

Earthquake in Vanj District, GBAO Tajikistan

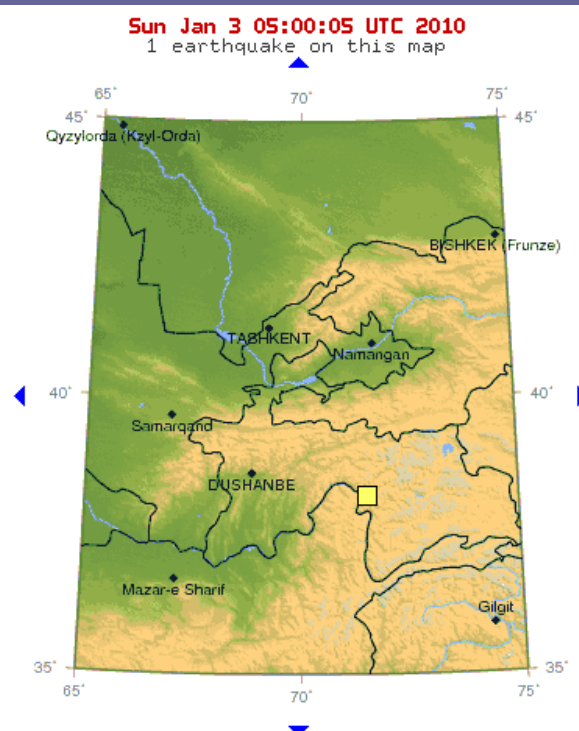
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Situation overview

On 02 January 2010 at 7:15 AM an earthquake with the magnitude of 5.3 hit about twenty villages in two Jamoats of Vanj District in GBAO, Tajikistan. The epicenter of the earthquake was close to district center, and there are no reports of casualties or injuries.

According to FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance, significant impact has been on five villages of Vanj Jamoat (Uskrogh, Panjshanbeobod, Gishkhun, Dashtirogh, Rokharv) and Jamak village of Yazgulom Jamoat. Additionally Andarbak, Budun, Motravn, Vishkharv, Dashti Yazgulom and Zaich villages of Yazgulom Jamoat have also been affected by earthquake, where houses are partially damaged.

Distance from the epicenter to Khorog town (center of GBAO) is 80 km North, and 235 km East of the capital Dushanbe.



Damage information

According to preliminary information received from IFRC (based on data from Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan) 98 homes have been reported as fully damaged (left in unlivable condition) and 622 people are left without shelter and are currently being placed with other family member and neighbors. Another 921 homes (with 6215 residents) are partially affected.

The extent of the damage to the livestock and belongings of the people is currently being assessed.

According to FOCUS, the earthquake has partially impacted other buildings in the centre of Vanj, such as polyclinic, secondary school in Rog village, tax department building, the building of the department of culture, music school, building of Amonatbank and the government building.

#	Description	Quantity	Unit	Comments (location)
1	Fully damaged houses	98	house	622 people
2	Partially damaged houses	921	house	6,215 people
5	Tax department building, polyclinic, Amonatbank, government buildings, schools	7	buildings	Damaged but operational

In addition, CoES reports that a total of 4 km of roads have been affected due to rockfall:

- Dushanbe-Khorog road blocked at 439th km (at Tughak locality in Vanj District) and 449th km (at Khehak locality in Vanj District).

Another 2 km of telephone lines and 13 wire palls were also affected.

Needs Information

According to IFRC/RCST, 98 heavily affected households are in need of immediate **Non-Food Items** and **Shelter**.

- winterized tents - 98 pcs
- bedding sets– 622
- Quilts - 622
- Blankets – 622
- hygiene kits – 98
- water cans 20 ltr – 98
- kitchen sets – 1 per family – 98 sets
- Hoes – 98
- Shovels – 98

FOCUS assessment results indicate need of **food aid** for the affected population, **family winter tents** for the displaced households.

Response provided and committed

Governmental has established the Emergency Commission at the centre of the District. In addition, six operational points have been established in six Jamoats of the district to complete situation assessment and to identify needs. In addition, an assessment team has been deployed by the Government from Dushanbe, including specialists from CoES, Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, GlagGeology and Committee of Architecture and Construction to conduct further damage assessment.

The Red Crescent Society staff were deployed to conduct rapid assessment. The team conducted assessment in most of the affected villages.

There is stock with non-food items prepositioned in Vanj district with Red Crescent Disaster management centre warehouse for 25 families. The existing stock includes: bedding sets, blankets, hygiene kits, water cans, kitchen sets, hoes and shovels. In case of additional needs, further NFI/shelter items will be transported from Khorog DM centre warehouse or from Dushanbe RCST central warehouse.

No additional request for assistance has been made by the Government of Tajikistan so far.

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