

Minutes from REACT Meeting in Zeravshan Valley

18 July 2007, 11:00-12:30

Ayni CoES office

Chair: Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES

Note taker: Mr. Ubaidulloev, UNDRMP

Participants: *See Appendix 01*

1. Introduction

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES, opened the meeting by welcoming all participants to Ayni district to attend on the 22nd REACT meeting. Mr. Mirzoboshiev introduced Mrs. Sayora Ishanova from WFP Khujand sub-office and Eshonov Uktam from Mission East Ayni. Chair of the meeting briefed about goals and objectives of today's REACT meeting.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 June 2007 in Mastchohi Kuhi 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. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES

a. Landslide in Anzob village (Jamoat Anzob, Ayni district)

Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed that a landslide occurred on 27 June 2007 in village Anzob, Jamoat Anzob. As a result of this landslide Yaghnob river was blocked and water current was flowing on the road destroying 4.3 km. Khujand - Dushanbe road was closed during 5 days beginning from 27 June 2007 and fortunately cars were able to use Istklol tunnel to drive back and forth. With assistance of mining-and-processing factory located in Anzob Jamoat 11 explosions were made to unblock the river. Representatives of Chinese company implementing road and tunnel projects provided assistance with heavy machinery as bulldozers and excavators. Combining assistance from factory and Chinese company Khujand – Dushanbe road was opened on 2 July 2007. Unfortunately landslide and flooding occurred have caused a great damage to agriculture and infrastructure of Jamoat Anzob. Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed the following quantity of land was destroyed by landslide:

- 5 ha of orchards plants;
- 22 ha grass plants;
- 22 ha of potato plants;
- 2.4 ha of tobacco plants;
- 14 ha of wheat plants;
- collective farm building.

According to Hukumat and CoES estimations total amount of damage is 450.230 TJS.

b. Landslides in Takfon, Anzob, Pishanza, Remon villages (Jamoat Anzob, Ayni district)

Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed that landslides occurred in villages Takfon, Anzob, Pishanza, Remon of Jamoat Anzob on 7 July 2007.

- **Damage Info:**
- 7 km of road destroyed;
- 3 km of irrigation canal destroyed;
- 0.50 ha tobacco planted irrigable land destroyed;
- 2 ha of wheat plants destroyed;
- 2 ha of potato plants destroyed;
- 2 ha of pastures destroyed;
- 0.50 ha of orchards destroyed.

According to Hukumat and CoES estimations total amount of damage is 28.600 TJS.

c. Landslide in Anzob Jamoat (Jamoat Anzob, Ayni district)

Mr. Mirzoboshiev informed that landslides occurred on 8 July 2007 in 6 points on 145-147 km of Dushanbe – Khujand road. These landslides resulted in blocking the road for 1 day and with support of Chinese company the road was cleaned during 1 day.

Mr. Koziev, Head of Mastchohi Kuhi CoES

a. Landslide in Oburdon village (Jamoat Ivan Tojik, Mastchohi Kuhi district)

Mr. Koziev informed that beginning from 6 July 2007 it has been raining for more than 10 days in Mastchohi Kuhi district. On 17 July 2007 a landslide occurred in Oburdon village, Jamoat Ivan Tojik.

Damage info:

- 30 ha of irrigable land with potato, wheat plants and fruit trees destroyed;

At the same time as a result of continuous raining there were some stone falls, debris flows and landslides causing destruction of roads.

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. Mr. Mirzoboshiev reminded that total length of mentioned above irrigation canal is 6 km and destroyed part is 200 m. This canal was built in 1987 and irrigates 110 ha of land including orchards, wheat and different kind of vegetables. Mr. Mirzoboshiev mentioned that it has been 1 month that trees, wheat and vegetables were not irrigated and most of them are dried. Mr. 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. Implementation of mitigation projects and awareness building workshops in Ayni and Penjikent

Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP informed that tender process was conducted for procuring construction materials for the following mitigation projects to be implemented by UNDRMP in Ayni and Penjikent:

#	Location (District/Jamoat/Community)	Project	Comments
1	Penjikent, Amondara, Mughulon	Cleaning mudflow channel	
2	Penjikent, Yori, Veshist	Rehabilitation of school	
3	Ayni, Rarz, Fatmovut	Rehabilitation of irrigation canal	
4	Ayni, Shamtuch, Dargh	River bank reinforcement	
5	Ayni, Shamtuch, Kazdon	River bank reinforcement	
6	Ayni, Shamtuch, Veshab	River bank reinforcement	

The contractor (supplier) of construction materials has not been identified yet by UNDP management. As soon as contractor identified, which should be done by 20 July 2007, the contractor will deliver all necessary materials within 2 weeks from the day of contract signing. Activities will be implemented with direct intervention of community population and

close collaboration with district CoES and Hukumats, local JRCs. and Jamoats. Above project sites have been selected based on PRA results conducted by UNDP Ayni area office and official letters from district Hukumats and CoES indicating highly disaster prone communities and proposing implementation disaster risk mitigation activities in those communities. At the same time beginning from 28 March 2007 assessment was conducted by UNDRMP engineer, NPC jointly with heads of district CoES, JRCs, Jamoat and Hukumat representatives in all above mentioned communities including Mastchohi Kuhi.

