

FLOOD RELIEF INTERVENTION IN OLT COUNTY

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FLOOD RELIEF ACTION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Country: Romania
Disaster: Floods, July, 2005
Area of Intervention: Olt County
Romania
Period of Intervention: 4 July – 31 August, 2005

I. DISASTER HISTORY AND INTERVENTION JUSTIFICATION:

The new floods registered in July 2005, produced very important material damage in over six counties located in the Southern part of Romania: Olt, Dolj, Teleorman, Giurgiu, Arges and Valcea

Olt County is one of the most affected area together with Teleorman.

Over 3,000 houses were affected and 250 destroyed, 10,000 hectares of arable soil have been flooded and over 2200 drinking wells have been polluted, from six communes in Olt County. The floods damaged or destroyed nearly 7 bridges and footbridges, just as many kilometers of national, county and communal roads, as well as schools, kindergartens, medical units, telephone and electrical power lines, according to data collected by WV staff with local authorities. Four people deceased and a child is missing.

II. WORLD VISION INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND RELIEF INTERVENTION

In Olt County, the communes of Serbanesti, Crimpoia, Schitu, Movileni, Icoana and Potcoava were most heavily affected with water destroying homes, property, belongings and gardens as well as village and community infrastructure. Some villages are still under the water.

According to the data provided by the Prefect of Olt County (Mr Octavian Popescu) and also the preliminary information collected by World Vision Romania staff, in Serbanesti, Crimpoia, Schitu, Movileni, Icoana and Potcoava, Olt County, the situation is:

	Communes – Olt County					
	Serbanesti	Crimpoia	Schitu	Movileni	Icoana	Potcoava
Houses flooded	650	400	368	150	725	595
Houses damaged	100	300	–	106	–	–
Houses destroyed	–	60	46	80	25	38
Drinking wells damaged	550	370	–	–	695	670
Hectares of arable soil flooded	1000	1100	112	–	125	–

Schools, Kindergarten, Medical Unit, damaged	X	X	X	X	X	X
National, communes roads flooded	X	X	X	X	X	X
People deceased	3	-	1 and a child is missing.	-	-	-
Houses evacuated	-	1500	136	-	-	-
Bridges and footbridges destroyed	-	5	-	-	2	-

World Vision Romania (WVR) had identified urgent assistance needs in the affected communities that could be fulfilled through emergency relief interventions on the following items:

1. Basic food (rice, sugar, oil, canned meat, canned vegetables, powder milk and water)
2. Blankets, beds, mattress
3. Clothing
4. Sterilization tablets and vaccines
5. Building materials
6. Individual Hygiene kit

World Vision Romania staff has previous experience in relief operations. Together with local authorities and community members WV Romania will conduct additional field assessments including the risk of epidemic due to high numbers of dead animals floating on the water.

III. PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

As already stipulated in the Award Contract by USAID, World Vision Romania will provide emergency commodities and services. The commodities may include but are not limited to water, personal hygiene kits, and food supplies, as well water purification kits and portable gas stoves to the affected area of Serbanesti, Crimpoia, Schitu, Movileni, Icoana and Potcoava, Olt County.

World Vision Romania will closely cooperate and interact with the representatives of local authorities, institutions (Mayor Offices, Community Halls, Prefect Institution, Local Health Department, Child Protection Department, Police and Gendarmerie, Fire Brigades, churches, schools, kindergartens) and community members.

Based on initial assessments and discussions with locals community members, the objectives of World Vision Romania flood relief intervention is to:

- To respond to the needs for basic resources that will support the communities in the post flood trauma ensuring ability to carryout personal hygiene care, to be able to have access to cooking facilities and hot food.

- To have blankets for sleeping and to store clean drinkable water in uncontaminated environment.
- To enable the community to sanitize existing polluted water.
- To enable the community to provide emergency shelter to those whose homes are badly damaged and under repair.

1. Micro-Project Locations

The project activities will be established based on 1) field information that is collected and analysed; 2) interactions and coordination with the representatives of the local authorities, institutions and community members. Based on this information World Vision Romania will establish project micro-locations.

