The authorities are continuing interventions to prevent flooding risks following the heavy rainfall on May 22



The authorities are continuing the permanent interventions in the Călăraşi, Străseni and Ungheni districts in the context of the heavy rainfall recorded on May 22 and the massive accumulations of water produced against the background of the continuous leaks from the hill areas and the cascading water basins.

The large amounts of precipitation that fell in a short period of time generated a significant pressure on the Ichel River, on the protection dams and the 7 cascading lakes in the area of the village of Bularda. Currently, the situation is influenced by the continuous accumulation of water and the possibility of increasing the flow from the direction of the Călăraşi district downstream, there is a danger of flooding in certain localities located in vulnerable areas. In the context of the existing risks in the vicinity of Luncilor street in the city of Străseni, the authorities constantly monitor the evolution of the situation and carry out operative assessments in real time throughout the night. If necessary, by 05:00 on May 26, the General Police Inspectorate and the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations are prepared to carry out the preventive evacuation of the population from more than 20 homes located in the risk area. The decision regarding the evacuation will be taken in accordance with the evolution of the operational situation and the evaluations carried out in the field. The population in the risk area is informed by the authorities regarding the existing situation and the measures that can be applied. (UPDATE: Following ongoing monitoring and assessments by field teams, evacuation of the population was not necessary.)

The authorities constantly monitor the evolution of the circumstances and continue interventions to reduce risks. The situation is managed through the Crisis Cell coordinated sectorally by the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations which will establish a permanent field camp in the affected area during the night with the direct involvement of several national and local institutions. The National Crisis Management Center ensures the integration of information and inter-institutional coordination at the national level.

about 180 employees and about 45 technical units of the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, the General Police Inspectorate, the State Road Administration, the State Enterprise "Moldova Railway", local public authorities and private operators, involved in intervention, monitoring and risk reduction work, are active in the affected area.

The emergency services in the territory are prepared to intervene promptly to support the citizens in case of need, and the authorities maintain permanent communication with the population of the targeted localities regarding the existing risks and the necessary measures for their safety.

in order to prevent additional risks for citizens, traffic in the area of the bridge under the railway in Străseni is temporarily restricted/blocked, until the situation is stabilized and safety conditions are fully restored. National police are directing traffic to an alternative route.

in the field, the work of fortifying the dikes with sandbags, the execution of controlled discharge trenches and the permanent monitoring of the water level continue.

The authorities ask citizens to:
- to avoid non-essential travel in the affected areas;
- to comply with the instructions of the police and the intervention teams in the field;
- show increased attention in the vicinity of rivers, bridges, dams and water basins;

in case of risk or emergency situations, citizens are encouraged to call Service 112 and follow the instructions of the competent authorities.

The institutions involved continue interventions and monitoring activities to maintain the safety of the population and prevent the situation from worsening.

