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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 and Red Crescent emergency response. 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 149,420 have been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to 1,800 families in Krasnodarskiy region and Republic of Adygeya. This operation was expected to be implemented over 3 months, and was completed by beginning of September. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF were encouraged.

Summary: Heavy rains raised the water level of the rivers causing inundation and flooding of houses and agricultural land in four districts of the Republic of Adygeya and in five districts in Krasnodarskiy region in the Russian Federation.

According to the Adygeya Red Cross branch and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, 102 houses were completely destroyed and 2,112 flooded. More than 9,000 people were affected, 1,755 of them were children. 1,000 people were relocated to hosting families and relatives and the state of emergency was officially declared in the affected areas. The local Red Cross branch recognised 1,500 families as the most vulnerable following the established criteria (older people, single-parent families...), which made up approximately 4,500 people in total.

In the Krasnodarskiy region the number of the flooded houses was 340, with 889 people (187 children) living in them, roughly 300 families. Infrastructure and agricultural soil were also heavily damaged.

Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) evacuated 1,000 of the most affected from both locations, temporarily placing them with hosting families and relatives, and established temporary accommodation in 10 places for about 600 families (5,000 people). Russian Red Cross branches in Krasnodar and Adygeya were actively involved in disaster response action, most notably in the packing, transport and distribution of relief goods – food, hygiene items, bed linen and blankets for approximately 5400 most vulnerable people, working in close coordination with the authorities.



Flooding and inundation affected more than 300 families in Krasnodarskiy Region and 3000 families in the Republic of Adygeya in the Russian Federation
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A balance of CHF 3,061 has remained unspent after the end of the operation and will be returned to the DREF funds.

The major donors and partners of DREF include the Australian, American and Belgian governments, the Austrian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross and government, Danish Red Cross and government, the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the Irish and the Italian governments, the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Luxembourg government, the Monaco Red Cross and government, the Netherlands Red Cross and government, the Norwegian Red Cross and government, the Spanish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and government, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Medtronic and Z Zurich Foundations, and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the National Society, would like to extend thanks to all for their generous contributions. Details of all contributions to the DREF for 2011 on: http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/Active/MAA00010_2011.pdf

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The situation

The Adygeya Republic

In the period of May 23-30, 2011 following the melting of snow and heavy rains the water level of several rivers rose significantly. Due to the drainage system dysfunction in a number of settlements the water rose and flooded large parts of Mykopsky, Koshehablsky, Giatinsky, Shovgenovsky and Krasnogvardeysky districts in Adygeya. In total 33 settlements were affected. The hardest hit areas were Dondukovsky village of the Giyatinsky district, the Kabehabl and Pshicho mountain villages of the Shovgenovsky district and several villages of the Koshehabelsky district.

According to the data of the Adyg Ministry of labour and social development 2,876 families (9,669 people), living in the Koshehebelsky, Giatinsky, Shovgenovsky and Mykopksky districts were directly affected by the floods during June. In relation to the amount of damage to the houses, the material support from the Adyg Government worth of RUB 5,000 to 15,000 was provided to the affected people, the total amount of assistance being RUB 31,236,000 (approximately 934,415 CHF). 399 applicants who were entitled to material support for the overall amount of RUB 3,578,000 (approximately 107,035 CHF) had to wait longer for these funds (supposed to be allocated from the reserve fund of the Adyg President) due to the lack of funds in the republic budget.

110 houses were completely destroyed and were no longer subject to reconstruction; people have lost all their belongings (property, cattle, poultry, food stuff, clothes, footwear etc). The Vice-Prime Minister and the chairman of the regional disaster commission of the Adyg Republic have reported that 20,807 hectares of crops have been flooded, which caused loss of the harvest for more than 90 million rubles (2.692.322 CHF) For re-sowing of the crops the Republic Government provided the affected farms with seeds in the total amount of 20 million rubles (598,294 CHF).

