GOVERNMENT & REACT: SIMULTANEOUS KYRGYZSTAN & TAJIKISTAN CROSS-BORDER EARTHQUAKE SIMULATIONS

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- Ensure members understand REACT's preparedness and response component
- Clarify objectives of the Tajikistan simultaneous simulation
- Update members on simulation prep work to date
- Outline simulation scope

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OBJECTIVES

#### SIMULTANEOUS TAJIKISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN SIMULATIONS

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- CONCEPT NOTE SUMMARY
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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Several agreements and protocols under the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) signed by Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan describing the governmental relationship in the event of a trans-boundary emergency or disaster.
- Governments of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan recently signed a bi-lateral agreement on 27 May 2013 strengthening cooperation in the field of civil defense (protection), emergencies prevention and elimination.
- Planned: Synchronized disaster simulations in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan from <u>22 - 24 October 2014</u> will allow for the national emergency planning organizations and agencies, along with international partners, to practice local, regional, inter-governmental and inter-agency contingency plans.
- Funded by DFID's Strengthening Humanitarian Preparedness in High Risk Countries programme.

SIMULTANEOUS TAJIKISTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN SIMULATIONS

#### Simulation Objectives:

- Improve practical skills of designated institutions in the field of population and territory protection, to interact in providing assistance in responding to emergency situations.
- Practice Interaction Plan with the CoES of Tajikistan in cross-border earthquake emergency situation, in case of Tajikistan's participation.
- Practice joint and coordinated actions of authorities, forces and means for conduction of the situation and needs assessment, the implementation of search and rescue and other emergency operations in the emergency area.

#### KYRGYZSTAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER SIMULATION – 22-24 OCTOBER

- Simulation Objectives:
- Recap roles & responsibilities of in-country disaster/emergency response actors
- Strengthen partnerships, coordination and communication between the Governments of the Kyrgyz and Tajik Republics, UN agencies, development agencies, international and local NGOs and IFRC involved in disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response
- Improve first response to a <u>medium-scale disaster</u> by establishing an information sharing system through emergency communication channels
- > Test rapid needs assessment tools, templates (based on MIRA approaches)
- Improve IACP procedures
- Practice inter-sector policies, plans and procedures in an open learning environment
- Identify preparedness measures that enhance in-country capacity

### TAJIKISTAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER SIMULATION – 22-24 OCTOBER

- Potential actual cross-border activity involved in simulation
- Respective scenarios will include hypothetical trans-boundary elements into the exercises
- Potential joint inter-governmental and inter-agency exchange of information during simultaneous simulations and (de)briefing sessions

KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN: DEGREE OF COORDINATION

- Working Title:
  - Tajikistan Government and In-Country Humanitarian Community Rapid Needs Assessment Simulation Exercise
- Expected Outcome:
  - Improved cross-border, inter-governmental and inter-agency disaster response coordination through practicing existing plans, tools and coordination structures.
- Methodology:
  - Participants will receive information and tasks through a series of 'injects' delivered via email, phone, SMS, information releases and meetings.
  - Conduct needs assessments and submit reports
- Schedule:
  - Day 1: On-site preparation by facilitators in Ghafurov
  - > Day 2: Simulation exercise
  - Day 3: De-briefing workshop

# TAJIKISTAN CONCEPT NOTE SUMMARY

- Practice REACT's Damage & Needs Assessment (DNA) tools in Tajikistan
- > 35-40 Participants (TBC)
  - Key REACT/CoES (National and Regional), RRT members, local civil society and local government institutions
- Mix table-top/field exercises
- Focus on 72 hour time frame
- Medium-scale disaster
- Simulation Site: Ghafurov

## SIMULATION SCOPE

- Scoping Mission: 14-21 September
  - In-Country Facilitation Team: Dillon, Raffaele (WFP), Valijon (OCHA), Parviz (UNICEF)
- Finalize objectives, outcomes and KG/TJ coordination extent
- Identify primary and secondary participants
- Logistics: location, actors, resources (vehicles, accommodation, translation, etc.) and budget and contributions.
- Contextualize scenario and injects

#### NEXT STEPS

Step	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
1	Scoping Mission to obtain governmental support and approval, organize facilitation team, clarify objectives with Govt & REACT partners, and agree on dates, location, budget, scenario design (mix table-top/field), participants, resources and processes.	WFP Consultant & Simulation Team	15-19 Sep
2	Preparation: methodology and scenario development, injects and supporting documents	WFP Consultant, Facilitation Team	22 Sep – 3 Oct
3	Scenario, injects and supporting documents translated into Russian	WFP Consultant, Facilitation Team	6 – 8 Oct
4	Materials reviewed, contextual accuracy and appropriateness confirmed	Moes/Coes, Drcu/react	8 - 13 Oct
5	Final preparations made before simulation	WFP Consultant, Facilitation Team	13-21 Oct
6	Simulation event (travel, simulation and debrief)	Moes/Coes, Drcu/react	22-24 Oct
7	Simulation follow up and summary documentation	WFP Consultant, Facilitation Team	27-31 Oct

### NEXT STEPS & WORK PLAN

<u>No</u>	Items	Estimated Quantity
1	Printer, Paper, Ink, Toner	
2	WiFi in Conference Hall	2 Days
3	Flip Chart Paper + Stands	6
4	Markers	50
5	Vehicles	5
6	Petrol	
7	Conference Hall Rental + Tables + Chairs	2 Days (35-40 Participants)
8	Communications (Telephones for Exercises)	5
9	Projector and Screen	2 Days
10	Microphone and Sound Equipment	2 Days
11	Simultaneous Translation	2 Days
12	English-Russian Document Translation	
13	Travel Costs for CoES Participants	

# ESTIMATED BUDGET ITEMS

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION