

## Minutes of REACT Zeravshan Valley (ZV) meeting

30 May 2010, 11:00 – 12:30  
GTZ Disaster Training Center in Ayni

**Chairman:** Hoji Muzayanov, Deputy Chief of Sugd Regional HQ on ES and CD

**Participants:** please refer to Annex 1.

### 1. Introduction

The meeting was opened by **Mr. Hoji Muzayanov**, Deputy Chief of Sugd Regional HQ on ES and CD, by welcoming all the participants and requesting to introduce them. Further the floor was given to **Mr. Zafar Mirzoboshiev**, head of CoES Unit of Ayni district for the presentation of information on latest disasters occurred in Zeravshan valley. It was informed on few moderate disasters namely

- explosion of KAMAZ truck carrying gas in Khushekat village which led to 11 casualties;
- increased water level in river resulted in washing out of agricultural lands in Rarz village, partial damage of 3 HH and 2-3 km of road in Ispagn village, damage of UNDP river reinforcement structures (200-300 meters) in Shavatki Poyon village;
- slow movement of soil in the landslide area located in Vashan village poses a threat to 5-6 HH which were already resettled and to the irrigation canal.

**Mr. Muzayanov** mentioned on partial damage of dam at Vodocanal water pump station as well as Garibak dam in Penjikent which are being rehabilitated by CoES and Zeravshan Gold Mining Company.

### 2. Simulation of contingency plan in Shing

**Mr. Shohin Rizoiev**, GTZ Consultant informed the participants on the simulation exercises which are planned to be undertaken in Shing jamoat within the frames of Contingency plan for ZV developed by GTZ Program. Prior to this simulation, a smaller exercise will be carried out in the same area to test coordination and response capacity of all respective structures, identify shortcomings and possibly modify Contingency Plan scenario for the large simulation exercise.

**Mr. Ikrom Soliev** informed the participants on components which are being implemented within GTZ Program namely set up of local disaster management teams and SAR teams, installation of radio communication equipment, mitigation projects. The objective of the Contingency Plan simulation exercise at valley level is to test the effectiveness of all established components. Shing was chosen as the area with the highest exposure to disaster risks, the heaviest recent history of disasters in ZV and the area in which all components of the GTZ program have been carried out (teams, radio communication equipment, and mitigation projects). **Mr. Soliev** proposed that CoES (responsible for the implementation of valley-wide simulation) looks through the scenario developed by GTZ, provides comments and elaborates action plan for the simulation. All other international organizations were invited to participate in the event.

**Mr. Muzayanov** noted that for the successful implementation of simulation exercises the local authorities and communities should be stimulated through implementation of practical measures during exercises (e.g. cleaning of canal, river bank reinforcement, etc.)

In the result of the discussions the following was agreed upon:

- GTZ is preparing a letter to CoES of Sugd region on planned simulations in Shing (the first on 5-6 August and the second on 15-16 September).
- CoES of Sugd region is responsible for the elaboration of the action plan on the basis of Contingency Plan scenario and submission of letter to the Khukumat of Penjikent.

- From CoES the following persons are responsible for the elaboration of action plan on the basis of Contingency Plan scenario: Oleg Pilkevich, Head of SAR Department, Zafar Mirzoboshiev, Head of CoES Unit in Ayni, Parviz Amonov, Head of CoES Unit in Penjikent and Khoji Muzayanov, Deputy Head of Sugd Region CoES HQ.
- Scenario of the first small exercise developed by Abdumajid Bozorov, GRC Trainer, should be submitted to Khukumat of Penjikent through with Parviz Amonov.

### 3. Presentation of Netherland Red Cross DIPECHO VI project

**Mr. Fahriddin Karimov**, RCST DM Coordinator of Sugd region made a presentation on the EUR 286,000 project component for Zeravshan Valley in the frame of DIPECHO VI program.

After the presentation participants discussed the issue of mitigation projects selection in the frames of the presented project. It was agreed that prior to the final selection, intended mitigation projects should be discussed in the special working group dedicated to projects.

The issue of warehouses and emergency stock set up in the frames of DIPECHO program was also discussed. It was explained that RCST has warehouses in 11 district of Tajikistan and stocks are constantly being replenished. If disaster is beyond of national level, IFRC has a special response mechanism for Central Asia (urgent allocation of emergency funds, etc.) and therefore DIPECHO projects do not address this issue within its framework.

### 4. Presentation of Mission East DIPECHO VI project

Presentation was made by **Mr. John Farebrother**, ME Project Manager on the EUR 550,000 DRM project in Tajikistan, including Zeravshan Valley and Kulyab zone. The presentation was followed by discussions which covered the following issues:

- **Zarina Mirzabaeva**, WHH Project Manager (GTZ Program component) mentioned that WHH is implementing its project in some of the same villages selected by Mission East. She proposed to share all required information to Mission East to implement its project (hydro and meteo stations, information on established teams, etc.) to avoid duplication;
- **Luc Patenaude** noted that there are so far only 2 organizations will be implementing DRM projects in ZV beyond 2010 and thus the issue of coordination and sustainability with regard to the assets created in the frame of the GTZ Program (DMTs, SAR teams, Training Center, etc.) should be considered by DIPECHO VI projects;

Participants recommended to Mission East to organize asap a project planning workshop and invite all concerned parties in ZV to coordinate activities and avoid overlapping and in future. It was even proposed by **Mr. Soliev** to organize the workshop together with the Netherland Red Cross DIPECHO VI project.

Summing it up, the participants agreed to schedule the next REACT ZV meeting on **16 June 2010**.