

THE LENA RIVER FLOWS 4,250 KM SOUTH TO NORTH THROUGH SIBERIA INTO THE LAPTEV SEA. IN THE WINTER THE RIVER BECOMES NEARLY FROZEN. IN SPRING, AS THE SOUTHERN END OF THE RIVER BEGINS TO MELT, BLOCKS OF ICE TRAVEL DOWNSTREAM TO THE STILL FROZEN DELTA, PILE UP, AND OBSTRUCT THE FLOW OF WATER. NEARLY EVERY YEAR, ICE GIVES RISE TO FLOODS ACROSS THE SIBERIAN PLAINS.

IN MAY 2010 OVER 40 VILLAGES WERE FLOODED.

2,963 HOUSES AND 173 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY SUBMERGED.

5,717 ADULTS AND 1,590 CHILDREN WERE URGENTLY EVACUATED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS SUFFERED FROM THE FLOOD IS OVER 9,000.

THE LOSS OF LIVESTOCK AND HORSES CONSISTS OF 2,335 ANIMALS.

THE SIZE OF UNUSABLE AND TEMPORARY UNAVAILABLE LAND AND HAYLAND IS VAST.

PRELIMINARY CALCULATED LOSS AND TOTAL DAMAGES AMOUNT TO 1.2 BILLION RUBLES (\$40,5 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS).

WHEN A RIVER TURNS INTO AN ENEMY STRANGERS BECOME FRIENDS

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