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In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 80,000 (USD 65,041 or EUR 48,280) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs of this operation, or to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. The operation will be implemented over 3 months, and will be completed by 30 October 2007; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 30 January 2008). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This operation is aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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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Background and current situation



The Volyn branch of the Ukrainian Red Cross assesses the situation after the storm. Photo: URC; July, 2007.

A massive storm and heavy rains descended on Ukraine between 22 and 24 July, spreading across 14 oblasts (regions) or 56 per cent of the country's territory. Gusts of wind reached 15-20 m/sec, causing extensive damage to homes and other buildings, destroying food stocks and infrastructure such as telephone and electricity lines, which resulted in frequent telecommunication and power blackouts. A total of 717 settlements were without electricity for several days, and 15 settlements are still without electricity at the time of reporting. Volyn Oblast was hardest hit: in its seven districts 1,848 buildings and houses were damaged (including 181 homes which were totally destroyed). Several hundred hectares of forest have been knocked down and a significant amount of crops were destroyed, indicating the possibility of a food shortage in the coming months.

Some 6,268 people were directly affected by the disaster, including 156 older persons, 232 multi-child families and 1,183 low-income families. 17 people were injured (five of them hospitalized) by flying debris such as uprooted trees or parts of roofs. A total of 1,267 people have been left homeless by the storms. The total population living in the areas severely affected by the disaster is 1,037,700. The estimated cost of the damage in Volyn oblast alone is CHF 7,672,500.

Rescue teams and local authorities are working to assess the damage. Over 2,915 people, including local authorities, rescue teams from the Ministry of Emergencies and local residents, are engaged in restoring communications and damaged buildings. The Ministry of Emergencies has allocated funds from its reserves to alleviate the effects of the storm.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Cross has carried out an assessment of the situation and initiated relief efforts. In the days immediately following the disaster the Volyn branch of the Ukrainian Red Cross responded to the emergency by distributing 390 food parcels, 120 family hygiene parcels and 1,020 sets of clothes and footwear to the affected people.

Since the beginning of the relief operation, 590 people have received assistance from the Ukrainian Red Cross, but the branch's depleted emergency stocks have been a constraint. Therefore, the Ukrainian Red Cross has mobilized local resources among the population and corporate/business sector. During the first week after the disaster some CHF 18,018 was collected by the Ukrainian Red Cross for purchasing of food parcels and the other supply items.

However, these efforts are not sufficient to meet the current level of need. The Federation has allocated CHF 80,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to procure blankets, bed linens, family hygiene parcels and kitchen sets (including transportation costs and volunteer support). The National Society plans to assist at least 1,000 families by supplying these vital essentials until the local government restores homes in all seven districts of Volyn oblast.

The needs

A needs assessment has shown that the local government will provide 181 new homes to those whose homes have been destroyed, and building materials (sand, cement, roof coverings) for the reparation of severely damaged homes. But many affected people are in need of different kinds of building materials which will not be provided by the local government, such as nails (various sizes), frames and glass for windows, door frames and patching materials.



Homes destroyed by the storm in a village in Volyn Oblast, Ukraine. Photo: Ukrainian Red Cross; July 007

Apart from that, experience gained from previous disaster response operations has shown that some of the affected population, very often elderly people, whom the government supplies with building materials, cannot make the necessary repairs to their homes due either to physical incapacity or a lack of funds. It was therefore decided that immediate shelter needs have still not been met for much of the affected population. In order to bridge the existing gap between the needs and the currently available relief, it is proposed to distribute cash grants in combination with goods.

The Ukrainian Red Cross will be distributing cash as disaster relief for the first time in the region. Target groups for cash distribution were chosen according to the following criteria:

- The degree of damage (house not fully destroyed, but in need of considerable repair);
- Those already under the patronage of the Ukrainian Red Cross before the disaster;
- Those who have additional needs not covered by the Red Cross operation or government relief;
- The complete absence of support from relatives, friends or neighbours.

The target group is comprised of 45 families or individuals from six villages who meet the criteria: 39 elderly people, four families with five or more children and two single-parent low-income families. The local branch of the Ukrainian Red Cross is responsible for compiling this list using its existing data base of vulnerable homecare clients. This list was then compared with the list of victims of the natural disaster. Those who appear on both lists were selected as beneficiaries. This beneficiary list was then approved with local village authorities.

Objectives:

1) To assist the most vulnerable people in the affected areas by providing necessary survival conditions for the affected families and individuals through:

- the distribution of blankets, bed linens, hygiene parcels and kitchen sets;
- cash support for 45 families.

2) To pilot mechanisms for the distribution of cash as a response to natural disasters focusing on the design and learning of best practice approaches to selection, distribution and monitoring, through:

- cash distribution for 45 families;
- the establishment of distribution mechanisms;
- the design of monitoring questionnaires to track the usage of funds and analyze lessons learned.

3) To replenish emergency stocks for the Ukrainian Red Cross branch.

