



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

"FLOODS – 2014"

Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

The heavy rainfall in Eastern Croatia from 13-15 May 2014 has caused large-scale flooding with a subsequent collapse of transit routes and evacuation of the local population. In three days the precipitation levels have exceeded the average for three months. The historic water levels flooded homes forcing approximately 15,000 people to evacuate their homes to safe areas, and taking two lives. About 36,000 people in Croatia are currently endangered by the floods. Over 17,000 school children are currently unable to attend school. More than 100,000 homes, 230 schools, businesses, roads and railways were washed out by the flooding in the region; subsequently Croatia has also taken in temporarily displaced citizens from neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The affected municipalities in Croatia include: Gunja, Drenovci, Đurići, Račinovci, Rajevo Selo, Strošinci, Soljani, Posavski, Podgajci, Bošnjaci, Županja, Štitar, Babina Greda, Vrbanja. The following numbers of residents have been affected by the floods from these towns:

- Gunja (5,033 residents)
- Rajevo selo (1,407 residents)
- Strošinci (696 residents)
- Račinovci (982 residents)
- Drenovci (3,049 residents)
- Đurići (418 residents)
- Pos. Podgajci (1,568 residents)
- Bošnjaci (4,653 residents)
- Županja (13,775 residents)
- Štitar (4,262 residents)
- Babina Greda (2,608 residents)

The most effected cities and municipalities are: Slavonski Brod, Municipality of Oriovac, Municipality of Slavonski Šamac, Municipality of Oprisavci, Municipality of Okučani and the wider area of Županja. The integrity of the landfills surrounding Županja, Topola, Bošnjaci and Gunja are still threatened.

Current situation

On 20 May, on the proposal of the director of the National Protection and Rescue Directorate, the Croatian Government declared a state of emergency for the area of Vukovar-Srijem County, which was hit by floods along with four other Counties.

The National Protection and Rescue Directorate has been appointed as the national coordinator of immediate relief and assistance coordinating inter-ministerial and agency task force. All governmental bodies have contributed assistance within their sector-specific issues.