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Post-Disaster Needs Assessment in Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi oblasts: findings and recommendations

Executive summary
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Within the framework of the “Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery in Ukraine” project, UNDP Ukraine in 2021 conducted an interim Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) in Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi oblasts, that were most affected by flash floods of 2020 in western Ukraine.

The main purpose of the given report is to provide information to whom it may concern on the key findings and solutions to the needs and issues, that were identified during the assessment of the post-flood pending needs across various sectors, in particular disaster risk reduction. The methodology followed in preparing this report included completion of a specially developed PDNA form by relevant regional authorities, meetings, both online and in situ, with regional and local authorities as well as field visits to the most affected communities, where the project team met with representatives of such communities and inspected some of the hydrological and riverbank protection facilities in a critical state.

The primary focus of the report is to inform about the pending recovery needs of the regions and how to strengthen their resilience to this type of disasters in future. A recovery phase, where these regions are today due to flash floods of 2020, has been used as a unique opportunity to identify needs and measures required to ensure resilient recovery that should integrate a Disaster Risk Reduction approach and its “Build Back Better” principle.

The PDNA found that:

- only about 34% of recovery needs of the most-affected Ivano-Frankivsk oblast have been covered fifteen months after the flash floods of 2020 in western Ukraine;
- the pending restoration works at 63 facilities in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast still require UAH 84 million (app. USD 3 million);
- the planned scope of recovery works in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast over the next three years requires app. UAH 3.5 billion (app. USD 1.3 billion);
- residents of 6 villages (app. 13 000 people) in Chernivtsi oblast still remain without gas supply at the doorway of the winter season 2021;
- the approximate cost for enhancing Flood Early Warning System in both Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi oblast is app. USD 800 thousand;
- the approximate cost for improving the level of disaster preparedness and response capacities at regional and local levels of both regions is app. USD 15 million.

In the context of climate change with increasing frequency and intensity of weather extremes, investment in disaster risk reduction and strengthening resilience to climate-related hazards, among which are floods, is a prerequisite for sustainable development of the country.

Recommendations outlined in the report touch upon the issue of inefficiency of flood protection measures, need for improving level of disaster preparedness and response capacities, need for enhancing Flood Early Warning System, need for dealing with the issues of an ineffective compensation mechanism for housing destroyed because of flooding and a lack of insurance scheme for property at risk of flooding. Addressing these problems is expected to enhance resilience to climate-related disasters, which in turn is a shared goal of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development.

The report with its findings might be of interest to partners among humanitarian and development actors, academia representatives, central executive and legislative authorities dealing with the issues of civil and environmental protection, hydrometeorological observations, regional development and social policy.
