

An Overview of Early Recovery Needs in Tajikistan

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Background

- Glacial melt and heavy rains in July and August 2015
- Major damages to national, community and household assets
- DRD and GBAO worst affected
- Government's priority is housing reconstruction (in situ and relocated) and restoration of critical services (access, power, telecommunication)
- Humanitarian operation played a major role in saving lives through preventing secondary disasters
- Situation stabilised but massive recovery needs exist, that may translate into another catastrophe in the coming months

Methodology

- Visits to affected DRD and GBAO districts between 8th and 29th September, 2015
- Meetings with community members
- Consultations with local leaders, government administrators, COES officials, NGOs
- Transect walks

Typology of Early Recovery Needs

- Large Infrastructure (Highways, Power Lines, Main Bridges)
- Community and Household Assets (houses, tracts of fertile land, irrigation channels, drinking water supply, access paths, small bridges, livestock pens, flood protection embankments and small hydro-power systems)
- Risk Mitigation (existing hazards exacerbated and new hazards created)

Prioritised Geographical Locations with Early Recovery needs

- DRD
 - Rasht district
 - Tojikobod district
- GBAO
 - Shughnan district
 - Ishkashim district
 - Vanj district
 - Darvaz district
 - Murghab district

Proposed Guiding Principles

- 1. Focus on the Most Vulnerable*
- 2. Rebuild Livelihoods*
- 3. Securing Human Development Gains*
- 4. Reducing Risks – Building Resilience*
- 5. Partnership*
- 6. Transparency and Accountability*
- 7. Coordination*

Damaged International Highway, Murghab



Submerged House and School in Barsem artificial lake



Submerged orchards and houses, Barsem village, Shughnan



Impact of Mudslide in Barsem



Makeshift Bridge in Barsem



Effort at Flood Protection, Murghab Centre



Effort at Restoring a Crucial Bridge, Bashkashem village, Murghab



Houses exposed to avalanche in Manem village



Under construction school exposed to avalanche



Precarious bridge in Pshikharv village, Vanj



Changed torrent course threatening more houses, Pshikharv village, Vanj



Cracked foundation of houses, Murghab Centre



Salient Early Recovery Needs - 1

ITEM	LOCATION
Drinking Water Supply	Bedak village (Rasht) Mazar i Poyon village (Tajikobod district) Manem village (Shughnan district) Lugad village (Darvaz district)
Power Supply Infrastructure	Mazar i Bolovillage (Tajikobod district) Mazar i Poyon village (Tajikobod district) Boybar village (Ishkashem district) Pshikharv village (Vanj district) [micro hydro power systems]

Salient Early Recovery Needs - 2

ITEM	LOCATION
Irrigation Channels	Mazar i Poyon village (Tajikobod district) Manem village (Shughnan district) Barsem village (Shughnan district) Boybar village (Ishkashem district) Barushan village (Rushan district) Bardara village (Rushan district) Lugad village (Darvaz district)
Land Development	Manem village (Shughnan district)
Animal Sheds	Manem village (Shughnan district) Rang Kul village (Murghab district)
School Repair	Rang Kul village (Murghab district)

Salient Early Recovery Needs - 3

ITEM	LOCATION
Access Roads and Bridges	Mazar i Bolo village (Tajikobod district) Barsem village (Shughnan district) Boybar village (Ishkashem district) Pshikharv village (Vanj district) Jorf village (Darvaz district) Bardara village (Rushan district) Madyan village (Murghab district) Bashkumbez village (Murghab district) Toktamish village (Murghab district)
Green Houses	Madyan village (Murghab district)

Salient Early Recovery Needs - 4

ITEM	LOCATION
Flood / Avalanche Protection Works	Bedak village (Rashtdistrict) Manem village (Shughnan district) Barsem village (Shughnan district) Mundara village (Shughnan district) Buni village (Shughnan district) Pshikharv village (Vanj district) Jorf village (Darvaz district) Bardara village (Rushan district) Murghab Centre (Murghab district) Madyan village (Murghab district)

General

- Virtually all housing stock in Murghab district unsuitable for the changed climate. Permanent and sustainable solutions needed
- Local Early Warning Systems worked to save lives. Need to be revisited, up-scaled and improved
- The artificial lake at Barsem/ Kolkhozobod is a potential threat to the remaining settlements as well as Pamir Energy plant. Technical assistance in mitigating the threat of spring and summer flooding is needed

Conclusion

Early Recovery activities need to be conducted immediately to alleviate suffering of the people, reduce dependence on external support and mitigate acute risks created and exacerbated by the disaster

Thank You!