

Flooding in Vose district, East Khatlon, Tajikistan

Situation Report # 1 **12 April 2010**

Situation overview

Following days of heavy rain, Kuchabog and Chorbog villages of Vose district were flooded at 6.30 AM on 11 April 2010. Water levels in the houses in the villages rose quickly to between 1 and 1.5 meters. Access to the area is restricted due to heavy water flows. One access road was washed away and a small bridge is reportedly broken.

According the latest forecast, water levels in the YakhSu river will still rise due to continuous rain in the upstream areas. Neighbouring villages are also considered at risk now and their population is being evacuated.



Damage and Needs Information

An estimated 170 households are currently affected by the floods. Their houses are fully flooded and residents either evacuated themselves or were evacuated by Village Emergency Groups, fire services, and staff from local CoES and Tsentrospass. Approximately 110 families of Kuchabog and Chorbog are currently staying with relatives in neighbouring communities.

Auxiliary buildings like fences, sheds and latrines collapsed. People are trying to take their livestock to dry areas.

The following requirements for assistance have tentatively been identified:

- Heavy duty bulldozers, trucks
- Tents for 110 of the temporarily evacuated households
- Warm meals for the affected population

Response

The volunteers of Village Emergency Groups helped with the evacuation of the Kuchabog and Chorbog inhabitants and are supporting the population. The Jamoat and host community are providing basic food (bread, tea and water).

Zonal and district CoES were activated to respond to the emergency. The Emergency Operations Center is opened in Rakhmonberdi village (near the affected area) and will be run by the local Hukumat and CoES.

The Kulyab REACT held a coordination meeting at the Oxfam GB office in Kulyab after the site assessment. A further assessment of the affected area is planned in coordination with the local authorities.

The Chairman of the CoES, General Latipov visited the site on 11 April. The site was also visited by the Deputy Minister of Water and Irrigation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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