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## ROMANIA: FLOODS

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### In Brief

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- 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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## The Situation

Due to heavy rains in Romania over the past weeks, there have been flash floods since 18 June in 17 counties in the country: Alba, Arad, Bacau, Bistrita Nasaud, Covasna, Constanta, Galati, Harghita, Hunedoara, Iasi, maramures, Satu Mare, Salaj, Suceava, Vrancea. The quantity of water in some places has exceeded 98 litres/square metres. In Bistrita Nasaud, water levels have reached four metres. There have been some fatalities and a number of persons registered as missing. There have also been warnings related to significantly increased levels of water in the following big rivers: Viseu, Iza, Somes, Crasna, Jiu, Olt, Arges and Ialomita.

According to the latest report of the General Inspectorate for Management of Emergency Situations – the Operational Center - the situation is as follows:

Places affected	Alba	Bacau	Bistriat Nasaud	Botosani
Affected localities	13	7	8	6
Households affected	390	314	900	
Houses affected	390	239		35
Isolated people	12	N/A	9 isolated localities	
Private wells	20	250		25
Missing people			6	
Dead persons			9	

The flash flooding has also damaged public buildings, private wells, agricultural land, dams, as well as national, county and local roads, bridges and water pipes.

## Action from the authorities

The authorities are acting to alert and protect people, providing basic relief assistance, removing mud and water from houses and basements, and also rebuilding or reinforcing the level of dams.

Local authorities have distributed food and bottled mineral water to the affected people. Additionally in Bistrita Nasaud local authorities have supported the burial of the victims of the flooding, as well as continuing to look for the missing persons.

## Red Cross Action

Romanian Red Cross (RRC) branches are monitoring the situation in the affected counties, by assessing the needs and being in close cooperation with the local authorities. The branches have made emergency distribution from their mini warehouses. The situation is under control. Additional needs have been identified in Bistrita Nasaud, which can be covered by the RRC from the regional warehouse in Alba.

At the same time, the RRC headquarters and branches are continuing to work on the post emergency operation following the serious flooding which hit the country in spring 2006, affecting the south and east of the country. An emergency appeal was launched on 10 May 2006, seeking CHF 2,427,200 to assist some 13,000 beneficiaries over a three month period. Contributions to this appeal have been slow to arrive. However the Romanian Red Cross, supported by Regional Disaster Response Team members deployed from the region, are continuing relief distribution to those affected by the previous wave of flooding; distribution of food and hygiene parcels; water and sanitation activities – including latrine building in the camps for those made homeless by the floods. The Romanian RC is also implementing a hygiene promotion programme with the affected population.

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