

**Minutes of the REACT Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> of March 2007, UNDP Conference Hall**

**Chair:** Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, Head of IMAC, Committee of Emergency Situations

**Participants:** REACT partners ([Annex 1 - attached](#))

**1. Introduction**

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, greeted the participants and congratulated all the present ladies with the upcoming International Women's Day.

**2. Disaster information and updates:**

*a. Earthquake in Qumsangir district*

No changes in reconstruction progress due to winter season (impossible to dry mud bricks, which are the main local construction material).

Damage type	Houses affected	Under reconstruction	Completed		Not started
Completely destroyed houses	1,107	482	406	37%	219
Partially destroyed houses	1,459	210	1,249	86%	0

Republican Commission for liquidation of earthquake consequences was dissolved; reconstruction activities are currently coordinated by local Hukumat and performed mainly by population, representatives of CoES remain on the site.

*b. Pamir 1 - HEPS*

Investigation Committee (First Deputy Minister of Energy and Industries, 3 specialists of Barki Tajik Nurek HPP, Head of Inspection of GosGorTechNadzor for GBAO) was formed to define causes of an accident and on February 14th issued its report:

"On February 5, 2007, at 17.30 a powerful hydraulic shock occurred on hydro unit No.2 due to formation of air locks under turbine cover that resulted in stripping of fixing bolts of the turbine cover... " "After surge of the turbine cover of hydro unit No.2, the power house was immediately flooded due to high pressure of water..."

**Response:**

**"Tojikmatlubot" branch of Khorog:**

94 MT of coal

64 MT wheat flour

Transportation supported by FOCUS

**AKF through MSDSP:**

46 tons of wheat flour

6,500 liters of Kerosene

These products and items are sold at or below the market price to fight inflation.

**FOCUS:**

Food and heating fuel to 7 schools and 6 hospitals

**RCST (with support of SDC and FOCUS):**

500 kerosene stoves

**Global Partners to CoES-GBAO:**

2,000 l of diesel

**German Embassy to TB hospital in Khorog:**

- 4 generators 6.5 KW each

- Diesel for at least two months
- 2 gas ovens
- 4 gas containers and 12 gas fillings
- 50 warm blankets
- 50 x warm overcoats for patients

FOCUS submitted project proposal to International Finance Corporation (IFC) to provide large scale response to the emergency, covering heating needs of most vulnerable families, schools and hospitals of the province. IFC's decision will be known shortly. 20 MT of kerosene are transported by FOCUS to Khorog to be sold to the population on market or below market prices.

Mr. Ikrom Soliev, RCST, noted that SDC-provided kerosene stoves, delivered and distributed by RCST, should be complemented with kerosene provision. Due to the absence of kerosene in the province, the population is using diesel for the stoves, which makes their usage almost impossible inside the house – too much smoke.

He also informed that 450 kerosene stoves (provided by SDC) were delivered and distributed in Qumsangir by RCST and are used by the population.

*c. Snowfalls in Khatlon province (N. Khusrav district)*

On 25-26 of February heavy snowfalls with strong wind affected jamoat Komsomol, Nosiri Khusrav District, Khatlon Province.

**Villages affected:** Mirzoobod, Kizil Ketman, Korakamar, Voroshilov

**Damage Info:**

- 2 persons died
- 51 houses partially damaged (mostly roofs destroyed by strong wind and snow).
- 1 school (№ 19) partially damaged
- 72 ha of farmlands affected
- 371 (units of) cattle killed
- 2521 (units of) small cattle killed
- 54 horses killed
- 2 km of electricity lines destroyed

**Needs:**

- Construction materials (roofing, asbestos slates etc.);
- Food

**Response:**

UN WFP is planning to provide 2-months food ration to (approx.) 104 families.

ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) provided 50 bales (2.5 MT) of second-hand clothes to the affected population through CoES.

### **3. Contingency Planning of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan**

Mr. Ikrom Soliev, RCST, presented draft of RCST's Contingency Plan, outlining the aim, structure of the document, scenario for intervention (large-scale earthquake in Dushanbe), providing analysis of the threats and consequences (presentation is available on [www.untj.org](http://www.untj.org)).

Contingency Plan also describes Standard Operational Procedures by RCST in various fields of emergency response (Assessment, Rescue and medical aid, Nutrition and sector of registration, Public health services, food, Water and sanitation supply, Shelter and non-food, Management of the information and coordination, Logistics), available resources, networking and coordination with other DRM actors. The Plan also foresees a simulation exercise in August 2007 jointly with state emergency services and is expected to be reviewed on annual basis. RCST hopes that its Contingency Plan will be integrated into the general state/CoES contingency planning.

