

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Russia: Fire

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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.

Summary: CHF 29,542 (USD 29,241 or EUR 22,997) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering assistance to some 1000 beneficiaries.

Fire in the night club in the centre of Perm in the Urals region caused death of 156 people, leaving injured another 78. Russian Red Cross responded through provision of psycho-social support to the families of the victims of the fire and the survivors and their families.

The Russian Red Cross provided assistance to more than 1000 people through psychosocial support to the affected families. The operation was implemented during a period of six months.

The psychosocial support activities included regular home visits by Red Cross volunteers, group sessions, as well as various community events aiming at assisting people in reducing the psychological effects of the disaster and in solving legal and social issues.

The feedback from people assisted revealed that the presence of the Red Cross volunteers in their daily lives was greatly appreciated.

As a result of the operation, the Perm regional Red Cross branch has become yet another branch of the Russian Red Cross that has built up its capacity in psychosocial support and is now going to include such activities in other programme areas.

Following implementation of the operation, there is a remaining balance of CHF 4,757 that is proposed to be reimbursed to DREF.

Details of all donors can be found on <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

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PSP basic workshop for volunteers of Perm RRC branch, January 2010.

Photo: Russian Red Cross

The situation

On 4th December at 23:15 (Moscow time) in Perm a fire in a night club killed 118 people leaving injured more than 120. According to EMERCOM half of the hospitalized (more than 120 people) were in a serious

condition due to smoke inhalation. The death toll eventually rose to 156 people. 109 children lost either one or both parents.

The authorities blamed the fire on fireworks indoor use and – mainly – breaches of fire safety regulations in the club. Russian president Medvedev appointed the Minister of Emergencies as a head of Government Investigation and Mitigation Commission that dealt with the issues related to the accident. Minister of Health and Minister of Domestic Affairs were at the scene, as well as Prime Minister and The Head of State Prosecutors. Fire Safety Surveillance Service employees and the entire Government of the region resigned due to the told circumstances.

EMERCOM has opened a telephone hot-line for the relatives of the victims of the fire, EMERCOM's planes has took most serious patients to Moscow and Saint-Petersburg Medical burn centres. Identification procedure is over and funerals began in Perm on 6 December. EMERCOM's psychologists are working with the relatives of the dead.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Immediately after the disaster the Russian Red Cross branch in the Republic of Perm started assessing the situation and collecting money for the people affected, through local community as well as through federal Russian Red Cross website. The response operation built on the profound experience of the Russian Red Cross in psychosocial support gained through operations responding to recent disasters such as the Beslan crisis, mine explosion in Kemerovo and Khakassia and the South Ossetia refugee crisis.

Achievements against outcomes

Emergency health care

Objective: psychological effects the in the aftermath of the fire is reduced through the provision of psychosocial support to affected population (1000 people).	
Expected Results	Activities planned
Psychosocial support is provided to 120 injured survivors of the accident and to 880 family members of the dead and injured	Red Cross staff and trained volunteers will provide psychosocial support to the 1000 people affected by the fire to address people's needs and improve their psychological conditions.

Impact:

Regular psychosocial support was provided to more than 130 families/ 800 people by 20 trained volunteers through home visits and phone calls. In more than 850 home visits were carried out and 97 group sessions and events organized.

Furthermore, community events were organized by the Red Cross including the following events:

- Attending mourning events at the cemetery and providing psychosocial support to the relatives of the deceased people on the site.
- Regional excursions for 35 children from the affected families
- Local Red Cross branch organised an event in city amusement park for the affected 180 children on Children's Day (1 June)
- 45 stationery kits for creative work were bought and distributed among children from the affected families.
- Publishing and distributing 1000 information leaflets "*Surviving trauma*" with recommendations on coping with trauma and loss among the affected people and the general population of the area. Other types of leaflets on stress coping were developed for further production and distribution.
- Assessing the psychological situation of the target group through questionnaires and interviews four months after the disaster.
- PSP volunteers worked in partnership with local clinical psychologists with the most acute cases, providing community-based approach in addition to psychological follow up.
- PSP volunteers and psychologists gathered for 6 sessions to prevent emotional burnout.

The counselling and group sessions as well as community events that the Russian Red Cross conducted in the course of this operation all helped the people affected by the explosion to face their difficult situation.

People assisted noted that their state was improving and that the presence of the Red Cross volunteers in their daily lives was very important and appreciated.

The Perm Red Cross branch has become yet another branch that has built up its capacity in psychosocial support and is now going to include such activities in other programme areas, for instance in the TB control programme.

A well-knit, strong, and devoted team of trained volunteers was built during the project implementation that can carry out effective work in similar situations in the future, forming a federal network of trained and experienced PSP volunteers.

The DREF operation ended on 9 June 2010, and the National Society local branch was able to establish good links with the local authorities that, after ignoring Russian Red Cross activities at first, acknowledged branch's achievements in providing support to the affected and decided to support the programme activities from the regional budget until the end of 2010.

"Thank you for your support, I resented it when your volunteers came trying to cheer me up, but eventually I understood how important their visits and phone calls became for me. They were giving me my life back and then I decided to join the volunteer group, too. To help those who have been through these months of despair and might find my support useful" Ludmila Ivleva, member of initiative group of the relatives of the affected people, who lost her daughter due to the fire.

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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MDRRU005 - Russia - Fire

Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/12-2010/7
Budget Timeframe	2009/12-2010/7
Appeal	MDRRU005
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	29,592					29,592
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	29,592					29,592
C6. Other Income	29,592					29,592
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	29,592					29,592
D. Total Funding = B + C	29,592					29,592
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	29,592					29,592
E. Expenditure	-24,835					-24,835
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	4,757					4,757

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

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)		29,592					29,592	
Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicle Costs		526					526	-526
Total Transport & Storage		526					526	-526
Personnel								
National Staff	1,409	5					5	1,403
National Society Staff	8,100	10,814					10,814	-2,714
Consultants	2,520	417					417	2,103
Total Personnel	12,029	11,236					11,236	793
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	10,400	6,773					6,773	3,627
Total Workshops & Training	10,400	6,773					6,773	3,627
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,090	740					740	1,350
Information & Public Relation	1,500	1,487					1,487	13
Office Costs	450	199					199	251
Communications	1,200	1,156					1,156	44
Financial Charges		955					955	-955
Total General Expenditure	5,240	4,538					4,538	702
Programme Support								
Program Support	1,923	1,516					1,516	408
Total Programme Support	1,923	1,516					1,516	408
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		246					246	-246
Total Operational Provisions		246					246	-246
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	29,592	24,835					24,835	4,757
VARIANCE (C - D)		4,757					4,757	