

# DREF operation



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Moldova: Floods

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The International Federation's 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 and 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.

**CHF 198,952 (USD 189,478 or EUR 121,683) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 1,500 families and in replenishing its emergency stocks. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged. An emergency appeal will be issued in the next few days.**

**Summary:** Heavy rains and storms at the end of July have caused floods in northern Moldova. Thousands of people have been

evacuated; houses, bridges and roads have been damaged in the affected regions. People have been left without safe drinking water because of the flooded wells.

The operation aims to provide immediate support to the most vulnerable groups of the population by distributing basic food items, hygiene kits, blankets, bed-linens, mattresses and water filters to 1,500 affected families.

This DREF operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 30 October, 2008; a final report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 30 January, 2009).

A more detailed assessment of the most urgent needs is currently ongoing, and the International Federation will issue an emergency appeal for international assistance in the next few days.



The village of Criva, in Briceni region hit by the floods.  
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## The situation

After heavy rains on 26-27 July, 2008 a number of districts situated near to the Prut and Nistru rivers have been flooded, and some others seriously affected. The Briceni district was in the centre of the disaster with a total number of 626 persons evacuated, 339 houses flooded, out of which 64 seriously damaged. In the Oknitsa district the river Nistru flooded 15 houses. On 26 July, 1,371 children were evacuated from summer camps in the municipality of Chisinau. In Soroca district, 18 children were evacuated from the centre of temporary boarding of risk group children.

The rescue teams of the department for emergency situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs saved hundreds of people, including children.

At the present time the danger of further flooding persists, and in many regions drinking water supply was cut because of the flooded wells. There is also a high risk of damage to the water station that supplies the capital city of Chisinau with drinking water, and local population and volunteers are helping to strengthen local dams in the affected regions.

Region	Flooded villages	Evacuated people
Riscani	8	2,027
Glodeni	8	557
Falesti	5	1,060
Soroca	44	450
Soldanesti	3	n/a
Anenii Noi	5	n/a
Ocnita	3	n/a
Briceni	n/a	626

## Coordination and partnerships

The Moldova Red Cross Society is working in collaboration with the government and attends regular coordination meetings with other partners. In response to the floods, the society actively cooperates with the department for emergency situations, local authorities, mass media and the people in the affected areas, who are also involved locally as volunteers.

The Moldova Red Cross headquarters and the relevant branches will be responsible for the implementation of the programme. The headquarters will cooperate closely with the International Federation's regional representation in Moscow and its representative office in Kiev.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on the information received from the Briceni Red Cross branch, the National Society conducted a needs assessment in Briceni and, subsequently, provided immediate support to the two most affected villages of Drepcauti and Criva. In total 245 families have been assisted by the distribution of blankets, bed-linen, shoes for children and adults, clothes, water filters, food parcels and hygiene kits from the society's emergency stock.

## The needs

Following initial assessments, the Moldova Red Cross plans to assist 1,500 families that have been most affected by the floods. Immediate needs include clean drinking water, food, clothing, hygiene articles, mattresses, bed linen, blankets, and kitchen sets.

The beneficiaries of the operation will be selected according to the level of damage suffered, but specific attention will be given to already vulnerable groups of the population, such as multi-child families, elderly people and people with disabilities. As a consequence of floods, these people's already difficult economic

situation has deteriorated even more. The selection will be done together with the local authorities and local communities. In certain cases relief parcels will be tailored to meet the specific needs of the families, for instance if more blankets are required or only one part of the relief parcel is needed.

## The proposed operation

After the first assessment of the situation in the flooded areas in the north of the country, the Moldova Red Cross plans to provide assistance to 1,500 families affected by the floods. The assistance will include the provision of food and hygiene parcels, kitchen sets, blankets, bed-linen, mattresses and water filters. The following regions will be covered by the DREF operation: Riscani, Glodeni, Soroca, Ocnita, Briceni and Ungen. The emergency relief operation will last three months.

Through its office in Kiev, covering Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, the International Federation will provide ongoing support for the operation. Further technical support is also available from the regional representation in Moscow and the Europe zone office in Budapest. The short-term deployment of an experienced disaster manager to lead the Federation support to the operations in Ukraine and Moldova is being considered, while regional disaster response team members can also be mobilized at short notice.

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective: 1,500 families affected by the floods are provided with food and non-food items to assist them in coping with the damage done to their households.**

#### Activities planned:

- assessment of needs
- creation of beneficiary lists together with the local authorities
- procurement, transportation and distribution of food and non-food items
- monitoring of beneficiaries' selection
- monitoring of the distribution
- gathering information on the impact of the operation and feeding it into longer-term planning

### Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

**Objective: The risk of waterborne and water-related diseases has been reduced through the provision of water filters and/or hygiene kits to a total of 1,500 affected families.**

#### Activities planned:

- assessment of needs
- creation of beneficiary lists together with the local authorities
- procurement, transportation and distribution of water filters and hygiene kits
- monitoring of beneficiaries' selection
- monitoring of the distribution
- gathering information on the impact of the operation and feeding it into longer-term planning

## Budget

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unite price	Total CHF
<b>Supplies</b>				<b>152,700.00</b>
Food parcels	1,500	UNIT	34.00	51,000.00
Hygiene kits	1500	UNIT	15.8	23,700.00
Water filters	500	UNIT	27	13,500.00
Matrasses	200	UNIT	30	6,000.00
Blankets and bedlinen (family set)	1,500	UNIT	39.00	58,500.00

<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>				<b>4,700.00</b>
Trasnportation & fuel	3	MONTH	800.00	2,400.00
Loading & unloading	1	UNIT	500.00	500.00
National travel costs	3	MONTH	250.00	750.00
Warehouse rental	3	MONTH	350.00	1,050.00
<b>Personnel</b>				<b>15,320.00</b>
Project coordinator	3	MONTH	500.00	1,500.00
Finance officer (70%)	3	MONTH	375.00	1,125.00
Driver	3	MONTH	320.00	960.00
Logistics officer	3	MONTH	375.00	1,125.00
Information officer (70%)	3	MONTH	320.00	960.00
Interpreter	3	MONTH	425.00	1,050.00
RDRT deployment	1	MONTH	8000.00	8,000.00
Volunteer allowances				600.00
<b>Workshops&amp;Seminars</b>				<b>1,000.00</b>
Evaluation	1	UNIT	1000.00	1,000.00
<b>Travel</b>				<b>4,500.00</b>
International travel & monitoring	3	UNIT	1500.00	4,500.00
<b>General &amp; Admin expenses</b>				<b>7,800.00</b>
General Admin	3	MONTH	1200.00	3,600.00
Publicity, PR & visibility	1	UNIT	1,500.00	1,500.00
Communications, telephone, internet	3	MONTH	400.00	1,200.00
Communications, materials, stationery	3	MONTH	500.00	1,500.00
<b>FIELD BUDGET/Subtotal</b>				<b>186,020.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT BUDGET/Subtotal</b>			6,5%	<b>12,931.87</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CHF:</b>				<b>198,951.87</b>

## How we work

*All International Federation 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 is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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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