

Minutes from REACT Meeting in Zeravshan Valley

19 September 2007, 11:00-12:30
Mastchohi Kuhi CoES office

Chair: Mr. Koziev, Head of Mastchohi Kuhi CoES

Note taker: Mr. Ubaidulloev, UNDRMP

Participants: *See Appendix 01*

1. Introduction

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Koziev, Head of Mastchohi Kuhi CoES opened the meeting by welcoming all participants to Penjikent district to attend on the 24th REACT meeting and briefed about goals and objectives of today's REACT meeting.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 August 2007 in Penjikent 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. Update on finalization of spreadsheet including all infrastructure projects

Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP thanked all REACT partners for providing information on infrastructure projects. To date all REACT partners active in Zeravshan Valley UNDP (UNDP CP and UNDRMP), Mission East, GAA EU funded project and GAA World bank project have provided information on their completed, on-going and planned infrastructure projects. Mr. Ubaidulloev distributed hard copies of the spreadsheet with all infrastructure projects and noted that RCST Ayni and Penjikent have not yet provided information on their infrastructure projects. If regularly updated such spreadsheet would help coordinating not only disaster response and more importantly, disaster mitigation, preparedness, implementation of infrastructure projects and avoid duplication of activities.

Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES mentioned that information in above mentioned spreadsheet is crucial for efficient coordination between REACT partners in Zeravshan Valley, but it is indeed necessary to add one more column for date of start and completion of infrastructure projects. At the same time Mr. Mirzoboshiev agreed to facilitate receiving information of Ayni RCST infrastructure projects and provide by the next REACT meeting.

Mr. Koziev, Head of Mastchohi Kuhi CoES noted that there are some completed, ongoing and planned infrastructure projects implemented by local population with support of WFP, Hukumat and collective farms. It is important to add such projects into above mentioned spreadsheet. Mr. Koziev agreed to provide information on above mentioned projects in Mastchohi Kuhi by the next REACT meeting.

4. Disasters update (CoES/UNDRMP)

Mr. Mirzoboshiev, Head of Ayni CoES informed that the Dushanbe - Khujand road was blocked during 2 days from 16/09/2007 - 17/09/2007 on 153rd km because of rock blasting within road project by Chinese company. Irrespective of warnings 3 people started crossing explosion site and were killed by stone fall.

Mr. Koziev, Head of Mastchohi Kuhi CoES

a. Excessive heat and lack of irrigation water

Mr. Koziev informed that no major disasters occurred in a concrete location, but because of excessive heat and lack of sufficient irrigation water large quantity of crops have been dried in the communities of Mastchohi Kuhi.

**5. Briefing about Mission East shake table demonstrations in the villages
Penjikent and Ayni including structural and non-structural measures**

Mr. Eshonov, Project Officer, Mission East (ME), Ayni informed that ME conducted shake table demonstrations in communities of Ayni, Jamoat Dar-dar, Khayrobod village on 11 September 2007 and Penjikent, Jamoat Khalifa Hasan, Kushteppa village on 12 September 2007. Mr. Eshonov mentioned that ME covers 36 communities in Ayni (18 communities) and Penjikent (18 communities). By way of shake table people were demonstrated the importance of applying earthquake safe construction practices in construction of houses using local construction materials. From each community included in ME project coverage area 5 local masons were invited to attend from the beginning of construction model homes until shake table demonstration day. Attendance of local masons on construction of model houses for shake table demonstrations served as an opportunity to learn in practice earthquake safe construction practices using local construction materials. REACT partners received hard copies of presentation of shake table demonstrations including slides, characteristics of shake table, detail explanation of its performance and goal. Mr. Eshonov mentioned that ME has 2 shake tables, electric and manual. Electric shake table vibrates horizontally and vertically simultaneously which demonstrates as a real earthquake. These demonstrations shown to community masons and ordinary people served as a practical tool to train building seismic resistant houses using local materials.

6. Briefing about CAMP workshops in Ayni and Penjikent and CBDM activities to be implemented by UNDRMP

Mr. Ubaidulloev, Project Coordinator, UNDRMP informed that organization “CAMP Kuhiston” under the contractual agreement with UNDP started conducting Local Disaster Risk Management workshops in 3 communities of Ayni district, Jamoat Shamtuch, Dargh/Kazdon and Veshab villages and 2 communities of Penjikent district, Jamoat Yori and Amondara, Veshist and Mughulon villages. The workshops focus on awareness building through Integrated Local Disaster Risk Management aiming to increase awareness and capacities of villagers and local key stakeholders on disaster risk management. Below are workshops dates:

#	Location	Start & completion date	Comment
1	Ayni, Jamoat Shamtuch, Darg/Kazdon villages	02/09/2007 - 06/09/2007	
2	Ayni, Jamoat Shamtuch, Veshab village	08/09/2007 - 12/09/2007	
3	Penjikent, Jamoat Yori, Veshist village	15/09/2007 - 19/09/2007	
4	Penjikent, Jamoat Amondara, Mughulon village	21/09/2007 - 25/09/2007	

Mr. Ubaidulloev noted that the goals of the workshops are to raise awareness and improve capacity of local communities regarding Local Risk Management, deliver basic knowledge about potential risks in neighbourhood and village (type, extent, cause, possible effects, vulnerability in case of emergency etc.), training simple measures of basic forecasting, like risk monitoring and early-warning (observation, history of events in the area, etc.), training possible risk reduction measures (identification of areas at risk, adaptation of land use in risk areas, foresting), learn from past errors, best practices, showing the potential of a land use plan and training simple preparedness measures (i.e. evacuation plan, organisational measures in case of emergency).

7. Any other business

No other business was discussed

**Next REACT meeting will be held on 17 October 2007 in Ayni 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. Tuyghunov	Hukumat of Ayni	First deputy mayor of Penjikent 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. Abdunazarov	GAA EU funded project	Engineer	Attended
10	Mr. Hamdamov	Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan	Ayni Field Officer	Attended
11	Mr. Eshonov	Mission East	Project Officer	Attended
12	Mr. Ubaidulloev	UNDRMP	Project Coordinator	Attended
13	Ms. Nematova	UNDP	Area Manager for UNDP Ayni office	Not attended
14	Mr. Yatimov	UNDP Ayni	Project Analyst	Not attended