



UKRAINE

Disaster Response Project: Odesa Oblast

Disaster Context

In November 2000, an ice storm hit the Odesa region of Ukraine. Freezing rain caused the formation of ice on power poles and trees, which collapsed under the added weight. This destroyed or damaged many buildings and vehicles, left hundreds of communities without electricity, injured 740 people and killed six.

Project Title

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Sector

- Social

Funding

The Italian Government contributed 250,000 Euros.

Partners

- Ministry of Emergencies
- Italian Government

Programme Activities

Hundreds of orphans and elderly persons were presented with warm clothes, shoes, mattresses, and blankets. Medicines and vitamins were sent to orphanages, hospitals, and homes for the elderly. Various locations received construction materials, power generators, and needed appliances.

Later, a second joint mission including representatives from UNDP, the Italian Embassy in Ukraine, the Ministry of Emergencies, and the media visited sites in Odesa Oblast. This was not only to make final contributions to the project, but also to draw attention to the cooperation and teamwork that allowed it to meet the needs of the people so successfully. The Ukrainian press visited affected sites to find out how children, the elderly, doctors, nurses, and electricity supply workers benefited from the project. It was the common opinion of journalists

that the UNDP initiative for this opportunity was a good model for the presentation of future projects to the Ukrainian public.