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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Hungary: Hailstorm and heavy rain



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Date of disaster: 21 June 2017	Operation time frame: 21 June 2017 – 21 September 2017
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DREF allocation/overall operation budget: CHF 87,385	
Total number of people affected: approx. 1,298	Number of people to be assisted: approx. 1,298
Host National Society Presence: county branches of the Hungarian Red Cross in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén and Bács-Kiskun County, with a total of 50 staff and volunteers	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: affected local municipalities, County Disaster Management Directorate, non-formal voluntary groups	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 21 June 2017, **hailstorm and heavy rains** hit several parts of Hungary. The village of Megyaszó in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County and villages scattered around the county capital Kecskemét in Bács-Kiskun County were particularly affected, with roofs, windows and vegetable gardens destroyed or greatly damaged. The heavy rain entering the houses also led to the destruction of food and home materials and appliances as well as the soaking of walls inside.

In **Megyaszó**, the hailstorm and heavy rains have damaged 183 houses, with 25 of them having become statically unstable and uninhabitable. A total of 96 people has been evacuated, including 53 children and accommodated with relatives. There was also temporary power outage in 3,500 households in the wider region.

In Bács-Kiskun County, some 50 houses, including a kindergarten as well as farmsteads around the county capital **Kecskemét** have suffered serious damages affecting 225 people.

In sum, a total of **233 houses** have suffered serious damages as a result of the heavy hailstorm and rainfall.

According to the weather forecast of the Hungarian Meteorological Service for the coming ten days, **continued hot weather** can be expected with additional storms and rains occurring and putting these and other houses in these geographic locations at risk.



One of the damaged roofs in the village of Megyaszó.
Source: Tibor Sziknyár / boon.hu

Summary of the Current Response

Overview of Host National Society

The local county branches of the **Hungarian Red Cross (HRC)** immediately started the situation and needs assessment in coordination with the relevant local authorities. On 22 June 2017, the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Disaster Management Directorate requested the HRC to provide additional assistance to the affected population, while the Directorate itself was leading on the restoration of infrastructure and sheltering of the evacuated families.

The HRC Headquarters immediately pre-positioned a contingency stock of 3,600 pieces of canned liver pates to provide food for those who have remained without access to their houses and food reserves. The distribution of the cans started on 23 June. (Their replenishment will be covered from this DREF allocation). The HRC also pre-positioned its dehumidifiers to help dry the walls faster and prevent moulding as many walls have been soaked by the rains.

The HRC branch staff and volunteers are continuously cooperating with all relevant local actors including authorities and formal and non-formal civil society groups.

Needs Analysis, Beneficiary Selection, Risk Assessment and Scenario Planning

The first assessments conducted immediately after the hailstorm and heavy rainfall indicate an **urgent need for temporary reparation materials, food and hygiene (cleaning) items**. Temporary reparation materials such as slates, timber, nails and screws are required to prevent further damages and reduce future shelter needs. The HRC has also evaluated the potential health-related needs and risks and identified no such risks and needs to be immediately addressed.

The below table summarizes the extent of the damages and affected population:

Location	Number of houses damaged	Number of uninhabitable houses	Evacuated population (sheltered with relatives)	Number of people with damaged houses
Megyaszó village (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County)	183	25	96	1,098
Region around Kecskemét (Bács-Kiskun County)	50	0	0	200

The HRC will target the most-affected households based on the extent of the damages in their houses and existing food and hygiene (cleaning) needs. Prioritized households will include traditionally vulnerable groups such as families with multiple children and elderly people living alone. Beneficiary selection will be coordinated with the county disaster management and local authorities, as well as other active local groups.

Taking into consideration the available resources and operation time frame as well as the affected number of households and their prevailing needs, the HRC will aim to assist a total of 1,298 people (in 233 households) with food parcels and hygiene (cleaning) kits. Out of these 233 households, 70 households will also receive assistance with the temporary reparation of their roofs and coverage of their damaged windows, where such works are still possible (that is the house has not become statically unstable and thus uninhabitable).

In Megyaszó, the average household size is six people per household (amounting to a total of approx. 1,098 beneficiaries in 183 households). In the Kecskemét region, the average household size is four people per household (amounting to a total of 200 people for 50 households).

Beneficiary profile:

The village of Megyaszó is one of the most socially disadvantaged and vulnerable settlements in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County and entire Hungary. Income levels and wages are below both the national and the county averages, and the level of unemployment is above the national level. Over the last decade, a great part of the population has migrated to other areas with better employment opportunities. As there is no compulsory home insurance system in Hungary, insurance contracts are also rare among the affected households. Most of the affected families are of Roma ethnicity which tends to face additional vulnerabilities and impoverished socio-economic situation.



Due to the scarce resources, the affected families' and the local municipality's capacity to repair the houses and meet all

Damages caused by the hailstorm and heavy rain in the interior of a house in Megyaszó.

Source: Tibor Sziknyár / boon.hu

humanitarian needs from own resources is very limited.

