310
Kitchen set	440
Electric heater	130
Furniture	50
Sofa	30
Ironing board	20
Washing machine	2
Telephone	1
Table	1

Impact:

The 4,200 affected people (more than triple of the target), who were displaced from their flooded houses, were supported in staying with relatives or in collective accommodation and the affected people who returned to their houses were provided with canned food and basic non-food items. The food assistance was especially important since in many cases food reserves which were kept on ground floors or in basements of the affected houses were destroyed.

The provision of mattresses, blankets and hygiene items helped the evacuated families to stay in temporary accommodation and to preserve their health. No major health problems were detected as a result of the evacuation and the subsequent accommodation in housing facilities which to some extent were of lower standard.

In all, the health and safety of 4,200 affected people were preserved through provision of food and non-food items and their return to their flooded homes was assisted.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: Some 11,000 affected persons are provided with adequate sanitation and drinking water

Activities planned:

- Provide water for drinking, cooking and hygiene using water purifications kits
- Purchase the hygiene items
- Purchase the jerry cans, which will be used by the beneficiaries for long-term distribution of water
- Organize distribution to the beneficiaries
- Prepare system of data reporting and monitoring of distribution
- Coordinate media coverage

Impact:

The Romanian Red Cross branches assisted in the distribution of bottled water at the beginning of the emergency phase. More than 140,000 litres of water were received as donations from local companies and were distributed to more than 18,141 affected people

The rubber boots helped the evacuated population return to their houses to salvage furniture and start preparations for necessary hygiene and reconstruction activities. The mud and water pumps, as well as disinfectants helped shorten the time needed for the repair works to be started and ensured the repairs were done before the cold weather returns.

The assistance with early rehabilitation of houses was well targeted and helped the affected population safely return to their homes.

The Red Cross branch representatives were instrumental in assisting municipal authorities and Emergency Headquarters in assessments and have kept in close contact sharing information and coordinating the activities throughout the operation.

In all, the health and safety of 18,141 affected people were preserved through provision of water and non-food items and their return to their flooded homes, salvaging of possessions and preparing of rehabilitation was assisted.

Impact/Constraints

The Romanian Red Cross relief assistance was crucial for those people affected by the floods. Many of those affected by this flood were also the victims of past floods that have become a yearly occurrence in Romania. The Romanian Red Cross branches will be distributing household items over the coming months as soon as the damaged houses are repaired.

The capacity of the Romanian Red Cross headquarters' disaster management department was severely tested by the extended flood emergency and post-emergency relief operation. The following findings emerged during the flooding:

- Romanian Red Cross needs to develop a national-scale project on disaster prevention, focusing especially on the North-East of the country.
- Romanian Red Cross needs to conclude standing framework agreements with different business companies on how to provide food and water to support the Red Cross during a disaster.

- Romanian Red Cross needs to develop Water and Sanitation as part of intervention in disasters and procure new equipment for this purpose.
- Good cooperation was noted between local Red Cross organizations and municipal crisis headquarters.

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

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.

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Annex

No	Items	County							Total
		Bacau	Tulcea	Suceava	Neamt	Botosani	Alba	Cluj	
1	Blankets	1000	1000	800	350	2000	250	100	5500
2	Sheet	200	250	150	60	1000	-	-	1660
3	Pillowcase	200	250	150	60	1000	-	-	1660
4	Sheets for bed	200	250	150	60	1000	-	-	1660
5	Bed	50	70	30	-	300	-	-	450
6	Mattresses	40	25	20	-	58	-	-	143
7	Pillow	187	150	100	100	300	25	25	887
8	Towels	150	150	100	50	450	50	50	1100
9	Sleeping bags	150	250	200	100	600	70	30	1400
10	Different tableware	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	30
11	Plates	-	50	-	-	150	-	-	200
12	Clothes	4000	7000	900	500	5810	100	90	18400
13	Pullover	150	200	100	100	800	100	50	1500
14	New clothes	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	100
15	Pampers	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
16	Rubber boots	50	170	-	-	275	25	-	525
17	Other boots	21	70	-	-	270	-	-	361
18	Canned fish	4000	4500	1500	1000	3584	500	500	15584
19	Canned pork	100	150	50	50	354	50	50	704
20	Butter	200	250	100	100	328	50	50	1078
21	Pasta	60	60	40	40	100	30	30	360
22	Sugar	20	20	10	10	37	10	10	117
23	Flour	250	300	100	100	719	50	50	1569
24	Oil	300	300	150	150	1161	100	100	2261
25	Meet products	150	150	50	50	1008	50	50	1608
26	Bread	700	900	500	300	2500	400	200	5500
27	Pate	90	100	90	50	210	20	20	580
28	Water	24351	25000	4000	3000	90000	1000	300	147651
29	Soap	120	120	100	100	150	50	50	690
30	Disinfectant	300	300	100	100	980	-	-	1780
31	Hygiene stuff	50	50	30	20	100	-	-	250
32	Washing powder	200	200	200	100	500	-	-	1200

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Appeal	MDRRO002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	178,494					178,494
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	<i>178,494</i>					<i>178,494</i>
C6. Other Income	178,494					178,494
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	178,494					178,494
D. Total Funding = B + C	178,494					178,494
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	178,494					178,494
E. Expenditure	-166,566					-166,566
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	11,928					11,928

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		178,494					178,494	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	135,500	132,692					132,692	2,808
Water & Sanitation	6,600							6,600
Utensils & Tools	5,000	3,801					3,801	1,199
Other Supplies & Services		4,711					4,711	-4,711
Total Supplies	147,100	141,204					141,204	5,896
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom		2,425					2,425	-2,425
Total Land, vehicles & equipment		2,425					2,425	-2,425
Transport & Storage								
Storage		40					40	-40
Transport & Vehicle Costs		796					796	-796
Total Transport & Storage		836					836	-836
Personnel								
International Staff		41					41	-41
Regionally Deployed Staff	3,000							3,000
National Staff		5,557					5,557	-5,557
National Society Staff	5,500	1,346					1,346	4,154
Consultants	2,000							2,000
Total Personnel	10,500	6,943					6,943	3,557
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,000							3,000
Information & Public Relation	1,500							1,500
Office Costs	2,000	1,114					1,114	886
Communications	1,500	1,644					1,644	-144
Financial Charges	1,000	2,233					2,233	-1,233
Other General Expenses	1,000							1,000
Total General Expenditure	10,000	4,992					4,992	5,008
Programme & Service Support								
Programme & Service Support	10,894	10,166					10,166	728
Total Programme & Service Support	10,894	10,166					10,166	728
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	178,494	166,566					166,566	11,928
VARIANCE (C - D)		11,928					11,928	