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SEVERE FLOODING DESTROYS DIOCESAN SOUP KITCHENS IN KOSOVO

Recent flooding in Kosovo caused severe damage, depriving hundreds of families of their winter food reserves, livestock and homes. The overflowing waters affected many population points with a majority Serbian population.

Among the damaged properties were several Serbian Orthodox diocesan “people’s kitchens” that provided charity dinners for the poor, reports the Raška-Prizren Diocese of the Serbian Church.

Priests of the diocese have been sending constant updates to the diocese, “and the news is alarming,” writes the diocese.

In Prilužje, 50 houses, as well as yards, outbuildings, and stables were flooded. All firewood and coal, especially needed in the harsh winter months, were ruined. “The damage is extremely great,” states the diocesan communique.

The flooding also destroyed bridges and food supplies, including gardens, in

various areas. In central Kosovar villages, more than 150 houses with farms were flooded. In the village of Grabovac, three greenhouses supplying diocesan soup kitchens were destroyed, while in Prekovce, a ton of potatoes and all the arable land of the “people’s kitchens” were found under water.

“In this situation, it is very important to provide funds for the speedy removal of the damage to residential buildings, so people could return to them, and also to provide sufficient heating materials and feed for livestock, so the animals can survive the winter,” the diocese writes.

“We sincerely hope that people of good will will show fraternal solidarity and help the most vulnerable. We pray to the Lord that He will return good for good to those who will help the victims,” the diocesan appeal states.

Instructions for donating funds from abroad can be found here.

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