

DREF operation final report



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Volgograd region: 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.

Summary: 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.

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 2010, inundating seven settlements in four municipal districts in the Volgograd region of the Russian Federation, near the border of Kazakhstan. Some 3,250 people, including 197 children were affected and had to be evacuated to temporary shelter solutions. The Volgograd Red Cross branch has been supporting the governmental emergency services (EMERCOM) in assisting the affected people by providing relief and preparing their return to their homes.

This operation was implemented over three months, and was completed by 12th July 2010.

The Russian Red Cross provided assistance to more than 1,100 families through basic relief items distribution.

The feedback from people assisted revealed that the humanitarian aid delivered by the Red Cross was greatly appreciated.

The flooding was really bad this year, we often have to face them, but never like this. Our crops were destroyed and the stock of food in the basement was lost, too. We are a lonely elderly couple, and it really meant a lot for us – to be taken care of like this and to receive your support and aid. Now we at least will have a modest stock of food from you to survive on, thank you that you didn't forget about us, you are doing a big work. Elena Filatova, retired, Oblivskiy village, Kumylga district, Volgograd region

Following implementation of the operation, there is a remaining balance of CHF 63 that is proposed to be reimbursed to DREF.

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Distribution of humanitarian aid in Bykovskiy district, Volgograd region, May 2010.
Photo: IFRC

The situation

Unusual snow fall in the winter and a sharp increase of temperature from minus 10 degrees to plus 10 Celsius degrees 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 km. 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.

An alert for a “higher state of readiness” had been officially announced in a number of municipal districts and the population had been informed about the emergency situation. Shelter was prepared by the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) in 32 places and provisions were made for a temporary stay of 4,406 people in Ilovinsky and Bykovsky districts. In addition, EMERCOM and the local authorities cleaned riverbeds, fortifying river banks, building road metal and sand dams in the streets, pumping out and diverting water from the settlements. At the electric transformer station “Kommuna” emergency repairs were done, dikes and barrages were fortified and water drainage collectors cleaned.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Immediately after the disaster the Russian Red Cross branch in the Perm Territory (Permski Kray) started assessing the situation. EMERCOM was 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. Since the most affected settlements are located to the north from Volgograd, the Volgograd Red Cross branch had established good communication with the local Red Cross committees. The volunteers of these local branches were assisting EMERCOM and were involved in the assessment of the situation, in taking preventive actions (transport of sand, reinforcing barriers, cleaning of the sewage systems), providing care for the people in the temporary shelters (mainly gyms of schools and kindergartens) and finally in aid distribution.

In general the affected families were living in houses close to the river bank and were dependent on small-scale agricultural work for their income. They did not have any savings and all assistance provided by EMERCOM (such as bed-linen and dishes) had to be returned after the disaster was over. The Volgograd city branch of Russian Red Cross, based on the results of its assessment, supported the 1,100 affected families during their stay in the temporary shelters and also in helping them to prepare for the return to their homes and to restore their livelihoods. They also provided basic psychosocial support to the affected on home visits' basis.

Achievements against outcomes

Psychosocial support

Outcome: Psychosocial support was provided to all families returning home to help them cope with the psychological effects of the disaster.

Outputs (expected results) and activities planned:

- 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.

Impact:

Training for Red Cross volunteers was organised on 30 May 2010. In total, 43 volunteers from different districts of Volgograd region participated.

Psychosocial support was provided to more than 100 older people by 17 trained volunteers through home visits and phone calls. The counselling helped the people affected by the floods to cope with their difficult situation and readjust to it. People assisted noted that they felt calmer in the presence of the Red Cross volunteers.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: 1,100 families in Volgograd region were 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:

- Distribute relief items and provide hot meals to the affected families in temporary shelters.
- Distribute relief supplies to the affected families for enabling them to return to their homes. The Russian Red Cross established 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.

Impact:

Based on the needs assessment conducted by the Russian Red Cross, the following needs have been identified and met 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 provided each family, returning to their homes, with cleaning materials, bed-linen sets, hygiene kits and food parcels (supplementary food)¹. The relief items were distributed by Red Cross volunteers. The local authorities committed themselves to provide transport to the affected districts of the region and supported distribution events by providing lists of the affected citizens and by facilitating distribution locally.

