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PRESS RELEASE

Regional data-collection update

text ► Last week we have gathered and analyzed information and projections about current regional situation regarding recent flood. Special emphasis was given to the possibility of national representative surveys in the near future in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia and our projections so far refer to period til the end of July 2014.

We have gathered relevant field information on municipal level in each country and tagged municipalities that have been affected by situation. Our analysis of gathered information from the field and public population data has shown, that in **all three countries nationally representative data collection is possible even if data collection in some municipalities won't be fully accessible in next two months.**

Situation in Croatia

In Croatia the situation is almost back to normal since only some municipalities have been flooded, meaning that in total less than 1% of Croatian inhabitants have by affected by recent floods.

County	All inhabitants of the region	Inhabitants living in affected municipalities	% of inhabitants of particular county
Brodsko-posavska county	158.017	13.374	8%
Vukovarsko-srijemska county	179.763	14.791	8%
Sisačko-moslavačka county	172.089	2.750	2%

Hence, nationally representative sampling is fully feasible in Croatia and only minor sampling adjustment are required in 3 mentioned affected counties and out of those in particularly in Vukovarsko-srijemska county that has been the most affected (both in terms of population and infrastructure).

Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Although media coverage on this subject is weakening, it is important to emphasize that a life in affected areas haven't been stabilized yet. In some municipalities, damages are still encountering and people are trying to recover their homes and provide basic living supplies, being still in the state of shock. In some towns, public institution buildings, hospitals, shops, telecommunications are slowly recovering as well, though there is no exact forecast on the development in this subject. Some of the regional roads are still closed, but main, magisterial roads are open.

People who live in non-affected areas are still trying to help to those in needs, but their interest is slowly decreasing. Humanitarians organization are still involved in help.

Hence, according to our projections, about 20% of B&H population won't be accessible for data collection in next two months due to more sever impact of floods.

	% of inhabitants	total inhabitants
not affected by flood	52%	1.980.863
affected by flood, but life is going to normal again	28%	1.059.636
municipality in colaps - data collection not possible in next two months	20%	773.976

(More detailed tables of situation in particular municipalities could be available on request).

- Federation of B&H:
 - only Posavina Canton, representing 1,1% of total B&H population, is heavily affected and data collection thereis not recommended (feasible) soon. The surveys will alternatively be conducted in neighboring Tuzla Canton which was also affected though not as severely.
 - Municipality Maglaj in Zenica-Doboj Canton is in total collapse, but it's possible to find replacing municipality within same Canton.
 - The rest of Federation has no problems for representative sampling.
- Republic of Srpska
 - Floods caused worse consequences there and Doboj region is severely affected (55% of the region is in collapse). However, due to population density, data collection will be possible in not affected areas.
 - Bijelina and Zvornik region are affected though replacing municipalities from the same region are available.
- District Brčko is in total collapse.

Situation in Serbia

Situation in Serbia is almost back to normal and only in the most affected areas / settlements a “elementary disaster situation” is still in act. In some of those affected areas normal life is expected to be established within days, while in others full-recovery might be completed in the next two months.

	% of inhabitants	total inhabitants
not / less affected by flood	90%	6.492.876
partially affected by flood, but life is going to normal again	6%	457.141
data collection not possible in next two months	3%	230.378

(More detailed tables of situation in particular municipalities could be available on request).

However, since replacement municipalities are available even in affected regions, nationally representative sampling is feasible in Serbia.

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