



Minutes of REACT meeting

Kurgan-Tube.

4 May 2012

10:30– 11:30 Conference Hall of Khatlon Region CoES

Chair: Mr. Hotamsho Sharipov, Head of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan in Khatlon Province

Participants: REACT Kurgan-tube partners (Annex I)

Mr. Hotamsho Sharipov provided a general account of disasters happened during April month stressing that the month has been hectic since the beginning and as per the forecasts and his personal observations the situation might remain tense for couple of more weeks. As per request of CoES and local hukumats a state commission has been delegated to assess the volume of damage caused and to identify what actions must be taken to eliminate its outcomes and to meet the needs of population. The chairman mentioned that Mr. Rahmat Bobokalonov, Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of Tajikistan have been appointed as Chief of Staff to deal with emergency situations in Khatlon region.

Among the districts bearing the heaviest outcome of the disasters Mr. Sharipov mentined the following:

1. Muminobod district of Khatlon region where 175 households were partially damaged and a evacuation of some families is required due to the volume of risks they are subject to.
2. Village Tebalay where the over flooding of the river caused damage to 60 households and further flooding are expected due to the poor structure of the river dam and lack of proper coordination and prevention activities.
3. Kulyab town where 80 houses were flooded and the basement of some of the multi-store buildings are filled with debris and water.
4. Jilikul district where in Jamoat Garauti a flooding caused the death of woman and in the village of Gugai a bridge was washed away preventing 250 school children from attending the local school.

According to the chairman the high voltage power supply lines connecting Tajikistan and Afghanistan are also under threat in the number of areas and this issue was brought to the attention of the power supply company. The chairman noted that currently CoES has 180 tents in its possession and only 37 of these tents were distributed in Temurmaliq district. Additionally the government decided to provide people affected by the disasters with food items and in **Annex II** exact amount and locations where the assistance have been provided, is indicated. While asked by Anna Vinnechenko, from WFP, what are the criteria for families to be eligible to receive the food, Mr. Sharipov stated that those families whose kitchen gardens and food reserves were destroyed were selected as beneficiaries.

Anna Vinnechenko from WFP expressed her dissatisfaction with the current coordination mechanism of disasters stressing that it's absolutely vital to improve this coordination. She particularly emphasized that on number of occasions their office was reached from the locations where the disaster happened instead of a call from the Kurgan Tube headquarter of CoES. Despite that WFP representatives visited the areas called for assistance finding out that those areas do not need any food assistance. Anna also mentioned that in Temurmalik WFP after preliminary assessment decided to support 214 people with food assistance for the duration of 2 months.

Valijon Ranoev from UNDP DRMP also stressed the poor coordination among the REACT members in Kurgan Tube noting that in many cases responsible people do not respond to calls and emails. He also noted that considering the volume of disaster INGO's should be reached as they are not capable to respond to every small disaster which the locals can deal themselves.

Saidova Saodat from Save the Children briefly described how their office was reached by local authorities from Jomi District and they deployed a team for assessment. Representatives of RCST were present during the assessment who took some photos and the assessment team of Save the Children was not able to enter the village because of the flood. According to information provided to Save the Children 203 families were affected.

The next presentation was made by company called FAVZ with headquarters in Dushanbe. The company is well equipped with specialist and technical equipment and are providing disinfection, disinfestations and rodent control services.

Conclusions drawn

Thus the participants came to the following conclusions:

- All calls for assistance must be centralized and REACT Secretariat must receive calls from the Chairman of Kurgan Tube CoES or people delegated by him.
- CoES should liaise with RCST team and explain them that they should coordinate their actions with REACT members and CoES whether it's the case of deployment of staff of assistance.
- The list of RRT members will be double checked with all the relevant agencies and updated;
- WFP is ready to assist the affected with food items, should a need rises;
- REACT in Kulyab should be more proactive in participating disaster site visits and deploying RRTs
- RRT development trainings should be arranged.

Annex I:

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