As of September 1, 2011 the overall cost of damage was estimated at 671 million rubles (20,072,754 CHF). The authorities did everything possible for urgent normalization of the situation and provision of comprehensive assistance to the inhabitants of the affected districts. Though the Republic budget could not allocate all required funds for restoration of the destroyed buildings, efforts were made to provide homeless families with shelter at their relatives' homes or provisional premises of the state institutions.

The Krasnodar region

Over 1,000 people were severely affected by the heaviest recorded flood in the Krasnodar Region caused by hard rains in the mountains and overflowing of rivers in a very short time. In the Apsheronysky district the towers of power lines fell down, the gas pipeline was damaged and a bridge was destroyed. The federal highway Maykop-Cherkesk was blocked. The flood affected 14 settlements in the Adyg republic and 15 in the Krasnodarskiy region. 400 people were urgently evacuated and the affected families temporary accommodated at the district hospitals. The regional EMERCOM department gave advance notice of a potential disaster and according to the local authorities this was the only reason that no victims were reported.

Coordination and partnerships

Organizational activities and coordination

The Adygeya Republic

The acting Head and the deputy Prime Minister of the Republic were informed about the relief aid provided through the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). The plan of aid distribution was agreed with the deputy Prime minister of the Republic. The heads of the settlements and districts were informed about the DREF project implementation and were requested to inform the affected families and organize their presence at an agreed schedule and place in order to receive relief aid. This request was fully met by the chairmen of the local councils. The Russian Red Cross volunteers and the staff of the local committee of social welfare were also informed accordingly and they participated in the distribution and transport of the goods to the affected people.

The Krasnodarsky Region

The administration of the Krasnodarsky Region and the administrations of the affected districts were informed about the start of the DREF project implementation in June 2011. E. Styeshenko, chairman of the Krasnodar Russian Red Cross Regional branch arranged a series of meetings with the representatives of the Krasnodar Regional Administration, where full understanding of the need to provide assistance to the population in the heaviest affected Kurganinsky district was reached. Also, due to non-existence of a Russian Red Cross branch in Kurganinsky district, negotiations were successfully conducted directly with N.Savchatova, Deputy Head of the District, so the administration provided a warehouse for unloading of the relief goods and creating sets for further distribution to the people in need.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Outcome: Immediate aid to the people affected by the floods is provided and their suffering is reduced

Outputs and activities planned:

- Distribution of relief items and hot meals to the affected people in the shelters.
- Volunteers of the Russian Red Cross give assistance in distribution of relief items
- Basic family needs are met
- Families are provided with basic relief goods within 2 weeks from the beginning of the operation.
- The Russian Red Cross will establish distribution points in the flood affected areas for distribution of bed linen sets and blankets, personal hygiene items, food parcels, etc.

Progress:

The Russian Red Cross Adygeyan Republican Branch

Pursuant to the basic principals of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and for the purpose of saving lives and restoration in crises and disasters, urgent relief aid was provided to 1,500 families in the Adyg Republic.

The relief aid came on July 26, 2011 (total amount: RUB 3,004,366, approximately 89,875 CHF) and it took 20 volunteers of the Russian Red Cross Adyg regional branch two days to unload the goods and start preparing the packages with food and hygiene items.. On July 28 the preparations started for the delivery of the sets to the affected people according to the lists made by local officials.

The delivery of the first batch of the relief aid to 48 families began in the Mysky settlement of the Koshekhabelsky district. The chairmen of the village councils, the Russian Red Cross volunteers and the staff of the Social welfare committee were informed about it beforehand, and with their help the officers of the Adyg Russian Red Cross Republic branch delivered the relief aid to the affected people. Similar approach was used in all other affected settlements.

