



## COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL

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Dear SMTP Partners,

Due to the heavy rains at the end of June and early July, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsy regions in Western Ukraine and parts of Moldova have been hit by heavy flooding, affecting over 236 villages and more than 77,000 people.

The severe flooding has caused serious damage to homes, infrastructure, electrical equipment, and livestock throughout Western Ukraine. Large amounts of crops have been destroyed, affecting current and future economic growth and food security. According to the International Federation of Red Cross, the severe weather has caused flooding to more than 1,000 homes, and damaged 1,841 hectares of agricultural land, 36 highways, and 16 bridges. A total of 58,014 km of roads have been washed away. The two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsy were also the worst affected regions by the massive floods in 2008 and these areas still have not fully recovered after the disaster.

In Moldova, the continuous rains and flooding have directly affected over 12,000 people. A total of 3,183 houses in several districts have been flooded and several thousands of people have been evacuated. A national emergency has been declared by the prime minister who has appealed to international governments and organizations to assist in responding to the situation.

We invite all SMTP partners to assist in responding to this disaster by sending humanitarian commodities that will provide long-term and sustainable help for the people that have been affected by the flooding in Western Ukraine and Moldova. The immediate needs of the affected people include food, household items, bedding, clothing, hygiene items, and medical supplies. If you do not have a consignee in Western Ukraine or Moldova, we can assist you in locating a reliable partner in these regions. Please note that assistance provided in response to this announcement will count towards your annual container allocation.

If you are interested in responding to this humanitarian crisis or have any questions, please contact Senior Director, Rang Hee Kim at [rhkim@counterpart.org](mailto:rhkim@counterpart.org) - (703) 236-3290; or Program Manager, Meta Menning at [mmenning@counterpart.org](mailto:mmenning@counterpart.org) - (703) 236-3294.

We appreciate your willingness to provide support for the welfare of the people who were affected by this disaster.

Sincerely,

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