

United Nations Emergency Reserve in Tajikistan

Why UNERT?

Tajikistan is prone to frequent natural disasters like earthquakes, land and mudslides, avalanches, floods, droughts and rock falls. Empirical estimations indicate that annually Tajikistan experiences at least one medium-scale disaster that affects about 20,000 people and leaves several hundreds homeless.



While national and international agencies actively cooperate to prevent and prepare to natural disasters, their response capacity is hampered by lack of prepositioned emergency stocks ready for immediate distribution. Traditional response operations involving fund raising for and procurement and import of the emergency relief supplies normally take weeks and months before the assistance reaches affected population.

What is UNERT?

United Nations Emergency Reserve in Tajikistan was established back in 2007 as a stock of emergency non-food and shelter supplies, located in Kurgan-tube (100km south of Dushanbe), ready to be dispatched within 24 hours to the affected site at the funding agency's request.



The Reserve is functioning under the auspices of the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan and is administered by the UNDP office in Tajikistan.

UNERT currently maintains non-food and shelter items for about 7,000 people, including summer and winter tents, kitchen utensils, personal hygiene items, mattresses, blankets etc.



The Reserve is designed as a revolving stock meaning that the items can be released immediately based on the contractual commitment of a funds provider to replenish the released stocks in-kind or in-cash at a later stage.

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UNERT thus provides an opportunity to any agency in Tajikistan to respond immediately to any emergency reducing workload attributed to procurement and transportation of emergency items.

How it works

Any agency, operating in or outside of Tajikistan, has to channel its request for release of the emergency items addressed to the UN Resident Coordinator through UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme (react.dushanbe@undp.org or (+992 44) 600-5920, (GMT+5)), indicating the type and quantities of the items requested. Detailed list of the available items and their costs can be obtained from UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme at the above contacts.



UNERT tents used to erect a tent camp in Kulyab after floods in May 2012.

UN Resident Coordinator will make a decision on release and (optionally) UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme can organize transportation of the items to the indicated site and ensure transparent distribution based on the criteria set up by the donor.

At the request of a funding agency all major items (e.g. tents) can be marked with respective logos and visibility information.

The items can also be made available to a requester at UNERT warehouse in Kurgan-tube for further transportation and dissemination by a requestor.

Item	Quantity
Summer tents	360
Winterized tents	445
Heating stoves	75
Plastic sheeting (3m*4 m)	9,900
Personal hygiene items (towels, soap, tooth paste and brushes etc)	13,300
Jerry cans and buckets	2,560
Family kitchen sets (bowls, frying pans, knives spoons etc)	230
Kitchen utensils	22,700
Mattresses, pillows, beddings (set)	2,200
Blankets	10,182
Clothes/sweaters	890
Shoes	1,900