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EADRCC Situation Report N°4
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. **Minimal temperatures have risen by a moderate 2 degrees and in remote regions the snow is gradually melting.**

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

2. Initial Assessment of the damage.

2.1. Presently **9 communes** are isolated (Shkodra Qark – 4, Qark of Kukës – 4, Qark of Dibër – 1).

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.

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.

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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 **1 rescue missions in Qark of Shkoder and 1 transport of food supplies.**

3.3. **Dumpers, graders, and retrofitted trucks have worked on opening the blocked motorways. So far Qafe Mali – Qafe Shllak and Qafe Mali – Fierze are the only national axes blocked in Qark of Shkoder. In Qark of Kukes only Pac – Qaf Luzhe – Sopot is blocked and in Qark of Diber the communal road to centre of Lura commune is blocked.**

3.4. 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 has arrive from Luxembourg and began to work. 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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