



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

Minutes of the REACT-Sughd Meeting 29th of February 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.

2. Information on disasters and updates:

Mr. Kodirberdiev briefed the participants about the disasters occurred during last month. He informed the participants that on 21st of February a vehicle with four people had felled down to precipice, from Shahrستان pass. Local population and road cleaning department found three passengers (Chinese citizens), two injured and one dead. Though, they were not able to find the driver, Ayni district resident. On 22nd of February a rescue team from CoES (SOBR) had visited the occurrence site and found the dead body of driver.

Strong wind in Spitamen district had ripped off 55 pieces of roof slates from households and schools in Farmonkurgon Jamoat of the district.

Some domestic cases, like fires, blocked doors in apartments have been reported by Mr. Kodirberdiev.

3. 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.

4. Situation update on Khujand city emergency situation:

Ms. Shahlo Rahimova, REACT Sughd FP had informed the participants that during last extraordinary REACT Sughd meeting an emergency situation have been reported by Head of Khujand city CoES. A joint assessment of REACT Sughd partners and Khujand city official emergency commission has been conducted. Assessment report has been provided to all REACT Sughd partners.

During the assessment it was found out, that 36 households from 3 streets of Khujand city have been affected by subsoil waters. During the visit it was observed that basements of the houses are completely flooded and level of the water in the yards is over 10 cm. The high level of moisture weakened all the constructions. Through household visit 4 houses were identified as in complete accident condition, which can collapse any moment.

Following response activities have been undertaken regarding this emergency situation:

- Khujand city official emergency commission had arranged an official assessment and identified data about affected population and needs. Assessment report has been provided to Khujand city and Sughd region authorities for their further actions. So far, no information about assistance has been received.

- Red Crescent Society had provided 8 most vulnerable families, with some non food items:
 1. Mattresses-20 pieces
 2. Blankets-20 pieces
 3. Buckets – 20 pieces
 4. Pillows- 20 pieces
 5. Bed clothes – 20 sets
- Mission East had conducted an assessment and received estimate from Khujand "Vodocanal" for finishing of pump station construction, which has been started by joint project of IOM and Shelter for Life and left incomplete.
- YGPE is planning to distribute some water tanks, kerosene stoves and chloral tablets to several vulnerable families.
- Russian Federation Consulate in Sughd region, will provide one time financial assistance (150 Somoni) to 2 affected Russian vulnerable families.

5. Updates from REACT Sughd partners on response activities to compound crisis in Tajikistan :

Ms. Nigina Sadikova from ACTED had informed the participants, that they had conducted a rapid assessment of some social institutions of Khujand city. They had visited kindergartens #26 and 30 of Khujand city. These are special kindergartens for handicapped (blind and deaf-dumb) children and usually children stay at kindergartens overnight. Also assessment of Shelter for homeless people of Khujand city has been carried out. During assessment it was found out, that building is totally insanitariness condition. Information from Social Provision Institution (Sobes) of Khujand city about elderly and lonely people has been received. The results of assessment and needs of the institutions have been provided to French Embassy, for their consideration.

Mr. Ismoil Yakundjanov from RCST, had informed the participants that RCST had provided population of Ghonchi district around 48000 pieces of chloral tablets and educational materials on prevention of typhoid disease as well. Netherlands Red Cross Society also has provided all the psychiatric hospitals of Tajikistan with generators. Two existing psychiatric hospitals of Sughd region, one in Khujand and another in Isfara district, will be covered as well. Mr. Ismoil Yakubjanov had mentioned that two generator (power supply over 15 KWT) are already received and placed at RCST warehouse and will be distributed to hospitals in nearest future.

