

Minutes of REACT-Sughd Meeting
18 July 2009, Regional Sughd office of CoES and CD

Chair: Mr. Khudoyberdi Kodirberdiev Deputy Head of Sughd Regional CoES and CD

Participants: REACT partners (Annex 1 - attached)

1. Introduction

Colonel Kodirberdiev Khudoiberdi opened REACT meeting in Sughd region and welcomed the participants.

2. Disaster updates:

In accordance with the latest information no major disasters were reported at the territory of Sughd region during July 2008. Mr. Kodirberdiev noted that, in comparison with the year 2007, the quantity of drowned people increased during May – July 2008. The number of damages caused by disasters in 2008 is several times greater than in 2007.

3. Suggestions of REACT members in Sughd region for the next appeal/humanitarian assistance plan.

The participants of REACT made some suggestions, dividing them by thematic groups:

Mitigation and Rehabilitation:

Problem – Untimely preparation for disasters in the region.

- to continue the implementation of “Urgent increase in Urban Water Supplies” project in Sughd oblast, which is currently implemented by UNDP, and to expand the coverage of this project to other vulnerable districts of Sughd;
- to strengthen the work of international, public and state organizations in arrangements and conduction of small and large scale mitigation projects/events, directed to the rehabilitation and mitigation (Example: clearing and strengthening of mudflows outlets, dams and etc.)

Food security:

Problem – Shortage and high prices of food commodities for population.

- provision of crops and seeds reserves for vulnerable population of different districts of Sughd region;
- to request more food assistance from WFP for vulnerable population in Sughd region;
- establishment of energy saving green houses for agricultural crops, particularly in schools.

Ensure information access of population

Problem – Lack of information on prevention and circumstances of disasters for population

- public awareness raising on disaster awareness through mass media and local public organizations (for example: How to use coal stoves properly);
- Public awareness raising on rational use of energy and on alternative sources of energy (manure gas, solar collectors, wind mills and etc.) and effective methods of warm-keeping of houses and schools and etc.

Non-food assistance:

Problem – Lack of non-food reserves for population

- to replenish stock supplies of CoES and Red Crescent (warm clothes, warm tents, blankets, generators, stoves, hygienic bags).

Water and sanitation:

Problem – Worsening situation with the access to clean drinking water and sanitary norms of population

- To provide water delivery machinery in frames of “Urgent Increase in Urban Water Supplies” project implemented by UNDP and expand the project coverage to other vulnerable districts of Sughd region;
- provision of large number of chlorine tablets to local population with a limited access to drinking water;
- procurement of water jerry cans for population in cases of accidents and procurement of technical equipment and spare parts for proper functioning of water pump stations.

Power resources:

Problem –Increase of energy tariff will decrease population’s energy purchase capacity and will limit populations possibilities to develop alternative energy sources.

- provision of financial assistance to poor families;
- development of alternative sources of power at local and city level;

Note: Calculation of financial expenses according to thematic groups will be executed if necessary.

4. Organizational issues: (Venue, time and agenda of the next meeting):

The next meeting is planned for the end of August 2008 in Sughd regional CoES office. The exact date and time of the next REACT meeting will be additionally defined by REACT Secretariat in Sughd oblast.

5. Other issues

No other issues were discussed

Annex 1.

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3	Boboev Parviz	ES Project manager	APPR NAU
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