

## **Minutes from REACT Meeting in Zeravshan Valley**

**15 August 2007, 11:00-12:30**  
**Penjikent CoES office**

**Chair:** Mr. Murodov, Head of Penjikent CoES a.i.

**Note taker:** Mr. Ubaidulloev, UNDRMP

**Participants:** *See Appendix 01*

### **1. Introduction**

*Chair of the meeting, Mr. Murodov, Head of Penjikent CoES a.i.,* opened the meeting by welcoming all participants to Penjikent district to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> REACT meeting and briefed about goals and objectives of today's REACT meeting.

### **2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 July 2007 in Ayni CoES office and of today's agenda**

The agenda of the present meeting and the minutes from the last REACT meeting were unanimously accepted by all participants.

### **3. Disasters update (CoES/UNDRMP)**

*Mr. Murodov, Head of Penjikent CoES a.i.,* informed that a service crack appeared in Marghedar-3 river dam. Dam in canal Khalifa Hasan has also several cracks resulting in water leakage. CoES provided 5 MT of diesel, 3.5 MT for dam Kumsoy and 1.5 MT for Changal.

*Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES*

#### ***a. Flooding in collective farm Somoniyon, Jamoat Ayni, Ayni district***

Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed that a flooding occurred on 07 August 2007 in collective farm Somoniyon, Jamoat Ayni because of torrential raining. Occurred flooding caused damage to agriculture of Jamoat Ayni. Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed the following quantity of land was destroyed by landslide:

- 0.5 ha of grass plants;
- 0.4 ha of tomato plants;
- 0.6 ha of potato plants;
- 0.5 ha of tobacco plants;
- 2 ha of orchard (apricot);
- 100 m of irrigation canal destroyed.

#### ***b. Stone fall, village Tomin, Jamoat Ayni, Ayni district***

Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed that a big stone has fallen from the mountain destroying cowshed belonging to Aminov Juma and this stone has currently stuck on the roof of residential building of Aminov Juma. The roof has been partially destroyed and the whole building is under risk of complete destruction. At the same there are several big stones which can fall on the residential houses any time.

*Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP* asked Mr. Mirzoboshiev if there is any news from CoES HQ and Government (Finance Ministry) on funding rehabilitation of irrigation canal in Rarz village, Jamoat Rarz.

*Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES* noted that on the previous REACT meeting he informed about landslide occurred on 12 June 2007 in Rarz village causing destruction of irrigation canal. Mirzoboshiev noted that Ayni CoES and Hukumat jointly with regional Sughd CoES and Hukumat have prepared all necessary documents to the Government for funding rehabilitation of irrigation canal in Rarz village. There is no news heard from the Government on the funding yet.

**4. Briefing about new disaster response project to be implemented by Mission East (ME) in villages Yori & Ziddi, Jamoat Yori Penjikent**

*Mr. Rahimov, representative from local NGO "Nurafshon" (Mission East partner)* informed that Mission East (ME) has received funds from SDC and German Embassy for new disaster response project in Jamoat Yori, villages Ziddi and Yori. The project will include few components such as rehabilitation of residential houses destroyed by flooding on 17 April 2007, implementation of 2 mitigation project (to be identified), conducting local disaster risk management workshops in Yori and Ziddi villages of Jamoat Yori by CAMP Kuhiston, provision of tool kits for disaster response and water filters for 10 points of above mentioned villages. Water filters will be installed by local NGO "Nakukor" and new community based mitigation and preparedness team (CMPT) will be established in the village Yori by Mission East in partnership with local NGO "Nurafshon" and Penjikent CoES. It is planned to allocate \$6800 for 17 households in the villages Yori (14 houses) and Ziddi (3 houses) for rehabilitation and reinforcement of residential houses. The amount will be divided \$400 for each household but may differ depending on destruction level. Total amount of the project is \$20,533 (\$6800 from German Embassy and \$13,733 from SDC).

