



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

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**Minutes of REACT Meeting**  
**24 May 2011, UN Conference Hall**

Chair: Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, Head of IMAC, Head of Staff, Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners (Annex IV - attached)

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**1. Introduction:**

Chairman of the meeting, Colonel Shomahmadov opened the meeting and noted that given meeting has been re-scheduled, due to the visit of delegation from Kyrgyzstan. Delegation is composed from representatives of different member-organizations of REACT in Kyrgyzstan and visiting Tajikistan to learn the experience of REACT in Tajikistan. Colonel Shomahmadov welcomed all the participants and the guests from Kyrgyz Republic

**2. Presentation on Locust Prevention measures in Tajikistan**

Mr. Jamshed Kurbanov, UNDP DRMP Project Analyst, representing Risk Monitoring and Warning System informed the participants about the locust prevention measures taken in the Republic of Tajikistan, under the leadership of Ministry of Agriculture. He mentioned that responsible representative from Ministry of Agriculture is engaged in the field works and therefore, was not able to participate at the meeting. However, all the information to be presented is provided by the Ministry and another representative of the Ministry, Mr. Fayzov Akram is present at the meeting and ready to provide additional information, if required. Mr. Kurbanov informed the participants that given interventions are fully supervised and led by the Ministry, however actual implementation of the measures are undertaken in cooperation and support of Local Authorities. The initiative has been implemented under the State Programme of Locust Prevention for 2011-2015. The programme was adopted by the Government of Tajikistan in October, 2010. The presentation mentioned the locust coverage for 2010, providing the details for all the regions of the county, including: GBAO, Sughd, Khatlon and Direct Rule District. Mr. Kurbanov informed that currently, mainly the chemical treatment of the locust infected lands is on-going and detailed information on the causes of the locust eruption as well as the hectares of lands which have been chemically treated to prevent the cause and the consequences of locust eruption. For more details, please, refer to **Annex I**.

Mr. Anvar Sabzaliev, UNDP DRMP Early Recovery Programme Officer requested to provide more clarifications on the results of the chemical treatment and inquiring if treated land can be considered as fully "locust free" land. Mr. Fayzov Akram from Ministry of Agriculture replied that chemical treatment has only annual effect and cannot guarantee the full removal of the locust from the infected lands.

Mr. Azamat Mambetov, a representative of the Kyrgyz delegation asked about the kinds of equipment used during the treatment and prevention of locusts eruption and if the aviation has also been utilized. Mr. Fayzov replied that only tractors and other necessary hand tools have been used during the treatment process.

Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, the Head of IMAC inquired if UN Food and Agriculture (FAO) is also involved in the process? Mr. Fayzov, replied that unfortunately he cannot provide any information on the given issue, however information on cooperation between Ministry and different international organizations can be obtained from the Ministry separately. He also mentioned that the Ministry has been cooperating with the bordering and the regional CA countries, like Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Armenia etc.

Mr. Fayzov also mentioned that only 30-40% percent of the initiative is implemented by the Ministry and the rest of the activities are carried out on local and regional levels.

**3. Coordination of Disaster Risk Management in Kyrgyzstan – REACT Kyrgyzstan**

The representative of the Kyrgyz REACT delegation, Mr. Meymanbek Chekirbaev, ACTED KR provided a brief presentation on DRM system and the REACT structure in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. Mr. Chekirbaev, provided a

general background about Kyrgyzstan and provided more detailed overview of the risk and hazards existing in the country. In addition, statistical data on frequency of the disasters for the last 10 years was provided as well. The statistics and the sides show that Kyrgyzstan is mainly vulnerable to seismic risk and to the risk of number of other natural disasters, including: avalanches, landslides, floods and other natural hazards relevant to the Central Asian region. The historical data indicates that most of the natural disasters are occurred in the southern part of the country (80%). Currently, number of DRR projects are being implemented in Kyrgyzstan by government and NGOs. Mr. Chekirbaev briefed participants about the joint government and UN project : "Enhancing the coordination of disaster response in Kyrgyzstan" and presented the general information about the project. South and North REACT groups are integrated part of the mentioned project. Mr. Chekirbaev provided detailed information about the structure, legal base, composition of the South REACT in Kyrgyzstan. For more details please refer to **Annex II**. He also, noted that both REACT groups in South and North are comparably new and still require improvement. The main purpose of the visit to Tajikistan of the delegation was to learn and compare the structure of REACT in Tajikistan.

Mr. Andy Baker, the Head of OXFAM GB, asked if REACT Kyrgyzstan was involved in responding to civil unrest occurred in country in 2010. The representative of the Kyrgyz Delegation mentioned that the REACT in the country was not the key mechanism for response in Kyrgyzstan and response operations were mainly coordinated and facilitated by UN OCHA, however REACT was involved in the process as well.

Ms. Gulchehra Usmonova from WFP, asked if any specific Early Warning System exists within REACT in Kyrgyzstan. Mr. Chekirbaev replied that general warning of the population in Kyrgyzstan is done through local authorities, local representations of the MoES, mass media. Also, he noted that traditional identification of the risks by local population (historical observations) plays a significant role in warning the population.

#### **4. Overview of Workshop on Cooperation Between Public and Private Sectors Towards DRR Initiatives (FOCUS):**

Mr. Malik Ajani from Focus Humanitarian Assistance provided a brief overview of the results of the workshop on cooperation between public and private sectors towards DRR initiatives. The workshop was held on April 12, 2011 in Khorog, GBAO and involved over 30 representatives of public sector and private businesses. The workshop was organized by FOCUS in frames of DIPECHO VI programme. The main purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness on the importance of partnerships in disaster risk reduction initiatives between public institutions in disaster management and private businesses. As one of the outstanding outcome of the workshop, Mr. Ajani highlighted the signature of at least two small-scale and PPPs towards DRR initiatives. For more details please refer to **Annex III**.

#### **5. Any other business:**

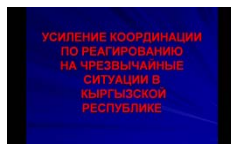
Mr. Islom Usmanov, from UNDP DRMP informed the participants that on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 a special seminar was conducted for representatives of key Ministries and Agencies responsible for implementation of the National Disaster Risk Management Strategy. During the workshop, the participants discussed the reporting format developed and proposed by CoES with the support UNDP and were trained on its actual application.

### **Annexes:**

#### **1. Annex I: Power Point: "Presentation on Locust Prevention measures in Tajikistan "**



#### **2. Annex II: Power Point: "Coordination of Disaster Risk Management in Kyrgyzstan – REACT Kyrgyzstan"**



**3. Annex III:** Power Point Presentation: "National Risk Assessment Methodology"



**Annex IV:** List of participants, REACT Meeting, May 24, 2011

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