Mr. Ubaidulloev noted that CAMP will soon start conducting awareness raising training seminars in above mentioned communities.

UNDP Ayni area office is close to accomplish PRA results of Mastchohi Kuhi districts (Ivan Tojik and Langar). As soon as results compiled into the matrix UNDRMP will proceed with the tender process for procuring necessary materials for further implementation of disaster risk mitigation projects in Ivan Tojik Jamoat of Mastchohi Kuhi district.

5. Briefing about planned evaluation of REACT-Zeravshan by partners Presentation of the spreadsheet “DRM projects in Zeravshan Valley” to be filled in by REACT partners

Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP informed that a special REACT evaluation questionnaire has been developed by UNDRMP. The questionnaire has been developed for the purpose of evaluating use of REACT, identification of reforms needed (if any), improvement of cooperation between partners and other REACT groups, roles of REACT chair and secretariat. Mr. Ubaidulloev noted that distributed questionnaire is in both Russian and English languages and self-explanatory. REACT members kindly asked thoroughly review the questionnaire to provide their feedback on any changes of the content and format, and fill it in. As soon as feedbacks received from partners questionnaire will be sent to Ms. Nadia Benani from OXFAM who will consolidate all the ideas to develop a generalised format for evaluation of regional REACT groups.

Mr. Ubaidulloev informed that UNDRMP has developed a special table “DRM projects in Tajikistan” to optimize cooperation and coordination between partners, and avoid overlapping/duplication in DRM field. Presented table has Russian translation as well. Mr. Ubaidulloev kindly asked REACT partners to fill in the table at their earliest convenient time and return it to UNDRMP.

6. Tour de Table

Ms. Ishanova, Programme Assistant, WFP Khujand sub-office noted that even though WFP has not office in Zeravshan Valley it is providing food assistance and cooperating with some of the REACT partners. WFP has provided free food assistance to vulnerable people and food for work for people contributing their labor for different infrastructure projects. Ms. Ishanova mentioned that WFP is planning to continue cooperation with REACT partners, providing assistance and remains Zeravshan REACT partner.

Mr. Abdunazarov, Engineer, GAA EU funded project emphasized that efficient information sharing and coordination are very important to avoid confusions, duplication and failure of project activities. There is such a case when GAA provided construction materials, but community population showed those materials to WFP as their personal contribution to certain infrastructure project hoping to receive food for work. When WFP representatives visited this community people showed construction materials provided by GAA as if they procured them with their own resources and will do the work themselves. Unless partners have efficient information sharing and coordination even worse cases might happen.

Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP emphasized that the goal of developing a spreadsheet containing information on infrastructure projects of all REACT partners is to achieve efficient information sharing and coordination in terms of infrastructure activities. Once spreadsheet accomplished it will be regularly updated and provided to REACT partners to avoid above mentioned cases. Mr. Ubaidulloev informed that GAA World Bank funded

project is the only partner which has not still provided information, but manager of GAA World Bank funded project on 16 July 2007 promised to provide information at the earliest convenient time.

Mr. Kobilov, Engineer, GAA World Bank funded project

Mr. Abdunazarov, Engineer, GAA EU funded project

Asked Mr. Ishanova if WFP can provide food for work for GAA infrastructure projects.

Ms. Ishanova, Programme Assistant, WFP Khujand sub-office mentioned that WFP positively looks into cooperation with REACT partners and especially in the framework of “Food for Work” project. There is certain quantity of commodities in the warehouse and WFP Khujand office is looking forward for efficient cooperation benefiting mostly poor people of Tajikistan.

7. Any other business

No other business was discussed

Next REACT meeting will be held on 15 August 2007 in Penjikent 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. Muminov	CoES	Head of Penjikent CoES	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	Attended
8	Mr. Okhunov	Hukumat of Mastchohi Kuhi district	First deputy mayor of Mastchohi Kuhi district	Attended
9	Mr. Kobilov	GAA EU funded project	Engineer	Attended
10	Mr. Abdunazarov	GAA World Bank funded project	Engineer	Attended
11	Mrs. Mavlonova	Save the Children	Penjikent Area Manager	Attended
12	Mr. Hamdamov	Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan	Ayni Field Officer	Attended
13	Mr. Eshonov	Mission East	Project Assistant	Attended
14	Mrs. Ishanova	WFP Khujand	Programme Assistant	Attended
15	Mr. Ubaidulloev	UNDRMP	Project Coordinator	Attended
16	Mr. Paepke	German Agro Action	Project Manager, Khujand	Not attended
17	Mr. Greuter	German Agro Action	Project Manager, Penjikent	Not attended
18	Mr. Bozorov	Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan	Penjikent Field Officer	Not attended
19	Mr. Muhidinov	Mission East	Project Officer	Not attended
20	Mr. Nasibov	Mission East	Project Manager	Not attended
21	Ms. Nematova	UNDP	Area Manager for UNDP Ayni office	Not attended
22	Mr. Yatimov	UNDP Ayni	Project Analyst	Not attended