



Flooding in Ukraine

after the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam

The destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam in the Kherson region caused by explosions on the morning of June 6th has caused severe damage in the region and continues to exacerbate the tense situation in southeastern Ukraine.

As of 7th June, according to UN-OCHA (Ukraine - Humanitarian Impact and Response, last update), 40 to 80 settlements have been completely or partially flooded, leaving approximately 16,000 people homeless. More than 2000 people have been evacuated from Kherson Oblast to one of the neighboring areas (mainly Mykolaiv and Odesa). However, the majority is fleeing within Kherson and this is expected to continue. In the city of Kherson, people are being housed in public facilities.

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SITUATION IN THE AFFECTED AREAS

In total **40,000 people are affected by the flooding**, including through the destruction of agricultural land.

According to the current situation, the Ukrainian Ministry of Agriculture expects **10,000 hectares of agricultural land to be flooded**.

The **drinking water supply** in the flooded areas is also **at risk**. According to the city's mayor, the only pumping station for drinking water in Mykolaiv has been flooded. All other **water sources are contaminated with metals and silt**.

There is a **danger that landmines will be washed up by the floods and explode**.

Humanitarian forces have been mobilized throughout the region to stabilize the situation.

Water bottles and purification tablets for water have been distributed. Within war-affected communities (displaced and non-displaced individuals), there are many people in vulnerable situations (pregnant or lactating women, people with disabilities, elderly people and people with a chronic illness/disease). For these people, the floods are a huge additional burden and evacuation is difficult.

In the coming days and hours, the pressure of the water masses is expected to cause further collapse of the dam, which would lead to more flooding.

There is little information on the situation in the Russian-occupied territories on the eastern bank of the Dnipro River. However, it is assumed that around 25,000 more people are at risk from the flooding.

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

According to the information on needs gathered, the **intervention in the concerned areas necessitates** three types of support:

- Support of rescue teams and rescue of people
- Direct financial assistance to victims
- In kind WASH assistance to victims

ChildFund Deutschland and WeWorld teams are in the field to support children and women. ChildFund Deutschland and WeWorld are collecting funds from existing and new donors to respond to the urgent needs.

CHILDFUND MEMBERS IN UKRAINE

Since the beginning of the Russian aggression, an **estimated 17.6 million people in Ukraine are in need of humanitarian assistance**. Especially in the frontline areas in the east and south of the country.

The war has had many disruptive consequences for the population, heavily **compromising access to basic services and enhancing protection risks**. The massive collapses and damages to critical infrastructure, especially in the areas under Russia's temporary military control, have left the population without housing or proper housing, with no electricity and water supplies, living in unsanitary conditions. In this context, **people are exposed to different risks including shelling, armed violence, and contamination from landmines and ordnance**.

ChildFund Deutschland has been working in Ukraine since 2014 and WeWorld since March 2022, both organizations provide humanitarian aid. **ChildFund Deutschland and WeWorld teams are in the field to support children and families**. Both organizations are working to create new possibilities to respond to the increasing humanitarian needs. Thanks to the support of several ChildFund Alliance members and institutional donors, the **emergency interventions since February 2022 have reached more than 110.000 beneficiaries** (children and women, IDPs, People in Need, Returnees).