Assistance will consist of:

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- **Relief parcel:** One blanket, one hygiene set, one bed linen set and one kitchen set (valued at CHF 45) for 190 families or individuals, including ten older persons, 100 multi-child families and 80 low-income families. In certain cases relief parcels will be customized to meet the specific needs of families, if for example, more blankets are required or only one part of the relief parcel is needed. Thus 810 affected families will receive parcels composed of relief items according to their needs valued from CHF 30 to CHF 80. To replenish the disaster response stock 100 blankets, 100 bed linen sets, 100 hygiene parcels and 20 kitchen sets will be stored.
- **Cash assistance:** CHF 500 for 45 families or individuals, including 39 older persons, four multi-child families and two low income families. It is intended that the target families will decide for themselves what they need to re-establish their normal living conditions. The Ukrainian Red Cross will then assist the 39 elderly individuals to obtain the required goods or to employ workers for repair works. While the Red Cross will assist in this, the expenses will be paid by the elderly people themselves with money distributed by the Red Cross. Money distributed to the six families will be given to the mothers, as they can best identify the needs of the household. The procedure for cash distribution will be carried out by the local financial manager of the local Red Cross branch. Distribution will take place over the course of three days, during which the local Red Cross financial manager, the local Red Cross Chairman, a representative from the local government and a local security officer will visit the homes of every beneficiary. The confirmation of receipt of cash will be the same as is used for humanitarian aid (receipt with signature, address and passport details).

Monitoring

Over a three-month period a representative from Red Cross head quarters in Kiev will carry out control checks on cash distribution covering each of the 45 families. Each month, the representative will visit 15 of those families receiving cash in order to monitor and survey the usage. Thus after three months, each of the 45 families receiving cash will have been visited. In order to evaluate the efficacy of the programme and the possibility of sharing the experiences gained through the programme in future disaster response, a comparative survey will be carried out. This will examine the living conditions of 20 families receiving support as cash-goods combinations, with 20 of those who received Red Cross support purely in the form of goods. A special monitoring questionnaire will be designed to monitor the use of the distributed cash. A special report will be produced within three months of programme completion showing the findings from the questionnaire and lessons for the future. The regional Federation disaster management officer will participate in monitoring visits at the beginning and end of the programme.

A total of 1,000 families will receive assistance from the Ukrainian Red Cross. The emergency relief operation will last three months.

Coordination

The Ukrainian Red Cross is working in collaboration with the government and attends regular coordination meetings with other partners.

For this emergency, the religious organization the Mormons (USA) has donated funds to provide the food needs for the affected families, and plans to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Ukrainian Red Cross.

The Ukrainian Red Cross emergency response will be coordinated with the Ukrainian Ministry of Emergencies and Ministry for Social Development. The Ukrainian Red Cross headquarters and the Volyn Red Cross branch will manage programme implementation. In addition, the Federation's Regional Representation in Moscow will stay in contact with both the Volyn Red Cross branch and the headquarters to monitor the situation.

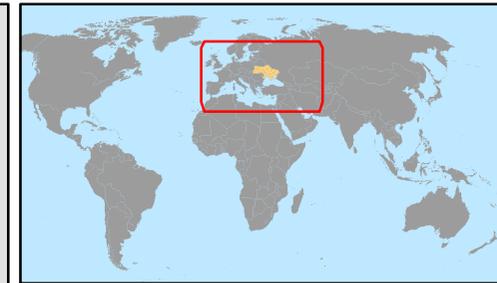
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Name of the Project: DREF- Ukraine: Storm
Operating Time-frame: 01.08-31.10.2007

	Code	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unite price	Total CHF
B		SUPPLIES/Subtotal				61,000.00
	5100	Blankets	1000.00	UNIT	18.00	18,000.00
	5101	Bed linen	1500.00	UNIT	7.00	10,500.00
	5604	Kitchen sets	200.00	SET	25.00	5,000.00
	5703	Hygiene family parcels	1000.00	UNIT	5.00	5,000.00
	5780	Cash for specific family needs	45.00	UNIT	500.00	22,500.00
D		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				0.00
F		TRANSPORT & STORAGE/Subtotal				2,600.00
	5901	Warehousing & distribution- loading/unloading	1	TIME	500.00	500.00
	5930	Transport & vehicle - Fuel	3.00	MONTH	700.00	2,100.00
H		PERSONNEL/Subtotal				6,630.50
	6601	Project coordinator (IFRC regional office)	1.00	MONTH	3400.40	3,400.40
	6602	Project coordinator HQ	3.00	MONTH	200.00	600.00
	6602	Local coordinator	3.00	MONTH	150.00	450.00
	6602	Taxes and social charges	3.00	MONTH	126.70	380.10
	6616	Hotel accommodation , NS (monitoring)	3.00	UNIT	400.00	1,200.00
	6618	Per diem , NS (monitoring, advocacy)	3.00	UNIT	200.00	600.00
J		WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS/Subtotal				0.00
L		GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal				3,609.50
	7001	International Travel (monitoring -Regional office)	4.00	TIME	300.00	1,200.00
	7002	Travel - per diem (monitoring -Regional office)	15.00	DAY	55.00	825.00
	7003	Travel - accommodation (monitoring -Regional office)	10.00	DAY	83.45	834.50
	7104	Local Travel NS (monitoring, advocacy)	3.00	TIME	200.00	600.00
	7106	Photos services	3.00	MONTH	50.00	150.00
L		OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal				960.00
	7301	Stationery, NS	3.00	MONTH	70.00	210.00
	7325	Office equipment maintance (branch)	3.00	MONTH	40.00	120.00
	7403	Telephone HQ	3.00	MONTH	80.00	240.00
	7403	Telephone (branch)	3.00	MONTH	100.00	300.00
	7408	Internet	3.00	MONTH	30.00	90.00
		FIELD BUDGET/Subtotal				74,800.00
		SUBTOTAL PROJECT				74,800.00
P	5996	PROGRAMME SUPPORT			6.5%	5,200.00
K		GRAND TOTAL CHF:				80,000.00



Ukraine: Severe local storm



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