

Bulgaria needs your help now

A call for help following the recent floods in Bulgaria

Background

The tragedy in the Balkans has struck this time Bulgaria.

Last week torrential rains and floods equivalent of a month's rain hit Bulgaria, killing at least 12 people, cutting off electricity of tens of thousands of people, blocking roads and sparking evacuations.

As a consequence, many people lost their homes and many others are currently left without electricity, potable water and food.

In central Bulgaria, firefighters had to evacuate people from the roofs of their houses in Kilifarevo. Thunderstorms and heavy rains flooded roads, damaged houses and schools in several cities and villages.

The situation in several areas is alarming. A state of emergency has been declared in the northern Black Sea coastline as well as in a number of towns and cities across Central and Northeastern Bulgaria, including [Varna](#), [Shumen](#) and in [Veliko Tarnovo](#). (more detailed information on the following links).

Unfortunately there is still an impending risk of floods due to the rise of the levels of the rivers and water reservoirs in the mentioned areas.

How you can help ?

Currently there is an urgent need for financial aid in order to reconstruct the houses of the affected families in Varna, Dobrich and Shumen. Donations can be sent to the Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF)'s bank account of the organisation:

Bank details :

UniCredit Bulbank

IBAN: BG50 UNCR 7000 1520 9423 89...

BIC: UNCRBGSF

Name : Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF)

Reason : floods 2014

You can also make donations on the bank account of the Municipality of Varna, one of the affected cities :

Varna Municipality

Central Cooperative Bank –Varna branch

IBAN: BG49 CECB 9790 8462 1500 00

BIC: CECBBGSF

Payment Type Code from outside Bulgaria - 44 52 00

Payment reason: "For the victims of the disaster in Asparuhovo Region" or "Damages recovery from the disaster in Asparuhovo"

Please note that the money will be collected in the most transparent way and there will be a report on the way the money is spent.

For the spending of the money sent to the Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF), please find more information on the following website <http://www.bcaf.bg/en/> or contact the person in charge of the campaign in the foundation on the following mail address: elitsa@bcaf.org.

If you have any questions, concerning the collect of money in the Council, please, contact Yoana Pavlova on the following mail address yoana.pavlova@coe.int.