Reporting period: from 26/27 February 2013

Situation Overview

• As result of intensive rain falls from 24 February 2013, a significant part of the territory of the country is flooded. The following regions are severely affected:
  o The Strumica Region (municipalities of Strumica, Vasilevo, Bosilovo and Novo Selo) is most affected and approx. 80% of the territory of the Strumica Valley is under water. In Dabile region, more than 100 houses are flooded and almost 80% of Murtino is flooded which is approx. 400 – 500 houses;
  o The hard hit area is part of the city of Kumanovo called Sredorek populated with Roma community and with more than 60 houses under water. Due to the flooding from Kumanovka River, 585 Roma citizens were evacuated to 2 sport halls in Kumanovo;
  o Situation in Sveti Nikole is the worst in this region. Not only are the villages flooded, but also the city itself. More than 200 houses are flooded in the central area of the city. From the surrounding villages 30 people are evacuated to the school facility in Sveti Nikole;
  o Stip – Central areas of Novo Selo were flooded with more than 30 houses under water. 81 Roma citizens from the Klanica settlement were evacuated in the Municipal Hospital;

Map for location of floods in the country
- **Human losses**: One person in the Municipality of Staro Nagoricane lost his life due to floods.
- **Evacuated population**: approx. 940 people (evacuated mainly in school premises and sport’s halls). Age and sex disaggregated data to follow.
- **Demolished bridges**: Strumica (Raborci – Popcevo road), Vasilevo (Susevo – 3 bridges), Radovis (Pokrajevo and Zleovo), Veles (Nogaevci – temporary bridge collapsed);
- **Dams**: Slatino – Municipality of Debrca (collapse of the body of the dam due to the high level of water) and Pisica – Municipality of Probistip (collapse of the body of the dam due to the high level of water);
- **Disruption of education process**: According to information provided by UNICEF partners on the field, pre-school/school institutions are closed in the city of Stip. In the municipality of Novo Selo, the school is flooded. Update on the situation in other affected areas to be provided additionally;

**Humanitarian Needs and National Response**

- The National Crisis Management Center (CMC) has requested coordination meeting with the UN Disaster Management Team to discuss potential support of the UN system in the country;
- According to preliminary reports of the National Crisis Management Center, immediate humanitarian assistance is provided by the government, local municipalities and national partners (Red Cross) with food and non-food items (mattresses, blankets, bed linen, food etc.) as required;
- Disruption in water supply is significant and affects major cities in the region. Situation should be monitored closely, as it can affect a larger population;
- No consolidated or formal request for humanitarian assistance has been submitted to the UN;
- All municipalities coordinated their response with the relevant municipal force, fire fighters, and teams from the Protection and Rescue Directorate (PRD), local construction companies, municipal organizations of the Red Cross, coordinated by the CMC;
- The Government activated the Coordination body consisted of the Vice President for Economy, Ministers of Transport and Communication, Interior, Agriculture, Education and Health, directors of the CMC and the PRD;
- UN system has no presence on the field in the affected areas. Rapid health assessment will be conducted by WHO in the next two days, jointly with the Institute for Public Health and the Regional Center for Crisis Management;

**UNICEF Response**

- Coordination with the National Crisis Management Center on the need for timely delivery of emergency items donated by UNICEF and listed below:

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• Coordination with the National Institute for Public Health on distribution of water purification tablets (donated by UNICEF 5 years ago);

**NOTE:** water purification tablets are with expired date (08/2012). Regional institutes are still using them (as per information provided by the National Institute). UNICEF informed the National Institute for Public Health that they should not use the water purification tablets beyond the expiry date. Supply and distribution of these items is considered critical and highly important at this stage. As a last resort, UNICEF can bring water purification tablets from other offices in the Central Asia countries. However, UNICEF suggests government partners to explore availability and purchasing at the local market, as a more efficient and cheaper option.

• Coordination of the UN Disaster Management Team Group for coherent and coordinated response by all UN agencies in the country.

**Other UN agencies**

• WHO coordination with the National and Regional Institutes for Public Health on rapid health assessment;

• UNHCR monitors distribution of emergency items donated to the National Red Cross (incl. mattresses, blankets, parcels with hygiene materials, sleeping bags, kitchen sets)

**Next steps**

1. Monitoring of WASH distribution;
2. Continues follow up on the developments by Emergency Officer;