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# Mongolia: Flash Floods

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<b>Date of disaster:</b> 15 June – 9 July 2020	<b>Point of contact (name and title):</b> Munguntuya Sharavnyambuu, Disaster Management Programme Manager
<b>Operation start date:</b> -	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> -
<b>Category of disaster:</b> Yellow	
<b>Host National Society(ies):</b> Mongolian Red Cross Society	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 2,408 HH	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> TBC
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	

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## The situation

Flash floods occurred in several parts of Mongolia due to prolonged heavy rainfall which started since 17 June 2020 and is expected to continue until the end of July as officials stated. The rainfall is averaged to be 33-39 millimeters across the country and highest sum of precipitation was recorded to be 69 millimeters in Dzuunmod city in Tuv province on 21 June 2020 and 85 millimeters in Khutagt soum in Bulgan province on 8 July 2020. From 17 June to until now the following damages and loss were caused by the flash floods:

- Three gers<sup>1</sup> in three neighboring households in Khutag-Undur soum<sup>2</sup> of Bulgan province were washed away due to flash floods on 17 June. The gers were damaged beyond repair and no casualties reported.
- Seven homes and two streets in Murun city of Khuvsgul province submerged in water due to break in the dam wall of drainage ditch caused by flash floods.
- The road between Tuv province and Govisumber province were highly affected by the flash floods and Dzuunmod city in Tuv province was completely washed by severe flash flood on 21 June 2020. The below table show the loss caused by flash floods in Tuv province.



Bulgan to Khuvsgul province road is damaged. (Photo: Ikon.mn)

<sup>1</sup> Ger (Mongolian) is a portable, round tent covered with skins or felt and used as a dwelling by several distinct nomadic groups in the steppes of [Central Asia](#).

<sup>2</sup> Soum (Mongolian) is an administrative unit under province. There are about 320 soums in Mongolia.

Province	Soum	Damage
Tuv	Dzuunmod	181 households, four apartment basements, 10 vehicles were washed by flash floods
Tuv	Sergelen	Over 3,204 livestock perished and two casualties.
Tuv	Bayantsagaan	Over 300 livestock perished
Tuv	Bayan	Over 600 livestock perished
Tuv	Altanbulag	200 households severely affected, over 150 livestock perished
Khuvsgul	Murun	53 households were severely affected
Govisumber	Sumber	Three gers of three households and over 1,000 livestock were lost
Khentii	Kherlen	1,971 households were somewhat affected and 11 gers are completely destroyed
Arkhangai	Erdenemandal	1100 livestock are perished
Umnugovi	Bayandalai	Five casualties
Sukhbaatar	Erdenetsagaan	Three casualties
<b>2,408 households are affected and 10 casualties</b>		

The prolonged rain across the country is affecting both urban and rural areas in Mongolia. In Ulaanbaatar the capital of Mongolia, certain areas have been severely damaged and immersed by heavy rain and causing massive stress among the citizens. There are a few old bridges, roads and avenues in Ulaanbaatar which were built without sewage system and these bridges, roads and avenues are most severely affected, Water and sewerage authority is taking timely actions to recover the rain damage and drain the water. In rural areas, currently, the road from Murun city in Khuvsgul province to Bulgan city in Bulgan province, Ulaanbaatar city to Lun soum in Tuv province have been partially damaged and movement has been partially prohibited. Naadam is the Mongolian national holiday which falls between 11 to 14 July 2020 and these two main roads are mostly used by local tourists. Traffic police is warning the public to be extremely careful as the main roads for local travelers are severely damaged to prevent from traffic accident. Joint press conference was held on 9 July by the National Agency for Environmental monitoring and Meteorology and National Emergency Management Agency. The agencies have announced possibility of the high precipitation from 10 to 15 July 2020 and warned the public to prevent from potential natural hazard and travel safely during the holiday.



Floods affecting the urban areas in Ulaanbaatar. (Photo: MRCS)

Capital emergency commission organized a meeting on 2 July and discussed what actions to taken to recover the rain-damaged areas and structures in Ulaanbaatar. City governor has formally announced that recovery activities will be implemented in intensified manner. Search and rescue activities are being done by the local emergency management agencies in different locations and works are being done to repair the damages to the road and infrastructures. Emergency warning is being distributed by both National Agency for Meteorology, Environment Monitoring and National Emergency Management Agency.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

Timely information is being collected from branches with support from the headquarters and being analyzed. NDRT and BDRT members have been alerted and are on-standby. Red Cross mid-level branch in Tuv province gathered its branch disaster response team on 21 June have been mobilized to affected areas for data collection.

On 24 June, Chingis city in Khentii province was severely affected by the floods where 1,971 households were somewhat affected and 11 gers are completely destroyed. Validated information was provided by Khentii Red Cross branch on 29 June to MRCS headquarters. Based on the needs assessment; kitchen sets, hygiene kits, matresses, blankets and warm clothes have been provided to 11 households whose homes were completely destroyed. MRCS also provided three gers to families who lost everything in the flooding.



Red Cross volunteer in Tuv province visiting the affected area. (Photo: MRCS)

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