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Tajikistan: Floods and mudslides

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 184,879 (USD 167,613 or EUR 129,833) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering immediate assistance to some 200 families (1,200 people) and to replenish emergency stocks. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: Torrential rains on 7 May, 2010 caused floods and mudslides in the southern part of Tajikistan. In total 10 districts were affected, including Vose, Muminabad, Temurmalik, Baljuvon and Shurabad districts and Kulyab town of Kulyab region, as well as Nurek, J. Rumi,

Yovon and Jilikul districts of Kurgan-tube region. According to preliminary data from the Tajikistan Red Crescent regional branches, the number of houses affected by the disaster in the two regions is around 1,097 houses (or 6,354 people), out of which 369 houses were totally destroyed and 384 houses partly damaged. According to official data from the government, some 16 people are reported to be killed by the floods, 40-50 people are missing, 40 people were hospitalized and 85 injured.

The National Society will assist the 200 most affected households through the distribution of basic non-food items to help them cope with the consequences of the disaster.

This operation is expected to be implemented over four months, and will therefore be completed by 11 September; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 11 December 2010).

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Evacuation of population in Kulob district. Photo: Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

The situation

As a result of heavy rains on 7 May, 2010 the southern part of Tajikistan has been affected by floods and mudslides. Some 10 districts in two regions of the country have been affected, with around 1,097 houses (with 6,354 inhabitants) damaged, out of which 369 houses have been totally destroyed and 384 houses

partially damaged. According to official data from the government, some 16 people were killed by the floods.

People from the affected areas have been evacuated by joint efforts of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (CoES), Russian military forces, the Tajikistan Red Crescent national disaster response team and local population.

Affected people are mainly hosted by their relatives and neighbours; some of them were evacuated to governmental buildings and mosques. The majority of displaced people were evacuated to the Kulyab town bus station.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has started providing first aid and psychosocial support through its national disaster response team.

The following districts have been affected:

District	Number of houses affected	Number of people affected	Number of houses totally destroyed	Number of houses partially damaged
Kulyab town	800	4,800	270	210
Shurobod	12	84	12	0
Temurmalik	37	140	20	17
Baljuvon	30	216	30	0
Muminobod	80	560	0	60
Dangara	21	126	4	17
Jilikul	13	95	13	0
J. Romy	24	152	4	16
Nurek	16	147	16	0
Yovon	64	384	0	64
Total	1,097	6,704	369	384

Source: Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

The country was already affected by floods in early April this year, when heavy rains caused flooding in around 18 villages throughout Tajikistan. The Tajikistan Red Crescent received a DREF allocation to support the response to this disaster in April and provided assistance to the 120 most affected families.

Thanks to the disaster management centres established in both Kulyab and Kurgan-tube regions with national disaster response teams composed of 12 trained people each and equipped with response equipments, tools, transport, communication and computers, the Tajikistan Red Crescent has been able to respond to this second flooding even though it occurred very soon after the previous floods. Besides national disaster response teams local disaster committees are established in each administrative centre and are ready to respond during the immediate aftermath of any disaster.

Coordination and partnerships

An operational point was set up immediately upon the call of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (CoES) on 7 May in Kulyab and Kurgan-tube regions. Local authorities, the Red Crescent branches with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), CoES branches, the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT)¹ secretariat and Russian military forces have responded to the disaster by evacuating people to safer places and cleaning houses, roads, conducting needs and damage assessment, rendering first aid and psychosocial support.

¹ REACT is a local disaster management coordination mechanism between the government, UN agencies, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

On 7 May 2010, two coordination meetings initiated by the CoES of Kulyab district were conducted together with representatives of the Red Crescent Kulob branch, WFP, UNDP and INGO Oxfam, the hukumat² chairman and local authorities.

The assessment of the situation and the needs of the affected people has been initiated by CoES in close cooperation with the local authorities, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and REACT members. Beneficiary lists are being prepared so that relief assistance could start.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan have mobilized eight local disaster committees and two national disaster response teams (in total 160 trained staff and volunteers) in the affected areas for conducting situation assessments and providing first aid and psychosocial support as well as relief assistance to the people in need. They have been also assisting people in the evacuation activities.

The disaster response coordinator and the emergency officer from the headquarters of the National Society have been supporting the response activities.

Since there was more need for support of the Kulyab national disaster response team in its disaster response activities, five national disaster response team members from the Kurgan-tube Red Crescent branch were deployed and sent to Kulyab to support the response operations in the affected areas.

The Dushanbe city national disaster response team is on standby and ready to be deployed to the affected areas in any time.

Non-food items including tents for 40 households were transported from the disaster preparedness stock in the Dushanbe central warehouse to Kulyab district. 10 households will be provided with tents and non-food items from the warehouse in Kurgan-tube. At this very first stage of the response activities, in total 50 households will be provided with tents and non-food items including beddings, kitchen utensils, hygiene kits, and water storage facilities like jerry cans and buckets.

Needs assessments are ongoing, and meanwhile the Tajikistan Red Crescent is also mobilizing its resources for response activities.

Based on the information gathered through the situation and needs assessment the National Society disaster response team is preparing distribution lists together with the local authorities. The immediate needs of the affected population are mainly for shelter and non-food items, such as bedding sets, blankets, quilts, hygiene kits, water storage facilities and kitchen utensils.

By early morning 9 May a Red Crescent tent camp was set up near the bus station in Kulyab town and 50 households were moved to the camp. Two first-aid points and an operational point was set up in Kulyab town stadium where a tent camp for 200 families was set up by other REACT partners.

