

Minutes of REACT Zeravshan Valley (ZV) meeting

17 August 2010, 13:00 – 14:30
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.

2. Overview of disasters in ZV in August 2010

Mr. Hoji Muzayanov informed on destroyed road in Gornaya Matcha district which is now being rehabilitated by CoES forces. In accordance with the order of Chairman of Sugd region, 5 mt of diesel were allocated by HQ of ES and CD of Sugd oblast for rehabilitation works at the site.

Further the floor was given to **Mr. Parviz Amonov**, Head of Penjikent CoES Unit, informed that increased level of water in river led to washout of 8 ha of agricultural lands. Assistance was provided by Zeravshan Gold Mining Factory (23 trucks with big stones) for the river bank reinforcement activities.

Mr. Luc Patenaude, GTZ Program Officer mentioned that collaboration with third parties namely with the Zeravshan Gold Mining Factory is crucial in the light of future phasing out of international organizations and INGOs from ZV, particularly in Disaster Risk Management

Mr. Hoji Muzayanov informed on his recent visit to the villages of Penjikent district. It was revealed that there is no drinking water supply system in Kizichar village/Amondara jamoat and this settlement was proposed to international organizations as a possible site for future interventions.

Mr. Zafar Mirzoboshiev, Head of CoES Unit of Ayni district informed on latest disasters occurred in Ayni district. Due to the increased level of water in the Zeravshan River two water pump stations were destroyed.

3. Coordination with DIPECHO IV projects in ZV

Mr. Uktam Eshonov, Mission East Project Officer informed that ME is coordinating its activities in the villages where RCST is implementing its DIPECHO project. It was mentioned that in Vashan and Zerobod villages ME will be working with the same community groups which are involved in RCST activities.

Mr. Ikrom Soliev, Manager of German Red Cross (GRC) Program Component, recommended to DIPECHO partners in ZV conduct regular coordination meetings as it is done in Dushanbe. He mentioned all DIPECHO projects are having the same objective, they are complementing each other and thus DIPECHO partners should join efforts to reach this goal in a most effective way.

4. Simulations in Shing

Mr. Soliev provided short information on the simulation exercise in Shing village which took place on 5 August 2010. It was mentioned that all the participants were trying to do their best nevertheless there were some gaps which could be followed up at present and based on lessons learnt valley-wide simulations could be prepared and implemented in a better way. **Mr. Soliev** briefly described the preliminary scenario of the upcoming simulations and components which should be tested (FA, SAR teams and DMTs, evacuation, communication system, etc.).

Mr. Patenaude mentioned that the exercise in Shing should not be very complicated although should be real and effective. He recommended focusing on radio communication and evacuation components (test different types of radio messages). The importance of active participation of Penjikent Khukumat in the preparation and implementation of simulation exercise was highlighted.

Mr. Muzayanov stressed that mitigation measures, which could be carried out along with the simulation exercise would motivate the local authorities.

Mr. Patenaude responded that GTZ Program spent already lot of resources in Shing Jamoat and in the light of the completion of the program it is not possible to allocate more funds for mitigation measures in this area.

Mr. Amonov mentioned that in case if the partners achieve agreement regarding mitigation activities in Shing, he would organize the heavy machinery (bulldozer and excavator).

Mr. Firuz Khamidov, UNDP Ayni Area Manager, mentioned that UNDP Ayni received request from Shing to support the cleaning of channel. If UNDP takes decision to support this activity it would be possible to join efforts and implement the mentioned mitigation activities during simulation exercise.

Mr. Soliev mentioned that at present partners should not to mix two different components (simulations and mitigation measures) and stressed that decision regarding mitigation measures can be taken only when the budget for the simulation is agreed.

Participants agreed on following:

- Date of the next simulation – **postponed to 1 October 2010**. Key persons responsible for the preparation of the exercise (Oleg Pilkevich, Hoji Muzayanov) will come to Shing on 26 September 2010, together with GRC.
- As soon as the order for the simulation is signed by Haibullo Latipov, CoES Chairman, Mr. Muzayanov will prepare an order from HQ of ES and CD of Sugd region and send it to CoES and Khukumat of Penjikent region. The participation of Penjikent Khukumat and the presence of the Chairman of Penjikent Khukumat at the exercise must be guaranteed.
- Budget will be elaborated by Mr. Soliev, Mr. Pilkevich and Mr. Muzayanov in Khujand from 1-3 September 2010.
- Mr. Soliev will coordinate with UNDP for their possible contribution to the channel cleaning mitigation project in Shing, during the exercise.

It was decided to schedule the next REACT ZV meeting on **30 September 2010** in Penjikent prior to the simulation exercise.