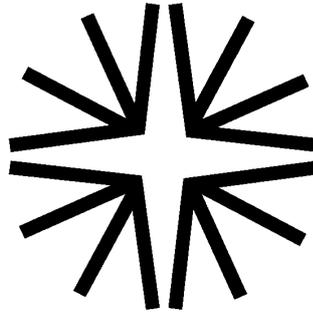


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**EADRCC Situation Report N°3  
SEVERE SNOWFALLS IN ALBANIA  
(Latest update in BOLD)**

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1. General Situation.

Type of the Disaster : Massive Snowfalls  
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : beginning of 2012  
Location of the Disaster : Northeast and Southeast of Albania

**1.1. The weather situation is improving and higher temperatures have predominated. The temperature will be increased by 2 – 3 degrees, in some parts snow has gradually started to melt down and more rainfalls expected for 22 February 2012.**

**1.2. Regional collecting centres of state reserves in Kukws, Puka and Dibra were supplied with food, blankets and other means.**

**1.3. Qark of Shkodra, Kukes, and Diber have 4 main roadways are blocked.**

2. Initial Assessment of the damage.

**2.1. Presently 13 communes are isolated (Shkodra Qark – 6, Qark of Kukës – 4, Qark of Dibër – 3). The most affected communes are Lura Tropoja and Dukagjin.**

**2.2. The weather conditions enabled the opening of many schools and educational institutions. In the region of Puka, which was one of the most affected areas, all educational institutions are open and apart of a few in Tropoja, Dukagjin, and Librazhd Region the rest of them are open. Many private enterprises are back in business.**

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2.3. Even though electricity supply has improved throughout the area, a few communes are still experiencing electricity power supply shortages, due to the rise of electricity consumption and problems with the mains line supply.

2.4. The Council of Ministers declared a state of emergency in the North-East and East part of Albania.

3. National resources available for disaster response and measures taken.

3.1. National, regional and communal emergency headquarters of Civil Emergencies have been set up and have intensified their activity due to harsh weather conditions. Fire and rescue service, emergency medical teams, police and special forces, helicopter units, regional support brigades and army are engaged in rescue, evacuation and other emergency activities.

3.2. Army helicopter wing has conducted **15 missions** transporting food supplies, clothes, heaters and most needed equipments **in Dukagjin and Tropoja**. Heavy snow clearing machinery has worked on opening **4 motorways**.

3.3. An account for financial assistance from donor countries will shortly be opened by the Ministry of Finance.

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

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
4.1.	MEDEVAC helicopters	asap	2	TBD
4.2.	Heavy machinery on snow-cleaning and road repairing	asap	3	TBD
4.3.	Off road vehicle	asap	10	TBD
4.4.	Snowmobile	asap	15	TBD

5. Assistance provided by EAPC nations:

**5.1. The Helicopter MD-902 was sent by Luxembourg. It is due to arrive on Tuesday (21 February 2012) and will be operational on Wednesday. Crew: 1 pilot, 1 technician and 1 medical staff.**

6. Points of Entry:

6.1. Air - the International Airport of Tirana.

6.2. Sea - the Port of Durres.

6.3. Land lines of communication- Cross border point of Muriqan, Cross border point of Kakavija, Cross border point of Qafe Thana.



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8. Response co-ordination.

8.1. 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 above and below.

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