During the period of the Project realization the relief aid was provided to 1,500 affected families (4,500 people) in 4 regions (22 settlements) in the Adyg Republic. All of the relief aid was distributed by the Adyg Russian Red Cross Republic Branch staff and 20 volunteers. The



The relief aid distribution station of the Adyg RRC branch in the Shovgenovskiy district, August

population affected by the flood has expressed sincere gratitude to the Russian Red Cross and the International Federation for the assistance. Every family received the following goods: 1 food kit, 2 hygienic kits, 3 blankets, 2 sets of bed linen:

Affected settlements in the Adyg Republic of RF	Number of affected families who received relief aid	Dates of distribution of relief aid sets
Koshekhabelsky region 6 settlements	450	1 – 9.08.11
Shovgenovsky region 5 settlements	440	11 – 25.08.11
Giaginsky region 5 settlements	425	16 -24.08.11
Maikopsky region 6 settlements	185	2 – 7.09.11
Total	1500 (4500 people)	

Coverage in the Media

Distribution of the relief aid was covered by the Media: 5 times a day on the city TV channels and on the Republic TV on the International Day of the Relief Aid. Local newspapers placed articles about the relief aid delivery to the affected families.

The Krasnodar Regional branch

At the end of July-beginning of August 2011, upon completing the tender and purchase of the planned relief items, the transportation of the following goods to Kurganinsky district of the Krasnodarsky region was organized: 1,040 blankets, 1,800 sets of bed linen, 1,800 food parcels, 1,800 sanitary and hygienic kits. The relief aid reached Kurganinsky district of the Krasnodar region on August 4, 2011. Russian Red Cross Regional Branch made a joint assessment of needs of the affected households together with the representatives of the Social Welfare System and International Red Cross Committee with the following agreed criteria of vulnerability: multi-children families, low income, jobless, highest level of damage. According to these criteria lists of beneficiaries were prepared and subsequently approved by municipalities and social protection bodies to avoid duplication with other relief providers (NGOs etc.).

In July 2011 a team of volunteers in the Kurganinsky district was formed. Due to the absence of a local Russian Red Cross branch there, this was done in co-operation with another public organization «Molodaya Gvardia», which resulted in that the Russian Red Cross Krasnodar Regional Branch was provided with 15 volunteers. They were responsible for packing and handling of the goods, aid delivery to the people and provision of psychosocial support. The volunteers were incentivised through a purchase of 30 Russian Red Cross Krasnodar Regional Branch T-shirts.

A five-hour workshop on aid distribution was organized for the volunteers on August 5 2011. 15 volunteers mentioned above attended the workshop and were trained in: basics of urgent aid provision in case of disaster, assessment of the food needs, water supply and sanitation, health care, shelter and non-food relief aid, restoration of family links after disaster, psychosocial support in the post-stress period, trauma situations, reporting about help provision in emergency situations.

After the workshop the schedule of the relief aid distribution to the affected families in the settlements of the Kurganinsky district of the Krasnodarsky region was developed. Volunteers packed up sets, which were transported to the affected population with the help of the District administration.



Relief aid distribution by the Krasnodarskiy RRC RB in the Kurganinsky district on

During the period of the Project realization the relief aid was provided for 300 affected families (900 people) in 4 settlements of the Krasnodar region.

Settlement	Number families receiving relief aid	Dates of distribution
Settlement Oktyabrsky	45	August 5 – 6
Settlement Luchesarny	120	August 15 -16
Kurganinsk town	51	August 18, September 2
Novoalekseevsky village	84	August, 19-20, September, 1
Total	300 (900 people)	

On August 15, 2011 monitoring of the relief aid distribution to the affected families in the settlement Luchezarny of the Kurganinsky district took place. The monitoring disclosed positive impressions on the side of beneficiaries in Krasnodar and especially in Adyg Republic. The distribution was somewhat delayed as compared to the plan in the Adyg Republic because of the hard-to-reach regions (mountain area) and sparseness, however eventually all the targeted families received relief aid completely. The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction and thanks to the Russian Red Cross Headquarters and the Federation. The distribution in the Adyg Republic was shown on local TV and many people expressed thanks for the Red Cross kindness.

