

Floods in Muminabad district, Khatlon province Tajikistan Situation report № 2 24th April 2012

Situation Overview

As a result of heavy rains on 21 April 2012, the river flowing through Khonatarosh village reached flood stage at about 1700 hrs local time and resulted in a flooding with large stones and debris from eroded river banks. The flooding affected a total of 1,820 people (260 households) in Dehibaland Jamoat of Muminabad district, and continued until April 22nd, 2012.

A 34 year old female resident of the village was killed by the mudflow. Villagers were warned about the expected flood few hours before its occurrence, which significantly reduced the possible casualties.



The flood destroyed a total of 5 houses. The affected residents were relocated to their neighbors and relatives houses. Outbuildings (storage facilities, cattle sheds, toilets and etc) and kitchen gardens of another 168 houses were severely damaged, although living premises remain in habitable condition. The damaged kitchen gardens had already been prepared for planting and an addition 109.81 hectares of cultivated land of the local collective farm ("kolkhoz") were flooded. A large number of cattle belonging to local residents were also killed in the flood.

The flood damaged 5 bridges, including one bridge which connects the village with the local school. The school is currently functioning, but due to problems with access, school attendance is very low. Several water points (piped supply and springs) were damaged by the flood. Currently, there is only one spring, located 1 km away from the village, providing drinking water for the village. The village medical post is functioning and providing services to the population.

Damage Information

A damage and needs assessment is on-going under the leadership of the local authorities and CoES. The preliminary findings on damage are summarized below:

#	Description	Quantity	Unit	Comments
1	Casualties	1	Person	32 year old woman
2	Destroyed houses	5	House	38 inhabitants
3	Partially damaged houses	168	House	1092 inhabitants
4	Cattle killed	40	Heads	Cows
5	Calves killed	25	Heads	Sheep/goats
6	Cultivated land damaged	86.61	Hectares	Cotton
7	Cultivated land damaged	8	Hectares	Gardens
8	Cultivated land damaged	15.20	Hectares	Potato
9	Bridges damaged	5	Bridges	Within the village
10	Drinking water system	400	Meters	Pipelines



Needs Information

Based on preliminary information received from Muminabad district Khukumat, interviews with local population and observations of the affected area, following needs have been identified:

#	Description	Priority	Comments
1	Fuel (diesel) 10 tons	High	For removal of debris and re-enforcement of river banks.
2	Heavy machinery	High	Removal of debris and re-enforcement of riverbanks; Collection and burying of dead animals.
3	Gabion nets	High	Riverbanks reinforcement;
4	Food	Medium	Food for work to assist affected population with debris cleaning;

Assistance provided

Khukumat of Muminabad district provided the following assistance to the 23 families who lost their food stock:

- 23 sacks of Wheat Flour (one per family);
- 115 liters of Vegetable Oil (5 liters per family);
- 46 kg of sugar (2 kg per family);
- 23 packs of tea (1 pack per family).

Khukumat of Khatlon province provided one heavy machinery unit and 1 MT of fuel to commence the debris removal and river cleaning activities;



Sanitary and epidemic station (SES) disinfected the dead animals and buried them on the site (dead animals were not moved from the affected site due to the village roads blockage by debris).

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