

Earthquake in Vanj District, GBAO Tajikistan

Situation report № 3 07 January 2010

Situation overview

Tremors continue to create more panic amongst the population in Vanj district. Due to this, affected population refuse to spend nights in their houses. According to information provided by team of seismologists currently located in Vanj, in average around 1 – 2 tremors, with intensity of 1 to 3 happen every day. The most tangible tremor in recent days occurred on January 6, 2010 with intensity of 3-4, close to the same epicenter of the earthquake which hit the district on 2nd of January. The tremor caused another rock-fall and blocked 3 km of road on 481st km of Dushanbe-Khorog road. The roads are being cleaned everyday by road services, however the risk of rock fall is still high and the stretch of the road between Jamoat Vanj and Jamoat Yazgulom is hazardous.



Damage and needs assessment is still on-going. The number of the fully destroyed houses remains the same: ~140 houses with 980 residents, while the number of partially damaged houses has increased to 958 homes with 6706 residents (vs previously reported 921 houses).

Today, January 7, 2010 most of the relief items released by different REACT partners have reached Vanj district. It is expected that distribution of the items, including tents will start tomorrow, January 8, 2010. It was proposed to establish a tent-camp for relocation of the families left without shelter, however population refused and requested to install tents in the yards of their houses.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Tajikistan is calling a meeting on January 8 where the Government is expected to give an update on current situation and present outstanding needs of the affected population.

Damage information

| # | Description | Quantity | Unit | Comments (location) |
|---|---|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 1 | Fully damaged houses | ~140 | house | 980 people |
| 2 | Partially damaged houses | ~958 | house | 6,706 people |
| 3 | Partially damaged medical points | 5 | building | Currently operational |
| 4 | Completely destroyed medical points | 1 | building | District Health Center |
| 5 | Partially damaged schools | 3 | building | |
| 6 | Other administrative & social buildings damaged | 30 | building | |
| 7 | Telephone lines destroyed | 2 | km | |
| 8 | Wire palls destroyed | 13 | pcs | |

Information provided assistance and outstanding needs

On January 6, 2010 Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) has launched an Appeal to all REACT partners requesting the following assistance (Annex I): fuel, food, medicines and heaters. As most of the immediate needs are already being met by Government as well as REACT partners, CoES emphasizes the urgency of the need in construction materials, as well as in support for construction of seismic proof homes.

Due to continuous tremors and population is in fear and therefore in need of psycho-social support.

Below is the table of provided assistance, as of January 7, 2010:

| Denomination | Requested assistance | Assistance provided | | | | | Outstanding needs |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|-------|--------|------|-------------------|
| | | Gov-t | RCST | UNERT | UNICEF | GTZ | |
| SHELTER | | | | | | | |
| Tents (winterized), pcs | 200 | | 47 | 50 | | | 103 ¹ |
| Tents, pcs (spring for storing purposes) | | 100 | 7 | | | | |
| Tarpaulin, pcs (8m x 6 m) | | | | | | 500 | |
| NON-FOOD ITEMS | | | | | | | |
| Kitchen sets | 150 | | 98 | | | | 52 |
| Hygiene sets | 600 | | 73 | | | | 527 |
| Blankets (adult), pcs | 600 | | 640 | | 250 | 630 | |
| Blankets (baby), pcs | | | | | 250 | | |
| Warm clothes, sets | 600 | | 150 bags | | | | |
| Bedding sets (mattresses, bed linen, pillows) | 600 | | 640 | | 500 | | |
| Stoves, pcs | | | 133 | | | | |
| Candles, pcs | | | 500 | | | | |
| Construction tool, sets | | | 98 | | | | |
| Shovel, pcs | | | 98 | | | | |
| Hoe, pcs | | | 98 | | | | |
| thermos, pcs | | | 98 | | | | |
| Socks, pcs | | | | | | 2000 | |
| WASH | | | | | | | |
| Soap, pcs | | | 500 | | | | |
| Water cans, pcs | | | 73 | | | | |
| Buckets, pcs | | | 73 | | | | |
| Water purification tablets, pcs | | | | | 1000 | | |
| FOOD AID | | | | | | | |
| Rice, MT | | 5 | | | | | |
| Wheat Flour, MT | | 5 | | | | | |
| Vegetable Oil, MT | | 5 | | | | | |
| Sugar, MT | | 5 | | | | | |
| Macaroni, MT | | 5 | | | | | |
| High protein biscuits, boxes | | | | | 250 | | |
| HEALTH | | | | | | | |
| First Aid kits | | | 20 | | 2 | | |

¹ Out of 200 winterized tents required winterized tents have been delivered to the disaster site, leaving outstanding needs for 103 tents. Nevertheless, OCHA regional office in Almaty has requested release of 100 winterized tents from Brindisi Stocks in Italy, pending donor approval.

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Annex 1: CoES Appeal to REACT partners

Unofficial translation

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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