

# Improving Preparedness and Response Abilities to Natural Disasters in Central Asia

- Implementing Agency – ACTED
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- Project partners: HelpAge, CESVI, Amal, Red Crescent, CoES

# Objectives and Outcomes

**Objectives** - To improve the capacities of target watershed communities and relevant government bodies to coordinate and implement mitigation activities and respond to disasters jointly

## **Outcomes**

26 target VDPs in Tajikistan will be trained on DRR and are able to take practical action to protect their communities, including establishing EMS/EWS, conducting simulation drills and establishment of Safe Havens

65 members of local authorities and 80 members of social institutions will be trained on DRM Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Establishment of 2 cross border working groups on DRM and 6 Municipal working groups in Tajikistan

Better cross border cooperation between Tajik and Kyrgyz DRM authorities

Historical data on disasters, especially for Sughd will be included into the REACH data mapping system and be made publically available

# Lessons

- Lesson: Natural Resource Management is a key issue in the target areas, and impacts on many issues connected with disasters, this needs to be strengthened in order to limit the impact of disasters
- Lesson: Land use planning at the local level needs to be prioritised so that people do not build and develop infrastructure/housing in hazard zones
- Lesson: Cooperation between MoES and CoES should be prioritised to limit the impact of cross border disasters
- Lesson: Negotiations between ACTED and CoES should have taken place at an earlier stage to avoid project delays
- Lesson: CoES should be more involved in the field level activities being conducted by ACTED and more opportunities for effective partnership in Sughd should be explored
- Lesson: A 15 month project implementation period is too short for some of these activities