



Committee of Emergency Situations & Civil Defense, ECHO and UNDP Tajikistan
Project "Strengthened Disaster Risk Management in Tajikistan"

Minutes of the REACT-Sughd Meeting 28th of March 2008, Regional office of CoES and CD

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

Participants: REACT partners (Annex 1 - attached)

1. Introduction

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Khudoiberdi Kodirberdiev had welcomed the participants and congratulated everybody with Navruz holiday. He informed everyone, that country official celebrations of the Navruz took place in Khujand city and President of the country had visited Khujand city during holidays.

Also, Mr. Kodirberdiev introduced new participants of REACT Sughd meeting:

- Mr. Abdullo Sharipov- representative of Sughd region Khukumat;
- Tolib Akhmedov – International water secretariat;
- Ram Mani Sharma – International water secretariat;

Mr. Kodirberdiev highlighted, that during last several REACT Sughd meetings, REACT partners have noted that usually such districts as: Mastcho, J.Rasulov and Kairakkum are not discussed at the meetings. So, representatives from district CoES of above mentioned districts have been invited to current REACT Sughd meeting:

- Lieutenant colonel Gafforov – Mastchoh district CoES;
- Lieutenant colonel Makhmudov – Kairakkum CoES;
- Colonel Toshkhujayev – J.Rasulov district CoES;

2. Review of last REACT meeting minutes:

The copies of the last regular REACT Sughd meeting and extraordinary REACT Sughd meeting minutes were disseminated among the participants for familiarization. No comments or changes have been proposed by partners and minutes have been accepted without any changes.

3. Information on disasters and updates:

Mr. Kodirberdiev briefed the participants about the disasters occurred during last month. He informed the participants that on 4th of March on 168th km of Dushanbe-Khujand road, on Kumar zone a bus "Ikarus" with passengers had felled to precipice. 4 people died at the site, another one died at hospital. 18 people are injured and hospitalized. Majority of the passengers were residents of Jamoat Urmetan, Aini district.

On 5th of March on 184-185th km of Khujand-Dushanbe road occurred an avalanche. The road was cleaned by local road cleaning services of Shahristan and Aini districts.

A case of tuberculosis infection has been identified in Zafarabad district. According to sanitation services a sick person was infected from Russia (where he used to work) and infected other family members. As a result 3 people had died.

A report from Isfara district has been received, that resident of Isfara district had blown up on mine, at Tajik-Kirgiz border area and his eye was injured.

Gale-strength wind had occurred in Ghonchi, Istaravshan and Penjikent district. The most damaging case was reported from Panjakent. Overall more than 5000 pieces of roofing slates of different social institutions and private houses were ripped off. Nobody was injured.

Ms. Shahlo Rahimova had added that during last Security Management Team meeting held in UNDP office last week, assistant to UN area security coordinator had reported that overall situation at Tajik-Kirgiz border at Isfara district area is calm, though he recommended that international staff should be careful while traveling to Isfara district. Overall there is no danger at populated areas.

4. Information share and further cooperation with Sughd regional Khukumat and REACT Sughd partners:

Mr. Sharipov Abdullo expressed gratitude for invitation for participation at REACT Sughd meeting. He had informed the participants that Tajikistan Government is assessing the damages caused by compound crisis in Tajikistan this winter.

Sughd regional Khukumat has received request from Government of Tajikistan, to provide information about the damages in Sughd region, caused by compound crisis. Right now, the highest priority of regional Khukumat is to complete the damage assessment. These activities are carried out in close cooperation with Sughd regional CoES. Sughd regional CoES with the assistance of their district level representatives are compiling the information about the damages.

In addition to damage assistance, regional Khukumat is compiling data about the international assistance provided to Sughd region. Mr. Sharipov mentioned that authorities are not able to get full and exact information about international assistance and they are requesting assistance and support from REACT Sughd partners. An official letter from regional board of economical development and antimonopoly activities of Sughd regional Khukumat addressed to REACT Sughd partners has been presented to participants. It was also, agreed that Ms. Shahlo Rahimova, will disseminate scanned version of the letter to all REACT Sughd partners after the meeting. (see annex II)

Mr. Frank Paepke from GAA asked Mr. Sharipov, if regional Khukumat needs information only about assistance provided/damages or potential risks of new damages as well? As example he mentioned, that according to the minutes of last REACT Sughd meeting, we can see that YGPE had reported that collecting system of Taboshar is completely out of order. Taking into account coming hot weather, we can assume that this situation will create potential risk in sanitation and hygienic situation of Taboshar. It would be very useful, if such kind of information would be compiled as well. Mr. Sharipov replied that this kind of information is compiled on country level.

Also, Mr. Frank Paepke was wondering if there is any on-going program to assist private sector in rehabilitation of damages caused by compound crisis. For example, to assist a family to repair water supply system in private house, which was broken during winter period. Mr. Tolib Akhmedov from ISW wanted to know, if there is any centralized headquarters responding to compound crisis in country? Mr. Sharipov replied that for current moment, no such headquarter have been created, but it is a good recommendation and will be considered by regional Khukumat.