2. Preparation of Assistance Specifications to be Provided

Based on detailed field assessments, exact specifications and quantities of assistance to be provided will be determined. The specifications will be divided into:

- a. Provision of Individual Hygiene Assistance kits.
- b. Provision of Household Assistance kits.
- c. Provision of Village Assistance kits
- d. Allocation of Emergency Shelter materials.

See **APPENDIX A** attached for the breakdown of items per each kit.

3. Tendering Process

Based on the quantities and specifications of assistance to be provided, solicitations will be issued to local companies and offers to be collected. The most price effective offers bidders will be selected and respective contract signed.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

World Vision Romania institutes the appropriate management and oversight the assessment of affected areas and distribution of commodities and services to be provided to the selected micro project locations.

5. Implementation Plan and Reporting

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World Vision Romania institutes the appropriate management for relief intervention.

Actions taken:

- Responsible persons are displaced in relief positions within organization as per WV Romania procedures.
- The initial field assessment of the affected area is made
- The first relief track is sent to the affected area
- Products specification list is established. (**See Appendix A**)

Summary of further actions to be taken

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- Advertising and relief procurement procedures will establish as to comply with USAID purchase stipulations and WV Romania internal procedures.
- Potential partners for free and rapid advertising of the relief intervention are contacted. WV Romania web site will mention the relief intervention supported by USAID – Romania.
- Information and notification documents of the necessary relief commodities to be purchased are prepared to be sent to potential offertory in order to send quotations to WV Romania.

World Vision Romania continues to assess field needs.

Actions taken:

- World Vision Romania maintains the contact with local authorities and establishes the necessary commodities.
- A second relief track is sent to the affected area

15 July –15 August 2005

- WV Romania will advertise the procurement process financed by USAID – Romania.
- WV Romania will send information and notification documents to potential offerors in order to send quotations to WV Romania.
- WV Romania will select quotations, arrange delivery documents, terms and payments for the selected companies to deliver the commodities in to affected areas or WV Romania main warehouse.
- WV Romania will plan transportation of commodities into affected areas
- WV Romania will plan possible storage and distribution to the people from to affected areas.

10 July –15 August 2005

- WV Romania and local agencies will distribute the commodities to the people from the affected areas according to a proposed distribution schedule developed in partnerships

01 August –31 August 2005

- WV Romania a will provide to USAID Romania an article suitable for publication in appropriate Romanian and/or international media
- WV Romania a will provide to USAID Romania the Program final report.

V. CRITICAL ISSUES AND/OR POTENTIAL BARRIERS

- Low participation of offerors
- Lack of commodities on the market
- Slow process of bank transfer payments
- Local disputes between people in the affected area regarding the entitled persons to receive the humanitarian assistance.

Appendixes:

APPENDIX A- Humanitarian Assistance Requested Commodities List

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**Humanitarian Assistance Requested Commodities
List**

No.	Description	Product Information	Number of pieces / Kit	***Total quantity	Observation
Village Assistance Kit					
1	Sterilization tablets	Sterilization of water sources CHLORINE - Effervescent	600		1-Technical documentation to be attached to the quotation 2 - Use Instruction in Romanian
2					
3					
Household Assistance Kit					
1	Blankets, beds, mattress		250		Regular size
2	Clothing		800		According of the field survey
3	Water plastic tanks	10 L	1	100	
4	Rubber Gloves		Pairs	500	
5	Rubber boots (up to knee or hip)		Pairs	100	Could be a combination of both equal percentage
6	Torches		1		
7	Dishes (plastic or metal plates, deep ones)		1		Field evaluation will provide the needed number for displaced people
8	** Basic food (oil, sugar, others, canned food, vegetable, fruits)	One pallet for each item	1	800	
Individual Hygiene Assistance Kit					
1	Soap	100 G	1	500	
2	Detergent	Bags 1,5 KG	1		For hand wash or non-automatic washing machines
3	Toothpaste	75 ML	1	500	
4	Tooth Brush	Medium size	1	1000	
5	Sanitary Alcohol	Plastic bottles 0.5 L	1	300	

* Will be purchased locally as there is single provider and special transportation requirements

(Recommended countries of origin for the products: USA and Romania) ** food quantity is going to be purchase in accordance with local needs *** Total quantity will be established based on an additional field assessment

