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Russia: Floods



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This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Russian Red Cross Society (RRCS) is responding to the needs of the affected people, and coordinating closely with government authorities. RRCS is currently responding using its own resources. Based on the ongoing needs assessment, RRCS, with the support of IFRC, will determine the need to apply for external assistance, including the possibility of an allocation from the IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

The situation

Due to heavy rains and storms starting on 24 October, 2,400 houses of Krasnodar Krai (region) of Russia have been flooded, affecting tens of thousands of people. With over 70,000 inhabitants of Krasnodar Krai living in disaster-hit areas, the governor of the Krasnodar Krai declared a state of emergency on 25 October. Relief operations are underway, and rescuers have evacuated 360 people (including 70 children) to date.

According to the latest data available, the floods have left six people dead and two people missing. Numbers of injured people are not available at this stage. According to the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM) of Russia, areas in 19 communities of the Tuapse district and six communities of the Absheron district have been partially flooded. Tuapse has been the most badly-hit by the disaster, with over 1,200 households affected and rail and road connections disrupted. In Absheron district, the flood has damaged over 700 houses. The exact numbers are still to be determined. Some people have completely lost their houses and will need to build from scratch, while other people have their houses partially destroyed, and will need support with refurbishment.

Many areas in Krasnodar Krai have been left without electricity. 46 socially-significant facilities – such as hospitals, schools, heating and sewage facilities – have been damaged. Several roads and bridges have been destroyed, and traffic on the federal highway in Sochi has been terminated due to a damaged bridge and roadway. Railway services have been interrupted in the region, leaving around 8,000 passengers (20 trains) stuck for two days. Heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected to continue in the region for two more days.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Staff and volunteers of local RRCS branches are on the ground in the disaster-affected areas, and are conducting an assessment of the situation. Many Red Cross personnel have been affected by the floods themselves. According to preliminary data, 2,400 people including 500 children have suffered in Tuapse district and 3,075 people in Absheron district. Approximately 2,000 damaged houses have been reported in the two districts. As the needs assessment progresses, additional information is expected to emerge as to the level of destruction and impact the floods are having.

The RRCS branches in Absheron and Tuapse districts are in close contact with local authorities and EMERCOM. The RRCS branch in Absheron has distributed 70 sets of bedding and 35 blankets from its emergency stocks. However, further relief items are needed, and RRCS is considering applying for a DREF allocation. The IFRC is in contact with respective counterparts at the National Society to identify possible assistance.

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Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.