Mr. Soliev distributed hard copies of the Plan in Russian for information and feedback by REACT partners, noting that pre-last version of the Plan in English is available in RCTS office in Dushanbe. Feedbacks/comments on the Plan are expected till 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007.

Mr. Matthias Anderegg, SDC, highlighted importance of not only contingency planning, but implementation of such plans in practice to ensure effective preparedness to disasters, noting in this regards necessity of correct threats' prioritisation.

Mr. Khusrav Sharifov, UNDRMP, informed that within DIPECHO-funded project of UNDRMP in 2007 an inventory of all types of buildings in Dushanbe will be performed by NGO "PMP Int.", and earthquake scenarios for Dushanbe will be developed. This information may be used for contingency planning by all DRM stakeholders in Tajikistan.

Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, CoES, commented use of scientific terminology and seismic maps in the document and advised to contact National Crisis Management Centre of MoES-Russia, as they have comprehensive experience in forecasting of earthquake consequences and may provide good support for emergency scenarios' development.

#### **4. Updates from Centre of Competence for Disaster Reduction**

Mr. Alisher Mamajanov, CCDR, made a presentation on Centre of Competence for Disaster Reduction, describing its structure (3 Components: Resource Centre, Educational Unit, Consulting Unit), field of activity and main results (two River Engineering Courses, Students Debate Tournament on DRM issues, consultancies to Caritas, CAMP, ACTED and Oxfam GB etc.) of its work (presentation is available on [www.untj.org](http://www.untj.org)).

In 2007 CCDR is planning to conduct 3rd River Engineering Course and elaborate an Advanced River Engineering Course, and organize ADPC CBDRM Course (June 2007), Students Debate Tournaments, general public trainings on DRR.

Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, CoES, underlined necessity of such Centre in Tajikistan and suggested that all REACT partners should submit any developed information materials to the Resource Centre of CCDR for public use.

#### **5. Sectoral Groups update;**

##### *a. Health /WHO.*

Mr. Jamshed Khasanov, WHO, informed that Health Coordination meeting was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, where various issues in health sector were discussed; minutes of the previous meeting were disseminated among Health SG members.

WHO is replenishing its emergency stock, two emergency health kits are now available with WHO, each containing medical materials and medicines for 10,000 persons for three months.

##### *b. Education and Water and Sanitation /UNICEF.*

Mr. Ikram Davronov, UNICEF, informed that WES Sectoral Group had a meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> of January, where draft Law "On Water" was presented, special meeting on Bird Flue Awareness Raising conducted. UNICEF is in process of getting hygiene kits for emergencies.

Based on request of Isfara town Hukumat, UNICEF is planning to procure 10 MT of chlorine and hand it over to the Hukumat for water treatment in town.

##### *c. Non food and Shelter /UNHCR.*

No update.

##### *d. Food /WFP*

Responding to January 2007 earthquake in Isfara, WFP provided one month food ration (Wheat Flour, Vegetable Oil, Iodized Salt) totaling in 2.6 MT to 98 persons.

22.316 MT of food commodities (20.520 Mt of WHF, 1.539 Mt of V. Oil and 0.257 Mt of Salt) were distributed to the victims of Qumsangir earthquake (1,710 people from 279 families) in Panj Jamoat.

Habitat for Humanity and Mission East's project on construction of 86 houses in Qumsangir district will be supported by WFP through "Food for Work" programme. WFP allocated 82.642 Mt of food to involve 688 workers in construction activities.

**6. News from REACT partners;**

Ms. Marydean Purves, Mission East, introduced Mr. Christophe Belperron, who joined ME and would coordinate implementation of DIPECHO projects of Mission East.

Ms. Tine Ramstad, ISDR, introduced Ms. Goulsara Pulatova, who joined ISDR as a Senior Adviser.

Ms. Nadia Benani took over the position of Project Manager for Oxfam's project in Kulyab.

**7. Any other business**

There was no AOB.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th of April, 2007, 0900 - 1030.

You may email your suggestions for the upcoming agenda and any information **(in English and Russian)** on upcoming events for the monthly bulletin to [anvar.sabzaliev@undp.org](mailto:anvar.sabzaliev@undp.org)