

# FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance Tajikistan

Recent Disasters in GBAO

Situation Update from March 16 to April 2, 2012

REACT Meeting - April 4, 2012



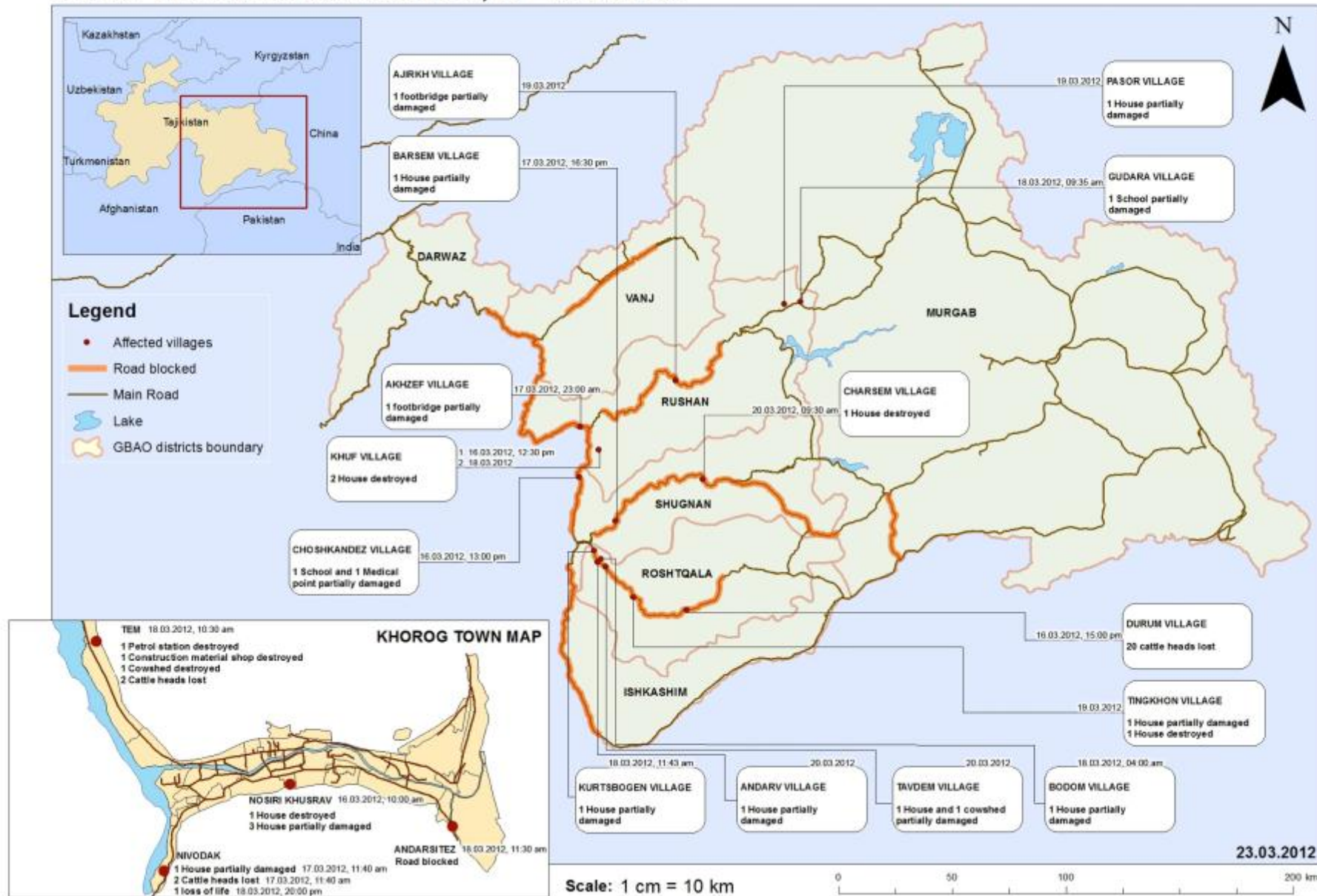


## Overview

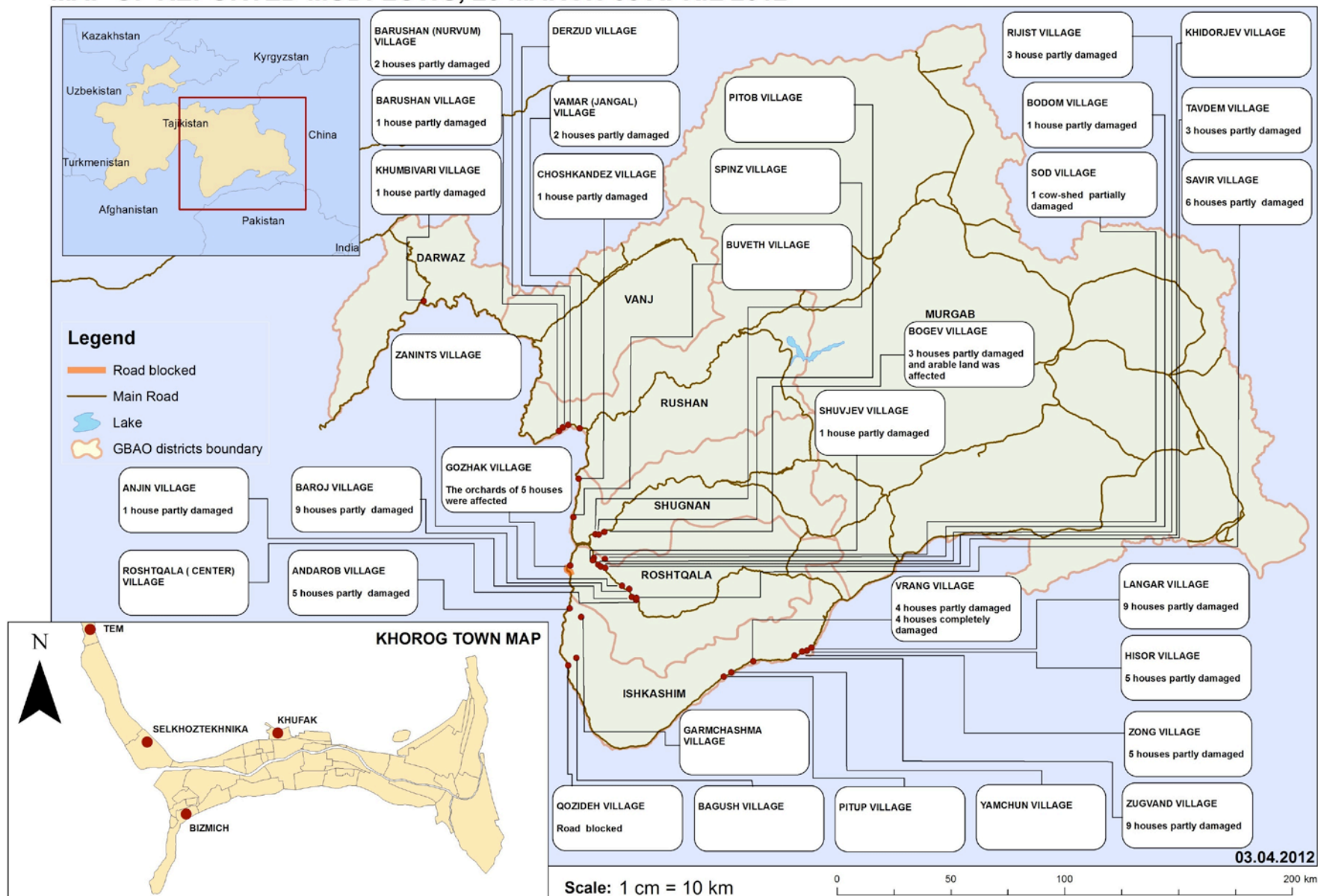
- 52 avalanches in total in GBAO from March 16 to March 22
- 19 avalanches in residential areas
- 30 to 60 cms of snow in different parts of GBAO. Over 60 cms in higher elevations
- Snowmelts produced 37 mudflows to date



# MAP OF REPORTED AVALANCHES, 17 – 22 MARCH



# MAP OF REPORTED MUDFLOWS, 23 MARCH-03 APRIL 2012





# Response

## Actions taken Pre - Avalanche:

- Based on weather forecast, CoES and FOCUS met with CERTS to advise all living in avalanche zones to evacuate to safer zones
- Governor of GBAO issued warning and following actions were taken:
  - Evacuate people living in apartments
  - Close dangerous roads in Khorog
  - Schools located in avalanche zones or roads to be closed
  - Roofs of building/houses to be cleared of wet snow
  - Mayor of Khorog to jointly organize street cleaning with community members
  - Local TV to broadcast information on the situation and actions to be taken
  - Electricity to be rationed given water problems at Pamir Energy



# Impact

## Assets lost or damaged due Avalanches and Mudflows

Impact (damages)	
- Houses	10
- Houses – (partially damaged)	105
- Sheds	2
- Sheds – (partially damaged)	1
- Schools –(partially damaged)	6
- Medical facilities- (partially damaged)	1
