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ROMANIAN RED CROSS DISASTER MANAGEMENT



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Romanian Red Cross

Non-governmental organization,
specialized in training emergency assistance in
case of disasters.



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TERITORIAL STRUCTURE OF RRC

Nr. branches RRC = 47

Nr. sub branches RRC = 526

Nr. active volunteers RRC = 6531



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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The DP goal for the Romanian Red Cross

is to be able to assist a 10,000 possible victims of a disaster

The components of the Response Programme to Disasters:

- Human resources
- Material resources
- Financial resources
- Logistics
- International support



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RESOURCES

Human resources:

34 intervention teams
in case of a disaster .



Gender structure and age of the volunteers:

57 % are females

43% are males

53 % up to 30 years old



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Intervention teams

Evaluation Team

First aid Team

Prophylactic measurements Team

**Food
preparation/distribution
Team**

Social assistance Team

Logistics Team



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Material resources:

1 central warehouse

Bucharest

6 zonal warehouses

5-6 branches/warehouse

47 warehouses equipped with basic items to respond to the needs of 50 possible victims.

Material resources: 300 tents, clothes, footwear, sleeping bags, barrack equipage (blankets, bed linen, mattresses, foodstuff) and hygienic parcels covering the needs of approx. 10,000 potential victims of a disaster.

Cars: 63

Trucks: 2



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Logistics:

- first aid kits
- stretchers
- protection equipment
- means of transport and vans
- 3 means of transport of high capacity for materials
- 7 field vehicles
- 9 field kitchens
- 7 water purification units of high capacity



Financial resources:

- a special fund for purchasing in emergency phase the basic foodstuff and mineral water;
- 35 special funds of the RRC county branches;
- emergency appeals for the population and companies.

International support:

Pursuant to the Emergency Appeal launched and in full observance of the Code of Conduct for intervention in case of disasters, the RRC acts for diminishing the effects of the disaster and for saving lives.

The international emergency appeal is launched only if the internal response capacity is fulfilled.



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The county committee for emergency situations meets to assess the effects of the disaster and inform the national committee for emergency situations on the decisions and measures taken.



System of action

When a disaster strikes, after the emergency phase the members of local committee for emergency situations meet to assess the effects of the disaster (human and economical), inform the county committee for emergency situations and media on the situation and act.



The national committee for emergency situations takes into account all the information received and coordinates the activity in order to alleviate the effects of the disaster.



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The Romanian Red Cross is represented in all the committees for emergency situations (at the county level - the RRC branch director and at the national level – the DM coordinator) and acts through specific methods

1. Mobilize **the people in charge** with the training for intervention in case of disasters.

2. Mobilize the **volunteers** in the intervention teams and for first aid rendering.

3. Make available **the logistics** they have (first aid kits, stretchers, protection equipment, water purification units, field kitchen).



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4. Pursuant to the Emergency Appeal **make available** the basic items: tents, clothes, footwear, blankets, mattresses, bed linen, sleeping bags, basic foodstuff, hygienic materials, disinfectants.

5. There are organized **camp**s for the **victims** where people who lost their homes or people left without living resources are accommodated. In these camps the volunteers in the intervention teams provide the following services:

- reception
- registration
- first aid
- social assistance
- accommodation and meals
- psychological support



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In the last years, heavy snow falls affected about 35% of the territory of Romania, their effects being catastrophic for the population living in those areas.



The RRC responded immediately and in 2013 the emergency operations were carried out by the RRC from its own resources, and for the post disaster phase the RRC launched the DREF appeal to replenish the stocks used and to develop short and medium term assistance projects.



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Normative Framework

General principles

The reduction of disasters effect strategy is a global present and future challenge, which needs the involvement of all human communities, with all their efforts.

Emergency situation in case of disasters management, by its complexity, has as a main requirement the optimum organization, sustained by a concrete process of potential risk evaluation and response assurance in case these situations appear.