On August 17, 2011 the presentation of awards and incentives to all the volunteers, who took part in the distribution was conducted: all the 18 volunteers received participating in the activities were awarded appropriate memorabilia as recognition of their valuable work.

Preparedness

As part of the preparation for future disaster response operations, a workshop on «Organization of interaction of emergency experts, Russian Red Cross volunteers and EMERCOM divisions in disaster management» was conducted in Anapa on September 21- 23, 2011. It played a significant role in raising the capacity of the Russian Red Cross regional branches in mastering disaster response mechanisms. 27 participants have received skills and instruments of disaster management and coordination with other stakeholders. It is extremely important that the heads of Russian Red Cross regional branches will use these skills for further capacity development of the local district DPDR committees.

Challenges and successes

1. The Russian Red Cross not having a prepositioned stock meant that the immediate response had to be coordinated with other actors. In the first critical stage the relief aid was provided by ICRC urgently which was agreed between the Federation and the national society. The Federation procured goods were distributed in the second planned stage of the response operation, showing the strengths of the movement coordination – Russian Red Cross, the Federation, ICRC.
2. The Adyg Russian Red Cross Branch faced some difficulties in relief aid distribution due to the number of the affected families being larger than in the Krasnodar region and the geographical set up in the region with many small villages being in far away places. Insufficient number of vehicles in the Red Cross was therefore compensated for through kind assistance of local authorities and the distribution of relief aid were completed in September.
3. The need for a more thorough assessment of the needs of the local population and appropriateness of inclusion of Russian Red Cross regional branches representatives into EMERCOM commissions for inspection of affected districts was revealed.
4. The cooperation with local administrations and social welfare bodies was well organized by both regional and local Russian Red Cross branches in terms of transport and volunteers provision.
5. Aid distribution stations (4) were promptly set up in the districts of the Adyg Republic and Russian Red Cross volunteers recruited among students (30).



The relief aid distribution station of the Adyg RRC branch in the Koshehabelsky district on August 4, 2011

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DREF history:

- This DREF was initially allocated on June 2 2011 for CHF 149,420 for three months to assist 1,800 families (5,400 beneficiaries).
- One DREF operation update was launched on 20 September 2011:

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/11/MDRRU010du1n.pdf>



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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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Appeal Timeframe: 02 jun 11 to 02 sep 11

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/6-2011/11
Budget Timeframe	2011/6-2011/9
Appeal	MDRRU010
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	149,420					149,420
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	149,420					149,420
C4. Other Income	149,420					149,420
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	149,420					149,420
D. Total Funding = B + C	149,420					149,420
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	149,420					149,420
E. Expenditure	-146,359					-146,359
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	3,061					3,061

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III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

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)		149,420					149,420	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	47,800	45,627				45,627	2,173	
Food	36,000	34,358				34,358	1,642	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene		26,541				26,541	-26,541	
Other Supplies & Services	27,792	341				341	27,451	
Total Relief items, Construction, Su	111,592	106,867				106,867	4,725	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000	1,471				1,471	529	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,000	478				478	1,522	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	4,000	1,949				1,949	2,051	
Personnel								
International Staff	7,000						7,000	
National Staff		151				151	-151	
National Society Staff	6,390	3,134				3,134	3,256	
Volunteers		2,384				2,384	-2,384	
Total Personnel	13,390	5,669				5,669	7,721	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	5,000	11,434				11,434	-6,434	
Total Workshops & Training	5,000	11,434				11,434	-6,434	
General Expenditure								
Travel		1,629				1,629	-1,629	
Information & Public Relations	1,505	1,465				1,465	40	
Office Costs	2,310	265				265	2,045	
Communications	2,100	526				526	1,574	
Financial Charges	403	7,623				7,623	-7,220	
Total General Expenditure	6,318	11,508				11,508	-5,190	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	9,120	8,933				8,933	187	
Total Indirect Costs	9,120	8,933				8,933	187	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	149,420	146,359				146,359	3,061	
VARIANCE (C - D)		3,061				3,061		