

**REACT Sughd meeting minutes**  
**29 August 2008, 09:00 - 11:00**  
**Sughd regional CoES and CD office**

*Chairman:* Mr. Kodirberdiev, deputy head of Sughd regional CoES and CD

*Participants:* REACT Sughd partners (see Annex 1)

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**1. Introduction**

Colonel Kodirberdiev, chair of the meeting welcomed all the participants of the meeting.

**2. Disaster updates:**

No major disasters have been reported during July 2008 on the territory of Sughd oblast. At the same time Mr. Kodirberdiev noted that, according to the information for August 2008, the number of drowned people reduced. The information of the major car accident, occurred on the road Khujand-Ayni - Dushanbe on 7 August 2008 was provided. Overall car accident caused death of 14 people and 6 people were injured.

**3. Discussion of Terms of Reference of Regional REACT groups:**

During the discussion of framework regional REACT Terms of Reference agreement was reached that document should be refined and all REACT partners will provide their comments separately to REACT Secretariat by e-mail. In particular Sayora Ishanova (WFP) noted that so far, REACT Disaster Rapid Assessment form has not been accepted and approved. Also there were some questions related to the last point of Terms of Reference – “Minor Fund”: Who will form this fund? Who will be the beneficiaries of this fund? What amount is provided for the minor fund?

**4. Presentation of DIPECHO – V Project, implemented by ACTED in Sughd region:**

Mrs. Sadykova Nigina presented DIPECHO V funded project with the duration of 15 months and implemented by ACTED in Sughd region. Goal and objectives of the project were introduced to participants. The implementing partners of the project will be RCST and local NGO “Amal”. Worth to mention that ACTED is implementing such project for the first time in Sughd region. The project will cover the following districts: J. Rasulov district, B. Gafurov district and Spitamen district. Ms. Sadykova also informed that in frames of the project following activities will be covered: risk assessment of villages, development of risk maps, disaster preparedness plans of villages and districts. Within the education component of the project, series of trainings on seismic-resistant construction and on provision of first aid will be provided. It is also expected to organize mitigation events in selected districts and conduction of disasters simulation exercises. It should be noted that ACTED expressed its interest on cooperation with other REACT partners on this component. It was noted that the experience of great number of organizations, involved in DRM activities in Soughd region will help to implement the project more effectively.

**5. Information on the process of project implementation in J. Rasulov district of Sughd region from NGO “APPR NAU” and YGPE:**

The head of Jamoat Gulyakandoz of J.Rasulov district, Mr. Boboev and representative of APPR NAU – Mirzaev, informed that activities implemented in course of Isfana Say mudflow channel cleaning and river bank strengthening will lead to rehabilitation of other hazardous sites along with the channel. For implementation of the project APPR NAU and YGPE have provided 6500 USD (financed by Act Central Asia) and on other hand authorities of Jamoat Gulyakandoz and local population provided machinery and labor. Following the assessment, which was carried out by representatives of Sughd CoES and qualified engineers hazardous sites were identified for further mitigation activities. River bank strengthening works carried out in frames of the project will prevent the damages to local populations structures, as well as damages to crops on cultivated lands of collective farm: “Samadov” in case of mudflow or flooding.

**6. Information of CoES and CD in Taboshar on the problems with drinking water in the city and appeal of the local authorities to the international, public and state institutions:**

Representative of Taboshar CoES, colonel Mirzoev, informed REACT Sughd partners on the situation with drinking water in Taboshar. Current water supply in the city can cover only 10% - 15% of drinking water consumption needs. Especially this problem affected upper side of the town, which has more than 3000 population. Mr. Mirzoev added that the urgent need of the town right now is procurement of water truck and water tankers (with capacity of not less than 3 tons). Rapid assessment has been already conducted by REACT Sughd partners and the open appeal of town administration has been disseminated among national REACT partners.

**7. News from the partners:**

WFP in Khujand conducted Food Security assessment in different regions and cities of Sughd region. The results of assessment indicated that the most vulnerable district of the region is Mastcho district. Currently, the fund raising process has been started for provision of food assistance to vulnerable population of Taboshar and Khujand.

**8. Organizational issues of REACT (venue, time and agenda of the next REACT meeting):**

The next meeting is planned at the end of September 2008 in Sughd regional CoES office. The exact date and time of the next REACT meeting will be informed by REACT Secretariat in Sughd region.

**9. Other issues:**

Other issues have not been discussed.

*Annex 1.*

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