

**Earthquake in Yovon and Vahdat Districts,
Direct Ruled Districts, Tajikistan
Situation Report № 1
November 12, 2013**

Situation Overview

A 5.2 Richter scale earthquake occurred on November 10, 2013 at 1015 local time with the epicenter in Yovon District, Direct Ruled Districts, Republic of Tajikistan (Location “A” above). The earthquake was followed by a Richter scale 5 aftershock at 1703 local time on November 11, 2013 and a Richter scale 4 aftershock at 0703 local time, both in the adjoining Vahdat District. According to preliminary information from the Government of Tajikistan, no fatalities were reported, but 12 persons have been injured.

On 11 November 2013, National Commission on Emergency Situations representatives, including the First Deputy Prime Minister, the Head of Committee for Emergency Situations, and representatives of relevant state agencies and district-level authorities conducted an initial damage assessment. According to results of the initial assessment, 110 houses have been fully damaged and another 256 houses partially damaged (see below table).

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan also conducted a rapid needs assessment of the affected area. REACT’s Rapid Response Team is in the process of deploying to the site to conduct detailed damage and needs assessment. This report is based on information provided by the Committee of Emergency Situations and the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan.

Damage Information

Damage and needs assessments are ongoing at the moment. The preliminary results of the Government assessment are provided in the table below. Severely affected families, and particularly women, elderly and children, were asked to move to their neighbors and relatives due to the damage caused to their households. Two schools and two medical points were damaged in Istiqlol and Arbodbarda villages, Vahdat District. Around 190 schoolchildren were asked to attend the school in a neighboring village to avoid interruption of their education.

Jamoat	Village	Number	Destroyed	Partially Damaged
Households				
Rajab Ismoil	Istiqlo	45	44	1
Karim Ismoil	Arbobdara	105	45	60
K. Ismoil	Mehnatobod	180	3	6
K. Ismoil	Naydara	80	10	60
K. Ismoil	Sangpar	120	0	60
K. Ismoil	Guldara	25	3	15
Burunov	Kholmurodi	52	5	7
Chorsu	Yalamchinor	51	0	5
Chorsu	Elok	114	0	12
Chorsu	Kharsang	248	0	20
Chorsu	Mehnatobod	86	0	10
Total		1106	110	256
Educational facilities (local high schools)				
Rajab Ismoil	Istiklol	1	0	1
Karim Ismoil	Arbobdara	1	0	1
Total		2		2
Health facilities (polyclinics)				
Rajab Ismoil	Istiklol	1	0	1
Karim Ismoil	Arbobdara	1	0	1
Total		2		2

Assistance Provided

- Government of Tajikistan:
 - o 130 winterized tents were provided to households with destroyed houses.
 - o Food items, water and medications.
 - o Medical personnel from the Vahdat Central District Hospital have been deployed to the sites to provide first aid and other assistance to the affected population.
- Red Crescent Society:
 - o Psychosocial support to affected population.



Photo taken by Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

Needs Information

- National Commission of Emergency Situations is establishing final assessments of needs. According to preliminary information, more winterized tents and non-food items may be required for the affected population.
- The Government is planning to relocate the affected population to a safer location. Construction materials and other food and non-food items will be required.

- REACT Secretariat and Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan are in close contact with national and local representatives of Committee of Emergency Situations and will provide further updates as warranted.

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