Overview of disasters in Tajikistan 11th of April 2010

Khatlon province

• Floods in Vose district

Water level in Yakhsu river has increased due to heavy rains, which lead to outbreak of riverbank on April 11, 2010, at 6.30 in the morning. As a result, part of the river stream has changed its direction and flooded villages Kuchabogh and Ghofilobod of Jamoat Pakhtakor and village Tugarak of Jamoat Tugarak, Vose district. Population of all three affected villages, including neighboring villages was evacuated by joint efforts of CoES Search and Rescue divisions, local population and Fire Services. No injuries or deaths have been reported. Water stream continues to flow through the villages restricting access to the affected areas and enabling to assess the damage caused. Preliminary information indicates that flooding has caused damage to approximately 97 households in Kuchabogh village, 28 households in Gofilobod village and 58 households in Tugarak village. One school has been damaged in village Ghofilobod. However, the figures are subject to major changes, once the access to the affected areas will be restored. Currently affected population is hosted by relatives and neighbors whose houses have not been flooded. National CoES Search and Rescue division "Tsentrospas" and zonal staff of CoES, district police services and few representatives of district Fire Services are on-duty at the disaster site. District Authorities with the support of neighboring communities are providing some basic food support (mainly bread and tea) to affected population.

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• Floods in Shurobod district

Heavy rains caused flooding in Shurobod district on April 11, 2010. Preliminary information provided by CoES indicates that around 30 households have been affected, out of which 2 houses are fully destroyed in villages Dashti Jum and Shohina of Dashti Jum Jamoat, Shurobod district. One elderly man reported to be dead in village Dashti Jum. School # 21 has been partly affected by flooding as well. Currently local authorities are assessing the caused damage.

Due to the increase of water level in small river Obiniyob, bridge located on 267th km of Dushanbe-Khorog road and close to village Shogun has been damaged. Currently communication on Dushanbe-Khorog road is blocked because of damaged bridge. Representatives of Transport and Road Services have been mobilized, to restore the communication.

• Floods in Muminobod district

Heavy rains of April 11, 2010 have caused flooding in Muminobod district. Preliminary operations report of district CoES indicates that households in Jamoats Balkhobi, Tutu, Boghai, Childukhtaron and center of the Muminobod district have been affected. Damages mostly caused to kitchen gardens, barns and other utility premises of the households as well as to roads and bridges of different villages. No injuries or deaths have been reported. Currently damage assessment is on-going by local authorities and district CoES representatives.

• Floods in Sarband district

Heavy rains of April 11, 2010 caused floods in Sarband district. Floods caused damages to the houses in villages Guliston and Okgaza. Internal roads and bridges have been damaged in Sarband town and Jamoat Guliston. Around 200 ha of cultivated land (cotton and different food crops) have been destroyed by flood in Sarband district.

• Floods in Kulob district

Heavy rains caused floods in Kulob town on April 11, 2010. Preliminary information indicates that approximately 30 houses located at streets 1st of May, Charmgaron and Lohuti have been affected. School # 44 in Jamoat Dahana has been affected and partly damaged.

Sughd province

• Floods in Istaravshan district

Heavy rains of April 11, 2010 flooding occurred in Jamoats Nijoni, Nafaroj, Communism and Istravshan town causing damage to the private houses, social infrastructure and agriculture. Preliminary information provided by CoES indicates that 75 houses were partially damaged and 1 house is completely destroyed. In addition, school # 55 in village Nijoni, 5 km of internal roads, 4 bridges, 21 ha of vineyards, 1 ha of potato cultivations have been damaged. 10 heads of livestock have been killed by flooding. The bridge connecting Ghonchi and Istaravshan district has been destroyed. Representatives of Sughd regional REACT group are planning to conduct damage and needs assessment at the disaster site on April 13, 2010.

Districts of Direct Subordination

• Risk of flooding in Fayzabad district

Due to heavy rains of April 11, 2010 water level in river Elok has increased significantly. Currently following locations are under the risk of flooding:

- villages Sarichashma, Jonvarsuz, Shaydoni, Kabkrez, Chukurak of Jamoat Fayzabad,
- villages Taknazari of Jamoat Vashgird,
- villages Navobod, Sheramol of Jamoat Mehrobod,
- village Khaymakhmadi of Jamoat Buston .

• Risk of landslide in Varzob district

Due to heavy rains of April 11, 2010 a land crack has occurred, creating a high risk of landslide in village Namozgoh of Jamoat Ziddi. Possible landslide can block the stream of Varzob river and flood mentioned village (approximately 30 households).

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