Minutes of the REACT meeting

March 6, 2009, 10:00-12:00 CoES and CD in Sughd Region

Chair: Deputy Head of CoES and CD in Sughd Region **Participants:** REACT partners

1. Introduction

Chair of the meeting has welcomed all participants.

2. Disaster information and updates. Situation on Shakhristan's mountain pass.

- On 3.02.09 in Pendjikent region, in Dehoti Sarazm Djamoat a sudden wind blow away 121 slates of the roofs. Detriment, inflicted by wind, did not exceed a district budget. Administration of district took all charges on renewal of roofs of houses of local population.

- On 7.02.09 An old woman threw herself from height near 15-17meters from a bridge «Yubileyniy ». Rescuers succeeded in rescuing. But in 3 days she died in a hospital. Doctors didn't knew the reason of this suicide.

- On 17.02.09 In Chkalovsk was registered 2 fires. The first fire happened in the district Noviy Kvartal. The second fire was registered on street Pobeda. The victims of fire were two men. A criminal case was excited in this connection.

- On 26.02.09 On the road of Dushanbe - Pendzhikent happened avalanche under which, was a car of brand Toyota. There were 5 persons in a car. Rescuers succeeded in digging out the injured people.But all of them died.

- A complicated situation is on Shakhristans mountain pass. From a few avalanches which happened in a between 1-2 days cars which were driving to Dushanbe got in congestion. And few days that rescuers delivering food to people that are on the road. The Chinese workers are cleaning out the roads from the snow in the direction of Shakhristan and Ayni mountain pass.

- The staff of CoES and CD prepares to the studies on a civil defensive. Studies will pass at the end of March and in the beginning of April.

3. Presentation of UNDP project «Initiative, Environment and Safety in the trans frontal regions of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan»

The project «Initiative, Environment and Safety in the trans frontal regions of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan» is logical continue of UNDP, OSCE, NATO. The project will last 12 months. The main districts of project will be Batkentskiy district of republic Kyrgyzstan, Isfarinskiy district of republic Tajikistan. The main purpose of project is

- to create a mechanism on timely collection of information about natural resources and possible ES, such as: mudstone streams and landslides,
- to create databases, in order that both sides in good time inform each other.

The second part of the project is that the analytic of the project should make one report in two months. There are also technogenic problems as cutting down the forests, building of mudstone wastes of the In these reports information will be presented about the folded ecological situation in the main districts, and

also changes which will show up during the year. Also in reports will be recommendation about how to solve these problems, both on local and trans frontal levels. The partners of project are local government, local CoES, associations, specialists and experts, UNDP of

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There will be specialist's trainings for monitors. Public monitors which will canvass similarly will have their own certificates of public inspector and will make monthly reports on monitoring that will cause the timely exposure of important ecological points on places and trans frontal character.

4. Presentation of project to ANTI/Help Age International, - «Support of elderly citizens in the conditions of severe winter and ES»

A project is financed by European Commission. Primary purpose of project is in the decline of negative influence of the cold winter and extraordinary situations for the most vulnerable layers of population (elderly people). The main districts of the project are the Dzhamoaty Shaydon, Kamyshkurgan, Oshoba Kirkkuduk, of Asht, Sughd region

The project activity consisted of

- Preparation and distribution of hot soups in 4- dzhamoats of Asht's region for 300 elderly citizens in the 2 cold months of winter January and February 2009.

- Holding trainings and seminars for elderly citizens in 4 dzhamoats about «Use of alternative energy sources», «Storage of food s in the conditions of the cold winter and ES.» with the help of Youth Ecological center of Tajikistan.

- Providing alternative energy to 4 medical centers in 4 dzhamoats.

- Making demonstration modules in 4 dzhamoats on the storage of food in the ES conditions.

5. Presentation of the movie made by YGPE/Sugd of TV «Danger of Snow Avalanches»

A film consists of a few parts. The first part was educational, where it was explained about what avalanche, and what threat it has for a human. The second was accented on the danger of moving in the winter through Shakhristan's mountain pass on cars. A film proceeded 15 minutes and was made by CoES, YGPE and Sughd TV, and was financed by Act Central Asia. The partners of REACT added some technical recommendations which will be taken into consideration for completing the movie.

6. News from REACT partners

WFP collecting information about food safety in Sughd region to update the information, it was offered to all partners of REACT to give information about food safety in a special purpose districts. From the last monitoring information, priority districts are Asht, B.Gafurov and Pendzhikent. After monitoring it was revealed that in Ashte a 42% need food help, in B.Gafurove 40%, in Pendzhikent 30%.

7. Organizational issues of REACT group - place, time and agenda for the next meeting

The participants of REACT of Sughd region decided that the next meeting will be held on 3/04/2009. The place of the next meeting will be specified and reported additionally.

8. Other questions

There were no other questions.

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