





#### Committee of Emergency Situations & Civil Defense, ECHO and UNDP Tajikistan Project "Strengthened Disaster Risk Management in Tajikistan"

# Minutes of REACT Meeting October 05, 2011, UN Conference Hall

Chair: Major-General Abdusattor Khushvaktov, First deputy Chairman of the Committee of

Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners (Annex VII - attached)

#### 1. Introduction:

The Chairman of the meeting, General Abdusattor Khushvaktov opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He briefly went through the agenda and proposed to commence with the presentations according to it.

#### 2. Weather forecast for autumn and winter seasons of 2011 (Hydromet):

Ms. Parvina Saidjamolova from State Agency for Hydrometeorology of Tajikistan briefed the participants about the weather forecast for the autumn and winter seasons of 2011. She has mentioned the weather forecast has been developed for the period of October - December 2011 which was jointly developed by the Hydro meteorological Center of Russia. She briefed the participants about the average temperature and precipitation for the months of October, November and December of 2011 and their comparison with the year of 2010. The presentation also included information on required annual activities that should be carried out by the State Agency for Hydrometeorology of Tajikistan in regards to weather forecasting and early warning in close cooperation with Russian Center of Hydrometeorology. For more information, please, refer to the presentation as **Annex I**.

Mr. Sanginov Sangiboy, the representative of Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations asked about the comparison of precipitation with the year of 2010 and its percentage for the current year. He raised a question of the impact of lower precipitation to the agricultural sector of the country. Ms. Saidjamolova mentioned that the precipitation for the year of 2011 has been within the norms and there are no big risks of its negative impact to the agricultural sector of Tajikistan.

## 3. Food Security Monitoring System - Nutrition Data (WHO and WFP):

Ms. Khadicha Baimatova, from World Health Organization of United Nations informed the partners with a brief presentation about the food security monitoring system and nutrition data assessment conducted for the tenth round within the month of July of 2011. Nutritional data (anthropometric measurement and nutrition questionnaires) has been collected from 609 children under 5 years and 995 women 19-49 years old by the local Health Workers and staff of the Nutrition Center and Center for Pediatrics and Child Surgery of MoH and CSR of Zerkalo.. The presentation had statistical data on malnutrition percentage, growth of global acute and chronic malnutrition and data with the comparison of percentage with the year of 2009, 2010 and 2011. She also mentioned about the diversity dietary of children of the younger ages and the nutrition status of the women in the country. The results on nutritional status of women showed a decrease in the number of pre-obese (from 20, 0% to 13.9%), while the rate of obesity has increased slightly - 6,7% in August 2010 and 7,1% in July 2011. The percentage of underweight women is significantly increased from 7.7 % in August 2010 to 11.8% in July 2011. The presentation included a lot of other important statistical date derived from the assessment which can be found as an **Annex II**.

Mr. Alexandr Zuev, UN Resident Coordinator mentioned that the increase of percentage in underweight and other important data from the presentation is a challenging issue and should be raised among the donors to attract support in order to reduce its impact in development.

#### 4. Crop and Food Supply Assessment in Tajikistan for June - August 2011 (WFP and FAO):

Mr. Sanginov Sangiboy, representative of Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations briefed the participants about the Crop and Food Security Assessment for the period of July – August 2011. The presentation included data on the assessment findings and recommendations. The presentation included detailed information on key factors of crop harvest and food security in Tajikistan. He also mentioned about the comparison of the food and crop harvest including cereals, wheat, potato and others with past years of 2009, 2010 and current 2011. The presentation also included data on livestock and animal feed and the overall marketing table with the forecast. The

tables given at the presentation showed the difference in comparison with previous years and the total number of to be imported agricultural products for the year of 2011/2012. Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex III**.

Mr. Alexandr Zuev, asked for more information on the food and crop import from the neighboring countries, Kazakhstan and Russian (the main exporters of crop for Tajikistan) in the light of the overall increase of food prices. Mr. Sanginov mentioned that the quantity of food commodities (e.g. wheat) in neighboring countries (Russia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) is sufficient to satisfy the import needs of Tajikistan. In general, 20% of insufficiency of fooder for livestock has been observed comparing to the previous years as mentioned Mr Sanginov.

