

**Mudflow in Rasht district, Direct Rule Districts
Tajikistan
Situation report № 1
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Key Highlights:

- One person killed, over 60 houses were fully destroyed and 100 houses were partially damaged as a result of mudflows in Rasht Valley.
- At least 4,000 people do not have electricity supplies due to damages to existing systems.
- State Commission for Emergencies and REACT Rapid Response Team are conducting rapid needs assessment.
- Water, food and non-food items are among the highest priority needs note by initial sources.

**Situation**

On 20-21 July 2015 heavy rains have resulted in floods and mudflow in several communities in Rasht District, Direct Rule District (DRD). Over 400 households (2,300 people) in Bedak village and 260 households (1,756 people) in Halqarf village of Navdi Jamoat do not have electricity and drinking water due to infrastructure damages. At the same time, initial reports confirm at least 60 houses destroyed and 100 damaged partially. The disaster has also damaged local infrastructure, arable land and power/water supply systems.

Damage Information

Below is the information on the damage identified at initial stages by State Commission for Emergency Situations and REACT partners on the ground. The information provided below include damages observed in all three villages.

- More than 60 houses fully destroyed
- At least 100 houses partially damaged
- 3 km of roads damaged
- 5 km of electricity lines damaged
- 116 electric power poles destroyed
- 5 transformer sub-stations went out of order
- 2 barns and 74 boxes of beekeepers destroyed
- 1 small hydro-power station and 1 mill damaged
- 2 motor and 2 pedestrian bridges were destroyed

In addition, main bridge connection Pingon village with Jamoat center had been washed away by mudflow leaving local population in isolation.

As assessment by State Commission and REACT is underway, more information on damage and needs will be shared in due manner.

Assistance Provided

Commission for Emergency Situations headed by Deputy Prime Ministry of Tajikistan and REACT Rapid Response Teams (deployed from Dushanbe on 22 July) are conducting damage and needs assessment.

National and local Governments as well as international actors on the ground are supporting the affected population with evacuation, provision of shelter, food and non-food items (German Agro Action, Red Crescent Society, OSCE, MSDSP of Aga Khan Development Network, UN World Food Programme, United Nations Development Programme).

In addition, to restore the water supply system, MSDSP provided two km of plastic pipes in Bedak village, while Red Crescent Society also mobilized providing nonfood items (hygiene materials, plastic cans etc.).

More detailed information on the assistance provided will be shared in a consolidated manner in due time.

Needs Information

While information on the humanitarian and early recovery needs of the affected population will be obtained in the coming days, below are the initially identified needs:

- Provision of NFI
- Provision of drinking water
- Provision of electricity
- Construction of the bridges connecting the communities with the center.
- Tractor for cleaning mudflow channels and road.
- Rehabilitation of houses

More information on the needs will be available upon consolidation of State Commission and REACT assessment results.

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