

Due to heavy snowfall of the previous months followed by torrential rains, several areas around Tajikistan have been affected by floods and landslides. According to the information received from the Tajik Hydro-meteorological Agency, heavy rains are expected during the period of 25-28 March in the valleys of the country, and snowfall in the northern parts and in the mountains, increasing the risk of avalanches. The level of water in Kizilsu and Yokhsu rivers of Khatlon Oblast and rivers of Hissor Valley are going to increase significantly. The results of the detailed analysis of the water in rivers conducted by the Hydro-meteorological Agency throughout the country will be provided to REACT shortly.

Khatlon Oblast:

MoES reports that as a result of landslide 100 meters of 191 km section of Dushanbe-Kulob road were destroyed. This happened near the Beshtigirmon village of Vose District. One hundred meters of Kurgan-Tube – Kulob railroad has also been damaged. Currently the bypass road via Guliston is being used to reach Kulob.

On 23 March MoES reports that a massive landslide threatens **200 households** in Beshtigirmon village of Vose District, Khatlon Oblast. Water supply pipes, communication and electricity lines have been damaged. The Minister of Emergency Situations, Mr. Zioyev and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Gulyamov, left to the area today in order to set up an emergency office and make arrangements for evacuation of these affected families to safe areas. **MoES is requesting 200 tents** for temporary resettlement of the affected population.

Rogun District, Rasht Valley:

According to the information received from MoES on 24 March, landslides blocked 200 meters of Dushanbe-Rogun road on its Rogun-Obi Garm crossroad section. The local MoES office is currently working in the area to clean up the road.

MoES reports, that the landslide, which constitutes 60 thousand cubic meters, is threatening to block the river of Kijdala, which can further cause a mudflow affecting parts of Obi Garm town.

Qiblai village, Rudaki District (former Leninskiy):

As it was reported on 19 March by MoES and RCST, a massive landslide set off by heavy rains has totally damaged 40 houses in Qiblai village, and is further threatening the entire village of 3,000 people. MoES Rescue Team has evacuated these 40 families (189 people) to the district center. It has provided tents, 20MT of wheat flour, 4MT of sugar, 4MT of rice and 1MT of cooking oil for 40 affected families.

According to RCST/IFRC, currently 10 evacuated families (72 people), out of 40, are living in the district center, while others are living in Dushanbe with their relatives. The current **needs** reported by the MoES for these 72 people are **clothing, blankets and kitchen supplies**. According to the RCST/IFRC assessment the needs include **hygiene kits, washing powders and medications**.

On 24 March, MoES is evacuating another 20 households from Qiblai village, threatened by the continuing landslide, MoES reports.

The MoES is requesting 50 MT of fuel in order to start evacuating the rest of the households of the village. RCST/IFRC reports that land was allocated for the residents of the affected village in Chorteppa Jamoat, which they have to move to within a week.