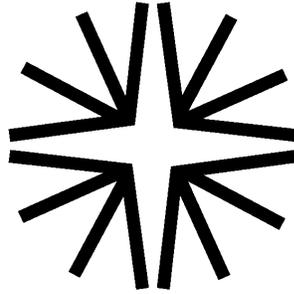


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EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST FLOODS – BULGARIA

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 9 June 2005, a disaster assistance request from Bulgaria. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Floods**
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **25 May- 08 June 2005**
Location of the Disaster : **Sofia, Lovech, Targovishte, Veliko Tarnovo, Vratza, Pleven, Rousse, Pernik, and Sofia District Regions**

3. Initial Assessment of the damage and description of the situation.

3.1. As a result of heavy torrential rainfalls and hails, which have occurred since the second half of May, dangerous flooding situations have developed in the area of **Sofia, Lovech, Targovishte, Veliko Tarnovo, Vratza, Pleven, Rousse, Pernik, and Sofia District Regions**. The most intense rainfalls took place in Rousse - 106 l/m², Sofia 73 l/m², Veliko Tarnovo 43 l/m² and Pavlikeni 23 l/m². In addition, the Iskar, Vit and Osam rivers and their tributaries have raised their levels significantly up to 1.5 -2.5 m resulting in overflowing their banks at numerous places. In the affected regions, at the dams of "Studena", "Jovkovtzi", "Al. Stamboliisky", the water levels have arisen significantly up to the level that requires controlled release of water. In the above-mentioned 9 regions, over 50 municipalities are affected from the severe flooding situation. Furthermore, "Emergency situation" has been declared in the Rousse, Dve Mogili, Lukovit, Pravetz, Mezdra, Roman, Svoge municipalities, while "Crisis situation" has been declared in the Sofia capital municipality. No casualties have been reported.



3.2. The floods have caused the following damages:

- Basements of buildings have been flooded.
- The road and railway traffic has been interrupted and the telephone connections, electricity and water supply have also been damaged.
- In some regions landslides have occurred and the foundations of bridges are undermined.
- The asphalt coverings of the roads are damaged and great quantities of mud rocks have been covering the roads and railways.
- The roofs of many buildings are damaged.
- Farmland has been flooded.

4. Measures taken.

4.1. Triggering by the severe situation prompt measures were taken and the Emergency Plans for Rescue and Recovery Activities have been activated in the affected regions and municipalities. 24-hour-duty has been established in the Staff of the Standing Committee for Protection of the Population in the Cases of Disasters and Accidents to the Council of Ministers.

4.2. Units from the State Agency for Civil Protection, Ministry of Interior and Emergency Teams of Water-Supply and Sewerage, National Electricity Company, Regional Road Services, as well as private companies with personnel and equipment participate in the rescue and recovery activities.

5. **The following requirements for assistance have been identified:**

	Description	Effective Date	Unit
5.1.	High capacity diesel water pump, preferably 0,5 cm/sec.	As Soon As Possible (ASAP)	50
5.2.	Family tents	ASAP	500
5.3.	Outboard engine rubber boats	ASAP	30
5.4.	Sand bags	ASAP	50000
5.5.	Financial support		

6. Points of entry/border crossing:

- by air: Sofia International Airport
- by road/train: Kalotina, Kulata, Kapitan Andreevo
- by sea: to be confirmed by Bulgarian authorities

7. Delivery points to be confirmed by Bulgarian authorities.

8. The Operational Point of Contact at national level is as follows.

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9. Response co-ordination.

10.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed below.

10.2. The EADRCC is in close contact with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and Romanian Delegations to NATO.

10.3. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached the following ways:

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