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## Supporting Livelihoods in Sarichashma Jamoat of Shurobod District

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On 09 January 2016, UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme distributed 20,200 kg of high quality wheat seeds and 10,100 kg of fertilizers to 101 disaster affected households in Sarichashma Jamoat of Shurobod district. Since the jamoat is predominantly agriculture focused, the provided assistance will support the livelihood recovery of disaster affected population.

UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme assisted 101 households by providing each of them with 200 kg of wheat seeds and 100 kg of fertilizers (granulated carbamide) respectively.

Considering local climate, drought tolerant variety of wheat seed, “Krasnodarskaya 99”, was provided to improve their seed bank and yield productivity in the area.



The livelihoods support provided by UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme is funded through Bureau for Policy and Programme Support as part of the post-disaster Recovery to Resilience (R2R) Programme being implemented in collaboration with local Government authorities. The R2R programme reflects the promotion of a livelihoods-based recovery approach, which incorporates risk reduction and leads to resilience. The programme takes the innovative approach of using recovery activities to both reduce current risk but also provide a starting point for an extended effort to build resilience in one of the poorest areas of Tajikistan.

One of the beneficiaries, Urozova Fotima, whose house was destroyed by the flooding said: *“words cannot describe my appreciation for all the assistance that my family has received since our village was hit by the mudflows and flooding. Shortly after the disaster, we received a water tank and a heat stove to survive through the winter. Later, we received a dairy cow and mixed cattle feed as a compensation for the cattle that we lost and today we received wheat seeds along with fertilizers to recover our livelihoods. Consistent support that my family received made me realize how truly UNDP is committed and dedicated in helping us get back to our normal lives”*.

On 12 and 13 April 2014, heavy rains and hailstorms led to flash floods and mudslides in six districts of South East Khatlon Province of Tajikistan. The resulting disaster caused significant damage to households and local infrastructure. The disaster seriously damaged the livelihoods of the affected population, including when a mudslide killed more than 1,000 head of cattle.

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