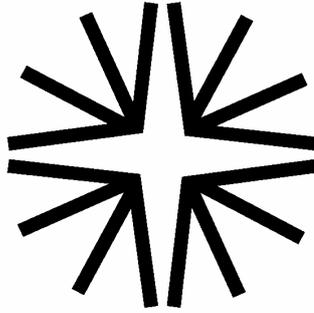


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**EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST
FLOOD JULY – BULGARIA**

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 19 July 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 : **July 2005**
Location of the Disaster : **Districts and regions of Targovishte, Veliko Tarnovo, Shoumen, Stara Zagora, Rousse, Haskovo, Bourgas, Vratska, Silistra and Lovech**

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

3.1. After just starting to recover from heavy flooding in May and June continuous and heavy rains have been falling since the beginning of July. Their intensity was greatest in Gabrovo 140 l/m², Shoumen 115 l/m², Rousse 150 l/ m², V. Tarnovo 116 l/ m², the village of Aleksandrovo in Lovech Municipality – 159 l/ m², Targovishte 112 l/ m², Razgrad – 110 l/ m², Galabovo Municipality in the District of Stara Zagora– 194 l/ m². In some places the rainfall exceeded 300 l/ m². The most complex situation occurred in the Districts of

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Targovishte, Veliko Tarnovo, Shoumen, Stara Zagora and Rouse and some municipalities in the Districts of Haskovo, Bourgas, Vratza, Silistra and Lovech.

3.2. The Rivers Iantra, Kamchia, Russenski Lom and their subsidiary streams sharply increased their level and overflowed their riverbeds.

3.3. **“State of Disaster”** has been declared on the territory of the whole District of Shoumen (Veliki Preslav, Varbitza, Kaolinovo, Smiadovo and Novi Pazar Municipalities); in the Antonovo, Targovishte and Popovo Municipalities, the District of Targovishte; the villages of Rissimenovo, Liubenovo and Trojanovo the Radnevo Municipality, Stara Zagora District, Rouse Municipality, the villages of Bessarabovo, the quarter of Sredna kula, Dolapite, the western industrial zone in the town of Rouse, the Tzenovo Municipality, the villages of Tzenovo and Dolna Studena in Ivanovo Municipality, the villages of Tabachka, Cherven, Koshov, Kresen, Bojichen, Nisovo and Svelenik.

3.4. 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.

3.5. 30 municipalities suffered the most severe damage:

- Destruction of 21 bridges;
- Damage to 23 bridge constructions;
- Damage to 15 water-supply pipes;
- Activation of 48 landslides;
- Collapse of 34 support walls;
- Damage to 16 gutters;
- Damage to 16 pump stations;
- Breaches in 4 dam walls;
- Breaches in 99 dikes.

3.6. A total of 6.300 buildings, out of which 4.300 were private residences, are damaged by the floods.

3.7. 176 houses are completely destroyed, 396 are rendered dangerous or unfit for living, i.e. 1.716 people are left without shelter. Their number continues to grow.

3.8. Approximately 3.200.000 people live in the stricken areas of which more than 2.000.000 are directly affected, among them 35.000 children under or at the age of 16.

3.9. The damage Bulgaria suffered from the flood amounts to approximately 150 million leva. Damage to the railway infrastructure alone exceeds 50 million leva.

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4. Measures taken.

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.

Urgent measures have been undertaken to the purpose of overcoming the consequences from the floods. Even at the moment teams continue with the drainage works, the removing of the earth masses and fallen trees from the roads and ways and the building of temporary dikes in the endangered locations.

Additional forces of the State Agency "Civil Protection" from the regions, which have not been affected, have been relocated to the affected areas. Triggered 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.

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

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity
5.1	Motor pumps for dirty water with a set of hose pipes and 25 - 100 l/sec capacity	ASAP	150 sets
5.2.	Plunging pumps for dirty waters – electric, with a set of hose pipes and 10 - 20 l/sec capacity (monophase)	ASAP	100 sets
5.3.	Portable 6-8 kVA electricity aggregates	ASAP	50 sets
5.4.	Rubber boots	ASAP	100 pairs
5.5.	Protective clothes for working in water	ASAP	600 sets
5.6.	Outboard engine inflatable boats	ASAP	30 sets
5.7.	Sleeping bags	ASAP	1.000 pcs.
5.8.	Rescue jackets	ASAP	600 pcs.
5.9.	Cable traction device - 3 – 5 tons	ASAP	60 psc.
5.10.	Food products and water	ASAP	for 10.000 people
5.11.	Tableware items	ASAP	for 2.000 people
5.12.	Tents	ASAP	for 2.000 people
5.13.	Mattresses, blankets, bed sheets, pillows and pillow cases	ASAP	for 10.000 people
5.14.	Sanitary materials (soap, washing and rinsing materials, toilet paper)	ASAP	for 10.000 people
5.15.	Towels	ASAP	for 10.000 people
5.16.	Manual Motor Lanterns	ASAP	30 pcs.
5.17.	Chemical toilets	ASAP	100 pcs.
5.18.	Disinfecting substances	ASAP	10.000 liters
5.19.	Hepatitis vaccine type A	ASAP	100.000 doses
5.20.	Antibiotics	ASAP	100.000 tablets

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6. Points of Entry:

- 6.1. Border crossing point KALOTINA
- 6.2. Border crossing point VRASKA CHUKA
- 6.3. Border crossing point DUNAV MOST
- 6.4. Border crossing point KAPITAN ANDREEVO
- 6.5. Border crossing point KULATA
- 6.6. Border crossing point DURAN KULAK
- 6.7. PORT BOURGAS
- 6.8. PORT VARNA
- 6.9. SOFIA AIRPORT
- 6.10. CENTRAL SOFIA RAILWAY STATION

7. Delivery point:

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8. The Operational Points of Contact in Bulgaria are as follows.

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9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. 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.

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

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

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