- Foot Bridges – (partially damaged)	2
Casualties	1
Livestock – heads of cattle lost	24
Other facilities destroyed (fuel station)	1

# Impact

- All major roads, including Dushanbe-Khorog road, remained closed for a week blocking food, fuel and emergency assistance
- Murghab remained isolated for 2 weeks as roads from Khorog and Kyrgyzstan were closed. (Khorog-Murghab road is now open)
- Department of Health reported hospital in Murghab had run out of medicines and shortage of medicines in pharmacies
- 6,000 households without power in GBAO during the crisis. Certain villages in Ishakim and Shugan were without power for over 10 days
- FOCUS received report of families running out of food in Jalondeh
- Many families stranded between avalanches
- Communities who took in relatives and friends, or people stranded, could run out of food and other commodities



# Response

- Badakhshan government and CoES have made an excellent effort to clear major roads.
- CoES and CERTs continue to be on high alert to respond to emergencies as they occur.
- AKDN/FOCUS dispatched medicine to Murghab via helicopter
- Red Crescent, FOCUS and other NGOs working to distribute NFI's and other assistance
- CoES initial estimates about TJS 6M in damages and this continues to rise. CoES and FOCUS/AKDN will now do detailed assessments and priorities for recovery.







# Thank You



*“And whoso saves a life, it is as if he  
had saved the entirety of mankind.”*

*The Holy Qur'an (5:32)*

