



Russia

Geneva, 17 July 2019

SITUATION		
<p>In the evening of Tuesday the 25 June 2019, the region of Irkutsk in Russia, was heavily flooded. From June 25 to July 1 various areas of Irkutsk region in Russia and neighboring regions were hit by long heavy rains. The maximum amount of precipitation fell in the Western, Southern and Central territories of Irkutsk region: here in three days the amount of precipitation reached from 1.5 to 4 month averages. The current flood in the Irkutsk region broke the record highs both in terms of the level of precipitation and the water level of rivers that flooded the banks. Heavy rains led to the rise of rivers, specifically the tributaries of the Angara river which rose by 10-14 meters, much higher than the critical mark. According to officials, more than 37 thousand people have been affected to date, including more than 7,000 children; 25 persons were killed, 11 are missing; 410 hospitalized; and 2,563 were evacuated. 110 settlements and cities were flooded, 48 sections of roads were covered by water, and 20 bridges were damaged. About 6,700 houses were flooded or swept away. In seven districts of the Irkutsk region, a state of emergency was declared, with three of them (Tulun, Nizhneudinsk, and Taishet) almost completely flooded.</p>		
NEEDS		
<p>The floods have put the region in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: safe shelter and basic non-food items and safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure.</p>		
X	safe shelter and basic non-food items	
X	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure	
<p>The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.</p>		
STAKEHOLDERS		
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>		
X	National government	Organization of evacuation; creation and supplying of temporary accommodation centers; transportation and distribution of water, bread, food; organization of medical care. Beginning clearing of blockages; pumping out of water; renewal of communication, supply of electricity and infrastructure. Beginning of vaccination of affected people and disinfection of private houses, public buildings and infrastructure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	Not present
<input type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Not present
X	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	The Russian Red Cross is providing humanitarian aid to the victims, including shoes, dishes, hygiene. First cargo arrived on July 13.
X	Military presence	Providing equipment, engineers and soldiers to clear debris and repair damaged infrastructure. Provision of transport for the delivery of rescue teams and humanitarian aid to flooded areas. Providing water, bread, canned food and hot meals to the victims.
X	National NGOs	Collecting money, clothes, food and household items for the victims. Help in finding relatives.
X	Civil society groups	Collecting money, clothes, water, food, hygiene and household items for the victims. Collecting books, textbooks, school supplies, toys etc. for children.

X	Faith based groups	The Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) from the very first days of the tragedy has been actively involved in the organization of emergency assistance to the victims. Local parishes, dioceses, Church organizations and volunteers are involved. In the city of Tulun, the worst affected by the disaster, representatives of the Church organized a humanitarian aid center and the delivery of water, bread, hygiene and clothing. Contacts are maintained with local authorities, Emercom, NGOs; lists of the most needy are compiled. In the parishes of the Irkutsk diocese, funds are collected to assist flood victims.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Not present
X	Host communities	Provision of housing, food and clothing for victims.
X	Affected communities	Evacuation from the flood sites; try to save some property and documents. Search for relatives and friends for temporary accommodation. Desire to return to the flooded houses to save the remaining property and to prepare for the early coming cold autumn (heating season starts in these areas in September).

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by EMERCOM (Ministry of emergency situations). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (regional coordination meetings) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

X	ACT Alliance, through its member Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), has been working in Russia since 1994, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods
X	ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
X	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in kids hygiene and beddings and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
X	The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to access the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) to provide hygiene and bedding to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to WASH and NFI.
X	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing kids hygiene and bedding kits to 1,400 affected persons in the coming weeks.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Director of Operations, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)

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