



It is estimated that over 4,000 officials and an even larger number of volunteers have been activated directly in activities related to rescue and protection.

The Croatian Government has approved a programme of communal public works in order to contribute to the rehabilitation from the consequences of flooding.

In a coordinated effort, the Ministry of Social Policy and Youth, with the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Defence collected humanitarian aid from citizens and have already sent over 250 truckloads of assistance as well as monetary and psychosocial assistance to evacuated families.

As of 22 May, the water level is stagnant or has started to recede. All available forces for protection and rescue activities continue to work on strengthening the existing and in building new dikes, sharing food and water for vulnerable populations, rescuing survivors and disposing of animal carcasses. The situation remains complex due to landslides and road damages. State and local authorities are engaged in on-going evacuation efforts.

An analysis of the current situation in affected areas has begun, including a breakdown of necessary of activities and tasks for the forthcoming period was performed. The most complex situation is still in the Vukovar-Srijem County.

Even though water levels have begun to recede there is a fear of new disasters since the area is contaminated with landmines and other exploded remnants of war. Due to the flooding the landmines may have been dislocated outside the previously marked locations, which make the subsequent clearing and the reconstruction of the flooded areas even more delicate and dangerous. The cleaning of landmines in two municipalities of Gunja and Vrbanja is estimated at the cost of 4 million euros. Together with experts from Bosnia and Serbia, Croatia will establish a Joint Commission to find a regional solution for this sensitive issue.

In general, at this moment we have the capacities to address the immediate humanitarian relief needs in Croatia for food, shelter and medical care, as well as provide assistance to the neighbouring countries. However, we anticipate that in the medium- and long-term there will be a gap between the immediate relief and subsequent rehabilitation, reconstruction and development.

#### **Needs analysis:**

Detailed assessment reports are still being prepared. However, most of the affected municipalities and the initial analysis highlight the following key priorities for the flooded areas.

#### **Immediate short-term needs:**

- Food and non-food items;
- Safe drinking water and hygiene items;
- Blankets, Linen sheets, Mattresses;
- Rubber boots;
- Plastic utensils and plates;
- Water disinfectants;