5. Presentation of Regional Rural Water Supply project:

Mr. Ram Sharma, senior project engineer of RRWS project had presented the project to participants:

General Information:

- A four year project 2007 -2011
- Supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Aiming at providing villages with drinking water
- Developing decentralised management of water supply systems at village level
- Location: the province of Sughd in Tajikistan
- Building up on the experience accumulated during previous projects carried out in central Asia

Objectives:

- To rehabilitate/build water supply systems, create community management, promote healthier hygiene behavior, promote active involvement of women and youth, at village level;
- To create the conditions for scaling up the key elements of the project, to identify the relevant institutions and build up capacities at rayon, oblast and national level to implement water supply projects;

Project components:

1. Technical: construction of water systems and training of technicians;
2. Social: community mobilization and training of decentralized water systems;
3. Hygiene: improve provision of clean water;
4. Fair gender representations
5. Capacity building at local level
7. At oblast and national levels: Work with relevant institutions to draw lessons of the project and further replicate it

Mr. Ram Sharma added that, all the equipment for current project will be energy-saving and Danish production. Also, right now a possibility to install of generators is considered as well, which will allow continuous work of the pumps in case of energy shortage.

6. Overview of current situation in Kairakknum, J.Rasulov and Mastcho districts:

Kairakkum town

Lieutenant colonel Makhmudov briefed participants about the main risks of the town and listed them:

- Kairakkum water reservoir's shores are situated at level of 20 m. Last year few cases of shore collapse have been stated at tourist's zones. So majority of the shores need to be protected and shore protection activities should be carried out;
- Drinking water supply system is worn out. Out of existing 30 pumps, only 9 pumps are functioning and providing population with water. Kairakkum water supply company (Vodokanal) and authorities of Kairakkum town do not have funds for replacement of the old pumps;
- Collecting system is not functioning properly. Purifying equipment of the city does not function satisfactory. Raw (not purified) water of collecting system goes directly to Kairakkum water reservoir;
- There is a high risk of mudflow in Adrasman village. Rehabilitation of mudflow channel have been started, but not completed;

Mr. Dima Prudskikh from YGPE noted that if purifying system of the town is completely out of order and raw water is poured directly to Kairakkum water reservoir, then we can expect an ecological disaster. Mr. Valijon Ganiev from Mercy Corps, informed the participants that, based on his experience working in water supply company of Sughd region, he can assure

that even if purifying system is not functioning properly, water will be purified automatically up 50%.

J. Rasulov district:

Colonel Toshkhujayev representative from J. Rasulov district CoES informed participants that there are two main mudflow channels: Isfana (10 km) and Tomsoy (8 km). Above mentioned mudflow channels have not been maintained for the last 10-15 years. In case of any major mudflow around 100 ha of cropping land will be washed away. It was also added that CoES is able to mobilize machinery for cleaning activities of the channels and mobilize people who will be carrying out cleaning activities, but local authorities and district CoES can not provide fuel for machinery. Overall cleaning of the channels requires 15 000 liters of diesel. Colonel Toshkhujayev requested REACT Sughd partners for assistance of fuel purchase.

Mastcho district:

Lieutenant colonel Gafforov, representative of Mastcho district CoES had briefed the participants about the main risks of Mastcho district:

- Gale strength wind;
- Shortage of drinking water;
- Tuberculosis disease;
- Malfunctions in collecting system;
- Level raise of underground water;

7. News from REACT Sughd partners:

Ms. Sayora Ishanova had informed participants that WFP Khujand SO is implementing the first phase of the emergency food assistance to families affected by compound crisis. For the current moment, 3 districts: Spitamen, J.Rasulov and Ghonchi covering 35141 beneficiaries have been covered. Over 849.806 MT of food (Wheat Flour, Beans and Salt) has been delivered to population.

Mr. Dima Prudskikh from YGPE had informed the participants that a first allocation of 7000 USD from Act Central Asia has been received for the project proposed jointly with NGO: "Nau" and CAPD related to compound crisis. Received money has been spent for planting of saplings and distribution of potato seeds to Spitamen and Asht districts.

Mr. Valijon Ganiev from Mercy Corps had informed the participants that they have finished preparation activities in frames of the project related to compound crisis. Overall 23 pieces of generators for medical institutions of Sughd region have been received and kept at WFP warehouse. Also, in addition to each generator 1000 liters of diesel will be distributed to medical institutions as well.

Ms. Sayora Ishanova added that WFP is a leading agency in logistics cluster and ready to support any organization and provide warehouse premises in case of emergencies.

Ms. Rano Numanova from GAA shared that it is planned to conduct a coordination meeting in frames of GAA disaster risk reduction project.

Mr. Zokirov from Sughd regional television highlighted that it is very important to inform population through mass- media about the humanitarian assistance provided to population. Moreover, he mentioned that we should keep population aware about disaster risks as well.

Ms. Maya Khashimova from NGO: "Amal" invited all the participants to attend at joint demonstration trainings of Khujand CoES and NGO: "Amal", which will be held at Uchbog community of Khujand city, on 8th of April.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 30th of April, 2008.

Annex 1: List of Participants, REACT Meeting on 12th of December 2007

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Annex II: Letter from Sughd Khukumat

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В связи с этим, для более эффективной координации действий и целенаправленного распределения помощи просим Вас предоставить информацию об объеме оказанной помощи и районах распределения средств.

Заранее благодарим за содействие и надеемся на дальнейшее плодотворное сотрудничество.

С уважением,

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