#### 5. Regional disaster response exercise in Isfara district, Sughd province (CoES):

Lieutenant-Colonel Rasulov F. from Committee of Emegency Situations and Civil defense under the Government of Tajikistan briefed the participants about the recently conducted practical disaster response training jointly with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyz Republic. The training was conducted in the province of Sughd, Isfara district on September 21, with the support of ACTED. According to Mr. Rasulov, the purpose of the training were practical cooperation and coordination with the chiefs of staff, civil defense services, formations and population groups in the border areas on cooperation in case of emergency situations of cross-border nature and to test the cooperation plans of civil defense. The training also included simulation exercises with the use of local decision making parts of the population. Major-General Khurshvakhtov Abdusattor mentioned that the training has been conducted within the frameworks of DIPECHO VI project by ACTED and in close cooperation with MoES of Kyrgyz Republic. The training was beneficial for both the local CoES offices in the districts of Sughd province, as well as other structures as civil defense, and other infrastructural institutions of the region. For more information about the conducted training and the achievements, please, refer to the presentation as an **Annex IV**.

## 6. PAMIR Project: Poverty Alleviation through Mitigation Of Integrated High Risk, (Hilfswerk Austria International):

Ms. Gulnaz Jalilova, representative of Hilfswerk Austria International briefed the participants about the project on Poverty Alleviation through mitigation of integrated high risks in Pamir area. She mentioned that the objectives of the projects were to generate and appraise knowledge on the linkages between environment, disaster risk and poverty in selected communities alongside the Pyanj river (Tajikistan/Afghanistan) and Trans Alay valley (Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic) to increase resilience of mountainous communities to geo-hazards and to provide a platform for negotiating strategies on integration of environmental sustainability into policies among stakeholders of all levels, creating awareness causes and effects of unsustainable environment and disseminating knowledge on efficient interventions. The current project is signed for 24 calendar months and with the joint partnership of FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance Tajikistan/Afghanistan, IAG BOKU and PF MSDSP of Kyrgyz Republic. As Ms. Jalilova mentioned, 100 villages (50 on Afghan and 50 on Tajik side) in Pyanj Valley with the estimated 42,000 people will benefit from the project. She mentioned that the project will have several expected results including increased awareness on linkages between environmental protection, livelihoods among political decision-makers and donor agencies through information sharing processes. For, more information on details of the project, please, refer to the presentation as an **Annex V**.

Ms. Takhmina Touraeva, UNDP, asked if the project has any collaboration activities with GIZ which is very active in GBAO region, and also inquired of the type of risk assessment methodology to be used to implement the above mentioned activities. Ms. Gulnaz mentioned that HWA has direct and indirect collaborations with GIZ who is also an active partner in the region and the project will be implemented utilizing risk assessment methodology by FOCUS.

## 7. Monitoring and Early Warning Calendar (UNDP DRMP):

Mr. Jamshed Kurbanov, UNDP DRMP, informed the participants about the newly develop Monitoring and Early Warning Calendar which can be tracked by individuals and partners in their respective organizations. The MEW Calendar was developed in order to keep track and identify the actions for the annual monitoring and warning of natural and social-economic hazards in Tajikistan. He mentioned that the calendar can be edited and each organization can put their respective type of social-economic and natural hazards. The calendar also included the addresses and the telephone numbers of all relevant organizations to which each organization in need would be able to reach. The calendar was distributed to the partners following the meeting and additional could be obtained if needed from UNDP DRMP Office as mentioned Mr. Kurbanov. For an electronic version of the calendar, please, refer to the **Annex VI**.

#### **Annexes:**

1. Annex I: Power Point: "Weather forecast for autumn and winter seasons of 2011 (Hydromet)"



2. Annex II: Power Point: "Food Security Monitoring System – Nutrition Data (WHO and WFP)"



3. Annex III: Power Point Presentation: "Crop and Food Supply Assessment in Tajikistan for June - August 2011 (WFP and FAO)"



4. Annex IV: Power Point Presentation: "Regional disaster response exercise in Isfara district, Sughd province (CoES)"





**5. Annex V:** Power Point Presentation: "PAMIR Project: Poverty Alleviation through Mitigation Of Integrated High Risk, (Hilfswerk Austria International)"





## 6. Annex VI: Monitoring and Early Warning Calendar (UNDP DRMP)"



Annex VII: List of participants, REACT Meeting, October 05, 2011

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