

Monitoring & Early Warning Report – Summary

February 2014



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NATURAL HAZARDS

In February 2014 there is a high risk of disaster due to snowfall, frost and avalanches and there is a low risk of floods and mudflows.

WEATHER

Temperatures in February 2014 will be 1 to 2⁰C above the norm countrywide. Monthly average precipitation is expected to be above the norm in Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), above and within the norm in Khatlon Province and below the norm in Sughd Province.

ENERGY SECURITY

Electricity generation in January 2014 increased by 1.8% compared to December 2013. The level of water in Nurek reservoir was 10.75 meters lower compared to December 2013. In January 2014, 28.3 million kWh electricity supplied from Sangtuda-1 HPP to Afghanistan, 15.0 million kWh less compared to the same period of last year.

FOOD SECURITY

In Tajikistan wheat grain and flour prices remains favorable due to the availability of adequate supplies from local harvest and imports from Kazakhstan.

HEALTH

Upswing of acute intestinal infections remains high with the start of the seasonal spring, as in this period the protection function of the body is reduced (immunity).

MIGRATION

Cumulative annual out migration levels, as of January 2014, were lower compared to the same period of last year. January 2014 monthly labour migration totaled 62,879 people, 7.1 % less than in the same period of last year. This is due to the seasonal stop of active employment in Russia, because of the cold weather and the return of labour migrants home.

ECONOMY

For January 2014, GDP was 2,413.3 million Somoni (506.5 million USD). Industrial production increased by 1.7 % compared to the same period in 2013. Consumer price inflation was 3.6 % compared to January 2013. In January 2014 foreign trade turnover reached 397.2 million USD, which is 7.2 % less than in January last year. Exports totaled 70.7 million USD and imports reached 326.5 billion USD. The trade balance was negative and totaled 255.8 million USD.

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