According to the local authorities relief assistance of the IFRC and RRC came in time and very useful for beneficiaries, especially for those who lost most of their own food reserves. In addition, during relief distribution beneficiaries reflected that relief items were necessary especially during first phase of the disaster and helped to feel more protected, confident and self-relied.

All relief distribution activities were reflected in the different mass media: TV broadcasting in Volgograd TV, Volgograd regional and city newspapers as well as RRC website.

Volgograd Regional Government (Deputy Governor) expressed special thanks to the Red Cross in his Gratitude letter.

The DREF operation ended on 12 July 2010, and the National Society local branch established good links with the local authorities and reinforced their strong and devoted team, who now have become a part of a federal network of trained and experienced PSP volunteers.

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.

¹ See in Annex 1

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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List of relief items for distribution in Volgograd flood operation

Item	Quantity
Food parcel	1100
Rice	1 kg
Cereals (buckwheat)	2 kg
Vegetable oil	1 kg
Canned beef	2 pcs x 250g
Oats porridge	2 box x 25,2
Sugar	2 kg x 28,4
Salt	1 kg
Tea	2 box. x 100r
Hygiene kit	1100
Washing powder	1 pcs
Toilet soap	1 pcs
Tooth paste	1 pcs
Tooth brush	1 pcs
Towel	1 pcs
Anti-septic gel	1 pcs
Blankets (big)	1100
Bed linen (set)	1100

Content of a First Aid kit for CBFA volunteers

Wide bandage (10cm)	10pcs	Cottoned, aseptic, 10cmx5m
Medium bandage (5cm)	5pcs	Elastic, aseptic, 5cmx5m
Press bandage	5pcs	Aseptic, medium size
Napkin	10pcs	Aseptic, standard, 10x10cm
Cotton wool (white)	1 set	200g
Handkerchief (white)	4pcs	105cmx x 105cm x 150cm
Handkerchief (with picture)	1pc	
Elastic gloves	10pairs	Latex, medium size (7-7.5)
Snipers	1pc	Aseptic, incorrigible, plastic armed
Tape adhesive	1pc	Wide, no papery
ORS	5 parcel	
Notebook	1pc	10cm x 13cm
Ball-point pen	1pc	
Clasp pin	10pcs	
Beauty soap	2pcs	Good quality with cover
Iodine in plastic cover	1 flacon	
Paracetamol	20 tabs	2 parcels
Antisepticise dip	1 flacon	200g

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/4-2010/8
Budget Timeframe	2010/4-2010/8
Appeal	mdrru006
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	76,059					76,059
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	76,059					76,059
C6. Other Income	76,059					76,059
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	76,059					76,059
D. Total Funding = B + C	76,059					76,059
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	76,059					76,059
E. Expenditure	-75,996					-75,996
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	63					63

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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)		76,059					76,059	
Supplies								
Clothing & textiles	35,300	36,457				36,457	-1,157	
Food	16,902	17,465				17,465	-563	
Water & Sanitation	5,500						5,500	
Medical & First Aid	900	921				921	-21	
Other Supplies & Services		5,700				5,700	-5,700	
Total Supplies	58,602	60,543				60,543	-1,941	
Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	3,000						3,000	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	800	414				414	386	
Total Transport & Storage	3,800	414				414	3,386	
Personnel								
National Staff		157				157	-157	
National Society Staff	4,450	3,124				3,124	1,326	
Total Personnel	4,450	3,281				3,281	1,169	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	250	259				259	-9	
Total Workshops & Training	250	259				259	-9	
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,200	812				812	388	
Office Costs	2,215	201				201	2,014	
Communications	700	183				183	517	
Financial Charges	200	5,666				5,666	-5,466	
Total General Expenditure	4,315	6,862				6,862	-2,547	
Programme Support								
Program Support	4,642	4,638				4,638	4	
Total Programme Support	4,642	4,638				4,638	4	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	76,059	75,996				75,996	63	
VARIANCE (C - D)		63				63		