Risk assessment:

In parallel to the needs assessment, the HRC has conducted a risk assessment, which is being continuously revised according to the actual situation. There remains a significant possibility of heavy rainfall over the coming ten days, and also during the whole summer. This could aggravate the damages already caused in the roofs and windows by the storm and rains on 21 June. This risk therefore needs to be mitigated through the quick temporary reparation of the houses.

B. Operational Strategy and Plan

Overall Objective

The Hungarian Red Cross aims to assist **1,298 people** most severely affected by the hailstorm and heavy rains through the rapid provision of **233 food and 233 hygiene (cleaning) kits** as well as materials for the **temporary reparation of roofs and coverage of windows** for a total of **70 houses** in the village of **Megyaszó** and number of **villages around the city of Kecskemét**.

Proposed Strategy

To support the temporary reparation of roofs, coverage of windows and the drying of walls, the following items and resources will be provided by the HRC through this DREF allocation:

- Slates and tarpaulins for 14,000 m² (average rooftop area is 200 m², for 70 houses)
- Basic tools and consumables for rooftop coverage (70 kits, including nails, screws, screwdrivers, hammers, brackets, timber)
- dehumidifier machines (from current stock);
- trained (skilled) volunteers/experts (carpenters, volunteers) who are allowed to work at heights.

To meet the immediate food and hygiene (cleaning) needs, the HRC will also distribute a total of 233 food parcels and 233 hygiene (cleaning) kits (one-one parcel and kit per household) as per the following breakdown of households:

- 183 households in Megyaszó;
- 50 households in Kecskemét region.

The items will be directly distributed by the HRC's county branches to the selected beneficiaries. Beneficiaries who are not able to repair their rooftops themselves, will receive assistance through trained volunteers.

The HRC staff and volunteers will wear visibility t-shirts and, those involved in reparations, personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout all their activities to ensure their identification and full safety and security.

Operational Support Services

Human Resources

The assessments are being led by the HRC county branch staff and volunteers. The HRC will recruit a dedicated operations coordinator (based in the field) and a finance coordinator (based in the national HQ) for the period of the operation to ensure the timely and full implementation of all planned activities and on budget. The field operations coordinator will specifically be responsible for the coordination with other organizations and groups involved in the response to prevent duplication of activities, beneficiaries and facilitate inter-agency communication. The county branch is also holding regular consultations with the local authorities and local groups. Direct personal and technical support is provided by the HRC national HQ to enhance staff capacities at the branch level in a surge support scheme.

HRC volunteers will also join forces with other local associations and groups (such as local volunteer firefighters and non-formal voluntary groups). The availability and mobilization of all these capacities is essential as the majority of the residents in the affected areas is not able to carry out their house reparation themselves.

All HRC volunteers will be fully insured for the duration of the operation.

Logistics and Supply Chain

Relief items to be distributed will be procured locally, and transported to the affected locations as quickly as possible to minimize warehousing needs. All procurements will follow all standard HRC and IFRC logistics and procurement rules and procedures.

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 1: Planning, Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation activities are ensured													
Output 1.1: Needs assessment carried out													
Output 1.2: Beneficiaries are identified and selected													
Output 1.3: Monitoring and reporting are in line with the internal and Federation standards and requirements													
Output 1.4: Evaluation carried out, recommendations formed, and lessons learned captured													
Activities Planned	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Initial needs assessment													
Beneficiary identification and list preparation													
Development of communications plan and materials													
Social Media and other campaign activities													
Updates on website and social media													
Internal reporting by county branch to HRC HQ													
HRC reporting to the IFRC													
Evaluation incl. lessons learned workshop and BSS													

Budget

The detailed operational budget for this DREF operation can be found below.

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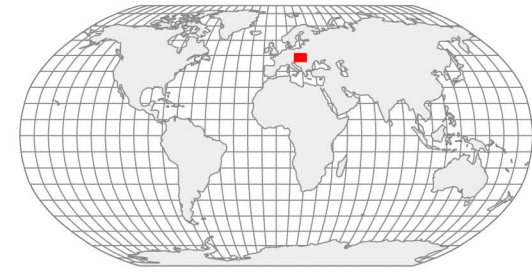
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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	
Shelter - Transitional	
Construction - Housing	
Construction - Facilities	
Construction - Materials	62,500
Clothing & Textiles	
Food	5,397
Seeds & Plants	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	2,580
Medical & First Aid	
Teaching Materials	
Utensils & Tools	
Other Supplies & Services	
Cash Disbursements	
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	70,477
Land & Buildings	
Vehicles	
Computer & Telecom Equipment	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	
Medical Equipment	
Other Machinery & Equipment	
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	
Distribution & Monitoring	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,571
Logistics Services	
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	3,571
International Staff	
National Staff	
National Society Staff	7,000
Volunteers	75
Total PERSONNEL	7,075
Consultants	
Professional Fees	
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	571
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	571
Travel	
Information & Public Relations	
Office Costs	
Communications	357
Financial Charges	
Other General Expenses	
Shared Office and Services Costs	
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	357
Partner National Societies	
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	5,333
Total INDIRECT COSTS	5,333
TOTAL BUDGET	87,385



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