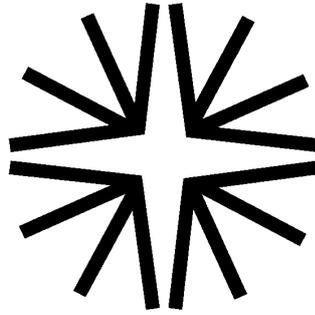


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**EADRCC Situation Report N°8
SEVERE SNOW STORMS in MONTENEGRO
(Latest update in BOLD)**

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1. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Snow Storms in Montenegro
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : During the initial weeks of 2012
Location of the Disaster : Central and Northern parts of Montenegro

1.1 The snow cover in central and northern part of Montenegro still reaches up to 1,5 meters.

1.2 Due to sporadic snow storms and avalanches there are periodical interruptions of land communication in Northern Montenegro. However, the main routes from the capital to the north and routes in the south are operational.

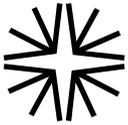
1.3 According to the weather forecast, in the following days, the situation is expected to stabilize, due to partly cloudy and mostly dry weather, small chances of precipitation in the following days.

1.4 On 27th February the Parliament of Montenegro has lifted the State of Emergency which lasted since February 12th.

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

Current top priorities are: supplying of population with food, drinking water, medicines and fuel. These operations are carried out by the Ministry of Interior, the Armed Forces,

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the Police and volunteer services. All these operations have been run by the Emergency Management Sector that is a part of the Ministry of the Interior.

3. The following assets for international assistance are still needed:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
3.1.	Tire chains for snow blower	asap	50 sets	TBD
3.2.	Snowmobile	asap	5 vehicles	TBD
3.3.	Medical all road vehicles	asap	10 vehicles	TBD
3.4.	Diesel fuel	asap	100.000 liters	TBD
3.5.	Heating Oil	asap	100.000 liters	TBD
3.6.	Plastic sheeting to cover greenhouses of 300,000 square meters (AD or IR film thickness of 200 microns, width of 9 meters for one-third of the required film and of 14 meters width for two-thirds of the film)			

4. Assistance provided by Allies and Partner Nations:

4.1 Greece has sent a Search And Rescue (SAR) helicopter in response to the Montenegrin Authorities request for support, in order to participate in the efforts to confront the difficult situation due to the heavy snowfalls. The SUPER PUMA Helicopter departed 13 February 2012 afternoon. The first mission took place on 14th February 2012 and includes: transfer of staff(16 persons), rescue operation(2 persons) and distribution of supplies. The helicopter has been redeployed to Greece on 17 February 2012.

4.2 Slovenia has sent a Helicopter (type Bell 412) with 4 crew and 3 mountain rescue personnel to Podgorica, Montenegro to assist with rescue operations, food distribution and medical assistance. Altogether, the Slovenian Armed Forces Helicopter recorded 15 flight hours and transported 83 people, of which five were injured, as well as 2,850 kg of cargo (food, water, medicines and other basic necessities). The helicopter has been redeployed to Slovenia on 17 February 2012.

4.3 Israel has sent 72 boxes with tents and blankets. The shipment left Israel on 20 February and reached Podgorica on 22 February 2012.

4.4 The Republic of Croatia (Ministry of Defense and the National Protection and Rescue Directorate) sent one helicopter with 2 rescue teams on 17 February 2012 to Montenegro together with 36 pairs of tire chains as specified below:

- Tire chain ALT 70 , 12,00 R20 – 8 pairs
- Tire chain ALT 68 , 11,00x20 – 19 pairs
- Tire chain ALT 68 , 295/80R22,5 – 3pairs
- Tire chain ALT 83 , 10R22,5 6 – 1 pair
- Tire chain ALT 94 , 16,9x28 – 5 pairs.

The Croatian helicopter left Montenegro on 21 February.



The United States of America is deploying 2 Black Hawk Helicopters for emergency medical evacuation and for transportation of cargo and more than 40 crew members arrived to Montenegro on 22 February 2012. Since 23rd till 27th February the US Helicopters operated totally 19 flight missions with 13.350 kg Medevac and 23.400 kg Transport weights. The US Government has also donated \$ 100,000 to the Red Cross of Montenegro. Half the money will be used for the purchase of snowmobiles. The remaining \$ 50,000 donated in OFDA funds to the Montenegrin Red Cross for Humanitarian aid supplies will be used for the purchase of most necessary means for living for the population located in the areas affected by heavy snow. Additionally the US through EUCOM donated \$10,000 in Humanitarian relief funds for items such as shovels, wet weather gear, skis and boots. **On February 29 the U.S. helicopters delivered cattle feed and 200 kitchen and toiletry kits provided by USAID via the Red Cross to the local communities in the Northern municipalities Berane and Andrijevica. And with that the helicopters finished their missions in Montenegro. The remaining taskforce will leave on 2nd March 2012.**

4.5 On 16 February the French government decided to immediately approve 10.000 euros and thus contribute to evacuation actions of the population.

4.6 The Spanish Civil Protection Directorate has offered assistance with equipments listed below:

Nº	Quantity	Item	Description	Characteristics / capacity
1	250	Blanket	Acrylic	160x220 cms. 100% Polyester
2	50	Blanket	Acrylic	140x190 cms. 100% Polyester
3	50	Folding bed	Aluminum frame.	190x66x40 cms. Weight 5,6 kg
4	25	Folding table	Metallic frame.	140x80 cms.
5	100	Sleeping bag	Polyamide/cotton	Fiber 300 gr./m2
6	3	Air Heater	Electric & diesel engine driven	65.000 kcal/h
7	5	Air Heater	Electric & diesel engine driven	35.000 kcal/h
8	3	Air Heater	Electric & diesel engine driven	25.000 kcal/h

The offer has been accepted by Montenegro.

4.7 The Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for Development Cooperation, is arranging and funding transportation of relief items offered by the Spanish Civil Protection Directorate from Spain to Montenegro. **The consignment is planned to be loaded at the Spanish Civil Protection School on Friday 2nd March between 15:00 and 16:00 hours (local time) and will reach the capital of Montenegro on 7 March latest.**

5. Points of Entry:

5.1 Air - the International Airport Golubovci in Podgorica is reopened and operational. The International Airport in the town Tivat at the seaside is also operational. The land line communication from Tivat to the Capital is passable.



5.2 Sea - the Port of Bar. The land line communication from the Port to the Capital is temporary passable.

5.3 Land lines of communication can be used for delivery having in mind that train connection and main land routes are operable. Any land movement should be coordinated with POCs given below.

6. The Operational Point of Contact in Montenegro can be reached in the following ways:

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7. Response co-ordination.

7.1. 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.

7.2. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the European Union MIC has been informed by the same communication.

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

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