

Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan

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Appeal

**of Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan
to REACT partners**

Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan expresses its gratitude for all the support and assistance provided to reduce suffering of the population affected by natural disasters.

As You all know, as a result of an earthquake that occurred on January 2, 2010 in Vanj district, over 100 houses were destroyed and 900 houses were partially damaged. Over 600 people are left without shelter. Damage of different extent was caused to administrative buildings, social, cultural and health facilities, as well as to educational institutions. Over 3 km of roads have been destroyed and over 2 km of electricity supply lines.

It is worthwhile to mention that during the period from September 2007 to March 2009, over 170 tangible tremors have been recorded in this region. Continuous tremors in this region are related to activation of Vanj-Akbaltay fault. Affected population is currently in fear of recurrent tremors and in need of physiological assistance.

Current situation requires immediate relocation of over 100 households to safer areas.

Government of the country is undertaking all possible measures to provide assistance to affected population, supporting rehabilitation of destroyed buildings and facilities. New land spots have been identified for allocation to affected population for construction of new houses.

Situation is complicated due to limited access to some of the disaster affected areas. Significant shortage is faced with construction materials, fuel, food, medicines and heaters.

Considering the above, CoES is appealing to You with request to mobilize existing resources for provision of urgent assistance, such as construction materials, as well as assistance in construction of standard seismic resistant houses for affected population.

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