Mr. Dima Prudskikh from YGPE, had informed the participants that several local NGOs as: YGPE, CAPD and Ngo: "Nau" had developed a joined project and proposed it to Act Central Asia for consideration. The total budget of the project compiles 80 000 USD. Every NGO will carry out some activities in their targeted districts. CAPD will provide some kerosene stoves to elderly and lonely people of Khujand city and will carry out informational project on proper use of coal to population. NGO: "Nau" will carry out some partial rehabilitation of schools, distribution of generators to schools in Asht, Ghonchi and Spitamen districts. YGPE is planning to build 10 public toilets in Taboshar city. Mr. Dmitryi Prudskikh highlighted that Taboshar city's canalization system is totally out of order. The further maintenance of the toilets will be responsibility of housing and communal services of Taboshar city. Also, YGPE is planning to provide 20 vulnerable families of Taboshar city with kerosene stoves and 50 liters water tanks with chloric tablets. Ms. Sayora Ishanova proposed to discuss in more details the construction components of the project and find possible ways of supporting the beneficiaries by Food for Work project of WFP.

Ms. Rano Numanova from GAA, had informed the participants that German government had allocated around 34 000 Euro to provide non-food items to social institutions of the assessed districts: Ghonchi, Shahrستان and Istaravshan. Moreover, on 25th of February German ambassador had visited Sughd region and participated during the distribution of non-food items of the certain social institutions. Overall it is planned to cover 155 social institutions, mainly schools and kindergartens of targeted districts. Over 50 heating ovens, 10 generators, 2000 liters of fuel, 24 MT of coal will be distributed by 13th of March to the above mentioned institutions. Also, GAA is planning to provide food assistance to ethnic German people living in Khujand city. Food rations will consist of: Wheat Flour, Vegetable oil, canned meat, sugar, salt and peas. Food assistance will be provided to 300 beneficiaries by 15th of March. So far, 141 beneficiaries have been covered and food has been distributed to them. Also, Ms. Rano Numanova had mentioned that, Ayni district office of GAA in cooperation with GTZ, is now in process of coal distribution to medical institutions of Zeravshan valley, which has been funded by German ministry of development and coordination.

Mr. Saadi Izatov from Mercy Corps, had informed the participants, that United Kingdom Department for International Development had provided funds for the implementation of project: "Immediate relief for vulnerable households & institutions", which was included to UN Appeal. Mercy Corps right now is in process of hiring a new staff member for implementation of this project. As it was proposed in project proposal, Mercy Corps will provide certain social institutions of targeted districts: Asht, Spitamen, Zafarabad, Ghonchi and Khujand city with generators, blankets, warm clothes, chloral tablets and etc. It is planned to start the direct implementation of the project starting from the first week of March.

Ms. Sayora Ishanova from WFP, had informed the participants, that as it was reported during last extraordinary REACT Sughd meeting, WFP had started implementation of the project: "Emergency assistance to families affected by food crisis in Tajikistan" which was included to UN Appeal. During the first phase of the project four districts: Ghonchi, Spitamen, J.Rasulov and Penjikent will be covered. A verification of the beneficiaries will start during the first week of March. Also, the assessment of other 4 districts: Asht, Isfara, Taboshar, zafarabad and Khujand city will be carried out. During the second phase of the project, basing on the results of the assessments verification of the beneficiaries and distribution of the food aid will be started. Ms. Sayora Ishanova had mentioned that, exact number of beneficiaries and covered Jamoats are included into the table "Who, what, where" which is posted on the www.untj.org website.

6. News from REACT Sughd partners:

Ms. Nigina Siddikova from ACTED, had informed the participants that on 25th of February a meeting with all international and national NGO's has been conducted at Sughd regional Khukumat. Representative of Khukumat informed the participants, that Khukumat had allocated 100 hectares of land and planning to establish National Garden. Every national organization and institution has been assigned to plant fruit trees on certain territory out of these 100 hectares. On 1st of March on the square of Kamoli Khujandi theater (center of Khujand city), a fair of young plants is going to be held and Khukumat had requested national and international organizations to allocate some funds for purchasing young plants and planting them on the territory of National Garden.

Mr. Zokirov from Sughd Regional Television reminded the participants, that they should be very careful while purchasing young plants and should consult with specialists, because due to the severe winter this year most of the young plants were frozen and now they can not be used for planting.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 26th of March, 2008.

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

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