**5. Briefing about closing Save the Children office in Zeravshan**

*Mrs. Mavlonova, Area Manager, Save the Children Penjikent* informed that Save the Children (SC) will be phasing out from Zeravshan Valley and offices in Ayni and Penjikent will be closed from 30 September 2007. Mrs. Mavlonova mentioned that SC has been working in Zeravshan Valley from 1998 and will continue its activity in other parts of Tajikistan. As a reminder of SC recent activity Mrs. Mavlonova informed that SC has been implementing two projects "Child Survival" and "Personal Hygiene and Sanitary Education – PHASE". The "Child Survival" projects aims at reducing mortality rate of children below 5 years old and improve health of mother and child. This activity is conducted jointly with "Village Development Committees" and medical workers of the villages. The project PHASE is implemented in the following directions: "Child to child", "Construction of latrines and wash stands", "Community mobilization". This project aims at improving knowledge and skills of personal hygiene and sanitation of the child.

**6. Tour de Table**

*Mr. Bozorov, representative of RCST in Penjikent* informed that representative from German Red Cross, Mr. Paternaude is visiting Zeravshan Valley nowadays. Penjikent RCST will be prepare a list of 30 communities and further most vulnerable communities will be selected from this list for further project intervention. At the same time Mr. Bozorov mentioned that with funding from Netherlands Red Cross Penjikent RCST will be implementing river bank reinforcement projects in Chubot and Honako, river Honako.

*Mr. Greuter, Project Manager for GAA World Bank funded project* noted that GAA is implementing "Community Agriculture and Zeravshan Watershed Management" project funded by World Bank. The project has land use component which may include disaster risk mitigation projects such as river bank reinforcement, heal foresting preventing land erosion and prevention land slides if projects are requested by community and considered to be of highest priority by villagers. Mr. Greuter mentioned that GAA has prepared documentation for 3 disaster risk mitigation projects in Kumsoy, Changal, Chubot and submitted to PMU (Project Management Unit) within Government of Tajikistan. Any partners planning to implement above mentioned projects can use documentation prepared by GAA.

**7. Any other business**

No other business was discussed

**Next REACT meeting will be held on 19 September 2007 in Mastchohi Kuhi CoES office at 11:00. Agenda and invitation will be provided to all REACT partners beforehand.**

Appendix 01

The below is the list of invited people and their attendance indicator:

#	Invited person	Name of organization	Position	Attendance
1	Mr. Dodov	CoES	Head of Sughd CoES	Not attended
2	Mr. Kodirberdiev	CoES	Deputy Head of Sughd CoES	Not attended
3	Mr. Mirzoboshiev	CoES	Head of Aini CoES	Attended
4	Mr. Koziev	CoES	Head of Mastchoh CoES	Attended
5	Mr. Murodov	CoES	Head of Penjikent CoES a.i.	Attended
6	Mr. Kosimov	Hukumat of Ayni	Deputy mayor of Ayni district	Attended
7	Mr. Isrofilov	Hukumat of Penjikent district	First deputy mayor of Penjikent district	Not attended
8	Mr. Okhunov	Hukumat of Mastchohi Kuhi district	First deputy mayor of Mastchohi Kuhi district	Attended
9	Mr. Greuter	GAA EU funded project	Engineer	Attended
10	Mrs. Mavlonova	Save the Children	Penjikent Area Manager	Attended
11	Mr. Bozorov	Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan	Penjikent Field Officer	Attended
12	Mr. Rahimov	NGO Nurafshon (Mission East partner)	Trainer	Attended
13	Mr. Ubaidulloev	UNDRMP	Project Coordinator	Attended
14	Mr. Nasibov	Mission East	Project Manager	Not attended
15	Ms. Nematova	UNDP	Area Manager for UNDP Ayni office	Not attended
16	Mr. Yatimov	UNDP Ayni	Project Analyst	Not attended