

Earthquake in Vanj District, GBAO, Tajikistan**Situation report № 6**
9 February 2010**Situation Overview**

- 158 families are currently living in winterized tents. People were moved from schools to tents. Schools are open and functioning. Some damaged blocks in 5 schools are closed and the classes are held in shifts. UNICEF provided 22 school tents to substitute for the damaged blocks.
- Heavy snowfall on 6 February caused significant damages to the tents: In total 31 winterized tents in 5 villages collapsed due to the snow.
- The Iranian Red Crescent Society has provided food and non-food items to the Government for the benefit of the earthquake victims.
- A Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment was conducted by a team of 16 members representing CoES, UNDP, FOCUS, MSDSP, RCST and independent specialists.
- The district authorities decided to relocate the families living within 250 meters from the bottom of the mountain in Gishkhun village. This part of the village is considered to be a disaster-prone area by seismologists.
- The owners of 264 damaged houses will be provided with 0,1 hectares of land for construction of new houses.

Damage Information

The summary of of CoES damage assessment of private and public buildings is below:

#	Description	Quantity	Unit
1	Totally destroyed houses	28	house
2	Houses damaged beyond repair	106	house
3	Significantly damaged houses	130	house
4	Structurally damaged houses (cracks on the walls)	771	house
5	Partly damaged schools	15	building
6	Partly damaged health centers	6	building
7	Partly damaged social facilities	10	building
8	Partly damaged administrative buildings	35	building

According to information received from RCST volunteers in the district, there are 31 winterized tents set up in Gishkhun, Punijugoni, Ubaridargo, Panshanbeobod and Rog villages, which have collapsed or are damaged by the heavy snowfall. One kilometer of land line communication is also damaged. The population of Votkhud Jamoat and 4 villages of Vanj jamoat is left without power supply.

Needs Information

- As per the last assessment and interview with two Deputy Governors of Vanj district, the owners of 264 damaged houses will be provided with 0,1 hectares of land where the construction of 3 or 4 rooms houses is required;

- The affected households were provided with coal for heating the tents. However, due to less amount of coal given, they are lack of heating recourses. – Again a general statement. Do we have concrete information on the lack of heating materials? If not, I'd leave this out.
- The affected families from Votkhud Jamoat and 4 villages of Vanj Jamoat are left without power supply for the last 4 days. Rehabilitation of poles and provision of power supply is required.

Relief and Recovery Response

- Iranian Red Crescent Society handed over the following relief items to the Government: tents, kitchen sets, blankets, rice and other food items for the benefit of earthquake victims in Vanj. Details are in the assistance table below.
- UNICEF delivered 22 (6x4m) tents for the purpose of using them as classrooms.
- The relief and recovery needs of the 264 most affected households were assessed to identify their vulnerability and coping capacity. The data complement the physical damage assessment by CoES and local authorities and the sectoral assessments by REACT partners to inform the planning for recovery.
- A recovery planning meeting is scheduled for 17 February.

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Annex 1 : Table of relief assistance provided

Items	Total Assistance Provided (QTY)	Unit	Assisting Agency						
			RCST/ IFRC	Gov-t institutions	UNICEF	UNDP (OCHA funds)	GTZ	Global Partners	UNFPA
FOOD AID									
High protein biscuits	250	box			250				
Macaroni	5,000	kg		5,000					
Oil	5,000	liter		5,000					
Plumpy nut	50	box			50				
Rice	5,000	kg		5,000					
Sugar	5,000	kg		5,000					
Wheat Flour	5,000	kg		5,000					
NFI/SHELTER									
Bed linen	1,140	set	640		500				
Blankets	4,270	pcs	640		500	2,000	630		500
Candles	500	pcs	500						
Clothes (Second Hand)	150	bags	150						
Hoes	98	pcs	98						
Kitchen sets	98	set	98						
Matrasses	640	pcs	640						
Shovels	98	pcs	98						
Pillows	438	pcs	438						
Socks	2,000	pcs					2,000		
Thermos	98	pcs	98						
Construction tools	98	set	98						
Tents (winterized)	205	pcs	47			158			
Tents (summer, for storage)	7	pcs	7						
Stoves	291	pcs	133			158			
Coal	20	MT						20	
Tarpaulin	500	pcs					500		
HEALTH									
First aid kits	22	set	20		2				
Reproductive health kits	13	set							13
WASH									
Buckets	73	pcs	73						
Hygiene sets	573	set	73						500
Jerry cans - 10L	73	pcs	73						
Soap	500	pcs	500						
Water purification tablets	10,000	pcs			10,000				