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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: HEAVY RAINFALL AND FLOODS

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Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: CHF 34,723.82

This Information Bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below reflecting the information available at this time.

The Situation

Unusually heavy rainfalls, between 30 May and 5 June, have led to serious flooding in the central part of the Republic of Moldova. The districts of Tighina and Lapushna, and the administrative territorial unit of Gagauzia are among the worst affected areas where damage to property is estimated to be approximately CHF 1.27 million (USD 832,000). The flooding has affected some 167 families (500 persons) and one person is reported dead. Nineteen homeless families were evacuated and have sought shelter with relatives or in temporary shelters (tents).

The total amount of property damage is:

- 27 destroyed houses;
- 139 damaged houses;
- 44 damaged bridges;
- 1 dyke damaged;
- 87 destroyed wells;
- over 4,700 hectares of agricultural land flooded.

The Department of Civil Defence and Emergency Situations of the Republic of Moldova with participation of the Vice Prime Minister and representatives local authorities conducted an assessment of the flood victims' needs. The government has responded to the flooding by taking the following measures:

- 332,000 Lei (CHF 36,745/USD 24,145) was allocated for rebuilding and repairs to houses;
- distribution of land lots for building of new houses
- work has commenced on restoring bridges, public roads, the water evacuation system and water processing plants; and,
- inspections were made of areas prone to future flooding and landslides.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The Moldovan Red Cross (MRC), in cooperation with representatives of the local authorities of the affected localities, performed a needs assessment within the flood affected area. MRC branches are collecting food and relief items, however, the Society does not have any available emergency stock.

The MRC has prepared a plan of action to provide 500 people with basic relief items. Beneficiaries will be provided with dried and tinned food items as well as basic household items such as soap and bed sheets.

The Society will locally purchase and distribute:

- 500 food parcels;
- 500 hygiene kits;
- 590 blankets;
- 590 sets bedding.

The distributions of these items will be carried out by MRC branches with the support of the affected communities. Distribution reports will be submitted to MRC headquarters, and the activities will be monitored by representatives of MRC headquarters and representatives from the respective communities.

These items have been budgeted at CHF 34,228. An application was made to the Federation for DREF funds, to enable the purchase and distribution of relief items to proceed as quickly as possible. The MRC would welcome any contributions from PNS to cover this amount.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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