The needs

According to the preliminary data collected by CoES and the Red Crescent regional disaster response team the basic needs of the affected people are for shelter and non-food items. Out of the 1,097 affected households in the 10 districts, the Red Crescent Society is planning to assist the 200 most affected households (1,200 people) with basic non-food items from its emergency stock. The table below gives an overview of the relief items planned to be distributed to the families.

² District government.

Items to be distributed to the most affected households

District	Number of families targeted	Tents	Tarpaulins	Blankets (pcs)	Bed-linen sets	Mattresses	Pillows (pcs)	Construction tools (pcs)	Water cans	Water purification tablets	Buckets	Cooking sets	Hygiene kits
Kulyab town	80	50	80	480	480	480	480	80	80	14,400	80	80	80
Shurobod	10	0	10	60	60	60	60	10	10	1,800	10	10	10
Temurlik	9	0	9	54	54	54	54	9	9	1,620	9	9	9
Baljuvon	15	0	15	90	90	90	90	15	15	2,700	15	15	15
Muminobod	18	0	18	108	108	108	108	18	18	3,240	18	18	18
Dangara	4	0	4	24	24	24	24	4	4	720	4	4	4
Jilikul	13	0	13	78	78	78	78	13	13	2,340	13	13	13
J. Rummy	16	0	16	96	96	96	96	16	16	2,880	16	16	16
Nurek	16	0	16	96	96	96	96	16	16	2,880	16	16	16
Yovon	19	0	19	114	114	114	114	19	19	3,420	19	19	19
Total	200	50	200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	200	200	36,000	200	200	200

Beneficiary selection: Beneficiaries were identified through needs assessments in close cooperation with the local authorities, community members, beneficiaries' representatives, REACT partners and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence.

The proposed operation

The Tajikistan Red Crescent will target the 200 most affected households (1,200 people) in Kulyab and Kurgan-tube regions. The DREF allocation will support the National Society in the procurement and distribution of relief items, as well as in the replenishment of disaster preparedness stocks, hygiene promotion, rendering of first aid and psychosocial support. Construction tools and temporary shelter will also be provided to the people in need.

The following activities are already underway:

- Deployment of two Red Crescent national disaster response teams (17 trained people) to strengthen the capacity of the branch staff, volunteers and local disaster committees in the response operations.
- Rendering first aid and psychosocial support.
- Provision of non-food items, hygiene kits and water storage facilities for 200 most affected households.
- Procurement of relief items and tents and replenishment of disaster response stock in Dushanbe, Kurgan-tube and Kulyab disaster management centre warehouses for 200 households.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: The 200 most affected households are provided with appropriate non-food relief items to help them cope with the consequences of the disaster.

Activities planned:

- Complete joint needs assessment in Kulyab and Kurgan-tube regions.
- Complete the beneficiary lists according to the criteria agreed with local authorities and partners.
- Finalize the distributions in all selected districts.
- Provide technical and financial support in logistics, warehousing, and distribution and controlling supply movements.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and produce reports on relief distributions.
- Conduct beneficiary satisfaction survey in all targeted areas to find out what people reached thought about the operation and whether their needs were met.

Emergency shelter

Objective: The 200 most affected households have construction tools to support the reconstruction of their houses; out of them the 50 most affected households are provided with temporary shelter.

Activities planned:

- Complete joint needs assessment in Kulyab and Kurgan-tube regions.
- Complete the beneficiary lists according to the criteria agreed with local authorities and partners.
- Provide 50 displaced households with tents in Kulyab town.
- Provide 200 households with construction tool kits including hammer, saw, nail driver, hand plane, spirit level, crowbar, sledge hammer, metal bucket, 10 mm rope 10 m long, string line, pliers, tin snips, axes, pick axes).
- Procure relief items and replenish the disaster preparedness stock with 50 tents and non-food items for 200 households in Dushanbe, Kurgan-tube and Kulyab warehouses.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of water-borne and water-related diseases is reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion to 200 displaced families (1,200 people).

Activities planned:

- Procure and distribute 200 hygiene kits to the 200 most affected households.
- Provide water storage facilities and water purification tablets for 200 households for one month.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and produce reports on distributions.

Communication and cooperation

Objective: Timely sharing and analysis of information about the Red Crescent activities with the affected communities, REACT and other stakeholders contributes to effective communication and cooperation during the response operation.

Activities planned:

- Provide communication and coordination support to the Red Crescent Society's disaster management, health and care and information officers.
- Post articles on newspapers and web-sites.
- Provide the mass media with information to be disseminated through TV channels and radio,

To strengthen the support to the response operation, especially the camp management component since the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is responsible for managing tent camps in three locations in Kulyab town, the deployment of three regional disaster response team members will be considered.

Budget

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget	TOTAL BUDGET CHF
Shelter - Relief	26,500	26,500
Construction - Materials	17,000	17,000
Clothing & Textiles	53,736	53,736
Water & Sanitation	6,120	6,120
Ustensils & Tools	13,200	13,200
Other Supplies & Services & Cash Disbursements	7,000	7,000
Total Supplies	123,556	123,556
Distribution & Monitoring	6,000	6,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	20,000	20,000
Total Transport & Storage	26,000	26,000

Regionally Deployed Staff	5,000	5,000
National Society Staff	14,590	14,590
Total Personnel	19,590	19,590
Travel	1,500	1,500
Information & Public Relation	2,000	2,000
Communications	950	950
Total General Expenditure	4,450	4,450
Program Support	11,284	11,284
Total Programme Support	11,284	11,284
Services & Recoveries		0
Shared Services		0
Total Services	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	184,879	184,879

How we work

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The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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