Emergency situation management is carried out through:

- **Prevention and training measurements for interventions**
- **Urgent and operative intervention measurements after the release of the dangerous phenomena**
- **Further intervention measurements for recovery and rehabilitatee**



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Normative framework / 1

- **The intervention in case of disasters detachments, are established, organized and are operating for the insurance of fulfillment of the main support functions regarding the disaster prevention and management, established for the Romanian Red Cross National Society task, through the in force legislation.**

- **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

Government decision nr **548 from 21st of may 2008** regarding the approval of the National Strategy of communication and public information for emergency situations:

Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 21/2004 regarding the National System of Emergency Situation Management, approved with modifies and notes by the Law nr. 15/2005

Law nr. 481/2004 regarding civilian protection, with subsequent modifies and notes

Law nr. 307/2006 regarding fire defense

Emergency Ordinance of the Government regarding the establishment, organization and operation of public community services for emergency situations, approved with modifies and notes by the Law nr. 363/2002, with subsequent modifies and notes

Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 1489/2004 regarding the organization and operation of the National Committee for Emergency Situations, with subsequent modifies and notes



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Normative framework / 2

- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 1489/2004 for the framework regulation approval regarding the organizational structure, attributions, function endowment of the committee and operative centers for emergency situations.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 2288/2004 for the approval of allocation of the main support functions, which are insured by the ministries, the other central bodies, and the non-governmental organizations regarding the prevention and managing the emergency situations.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 20/1994 regarding the measurements for the seismic risk of the existing construction reduction, republished.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 1854/2005 for the approval of National Management of flood risk Strategy.**
- **Ordinance of the Intern Administration and Environment Ministries nr. 638/420/2005 for the approbation of the Regulation regarding the management of the emergency situation produced by floods, dangerous climatic phenomena, hydrothehnic constructions and accidental pollution.**
- **Ordinance of the Transportation, Construction and Tourism and Intern Administration Ministries nr. 1995/1160/2006 for the approbation of the Regulation regarding the prevention and management of specific emergency situations of seismic risks and/or landslides.**



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Normative framework / 3

- **Ordinance of the Transportation, Construction and Tourism, Intern Administration and Education and Research Ministries nr. 1508/2058/2006 for the achievement and implementation in the educational system of the anti-seismic education National Program of students.**
- **Ordinance of the Transportation, Construction and Tourism, Intern Administration nr. 171/319/2007 regarding some measurements for population warning from the areas exposed to seismic risks.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 804/2007 regarding the control over major accidents dangers in which are involved dangerous substances.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 762/16.07.2008 regarding the National Strategy of emergency situations prevention.**
- **Emergency Ordinance of the Government nr. 741/09.07.2008 for the approval of the Regulation regarding the management of emergency situations generated by a civil aviation accident.**
- **The Law of the National Society of Red Cross from Romania nr. 139/1995**
- **The Law nr. 524/2004 with modifies and notes on the National Society of Red Cross from Romania Law nr. 139/1995**
- **The National Society of Red Cross from Romania status**



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According to the 2288/2004 decision, in the prevention and management of emergency situations, The Romanian Red Cross has the following attributions:

- **1. Granting premedical first aid**
- **2. Assuring the drinkable water, preparation and distribution of food for the evacuated and affected persons**
- **3. Assuring the accommodation for the evacuated persons**
- **4. Granting of psychological assistance**
- **5. Helping at the evacuation of the persons, population or personal endangered belongings**
- **6. Helping in the prevention of mass illness diseases**
- **7. Helping in the logistics of the intervention**
- **8. Helping in the rehabilitee of the affected area**



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Lessons learnt

- **Maintaining well stocked warehouses throughout the country is essential.** Having relief items stored in warehouses near areas where disasters frequently strike reduces the logistical problems and means that vulnerable people receive aid quicker. That is why the Romanian Red Cross is interested to replenish its warehouses with blankets and bed linen, clothes and footwear.
- Even in a country often affected by disasters like Romania **unexpected events can happen.**
- There is a **weak communication system at the national level**, thus the coverage by media of RC operations and activities is not satisfactory.
- The branches should **increase their intervention capacities.**



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It's time for a question



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