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Launching of drinking water supply system in Sari Chashma jamoat of Shamsiddin Shohin (Shurobod) district

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On 13 May 2016, UNDP's Disaster Risk Management Programme launched the drinking water supply system in Sari Chashma jamoat of Sh. Shohin district. Mr. Jan Harfst, UNDP Country Director and Chairman of Sh. Shohin district participated in the opening ceremony.

Lack of sustainable water supply was identified as one of the main issues preventing relocation of affected families after 2014 floods to the newly established village close to Bobo Nosirov site. While an existing part of Bobo Nosirov had access to water, assessments indicated the supply was insufficient for the additional families to be relocated.

UNDP initiated rehabilitation of the drinking water supply system in Bobo Nosirov in 2015. The project involved expansion of the existing spring source to meet increased demand through installation of new pumps, pipes and water storage facilities. The design of the water system is well thought-out and incorporates disaster risk reduction aspects. For example, the pumps and engines are located 1 meter above the ground to prevent them from flooding.

The water supply system will be managed and maintained by an existing Water Users Association. The cost of the operation will be covered through fees collected from the households.

On the same day, Mr. Jan Harfst handed over a new tractor Belarus MTZ 82.1 and a trailer to Sari Chashma jamoat authorities which is tended to support the flood affected people to initiate construction of houses in new locations and also support agriculture activities of jamoat residents.

In April and May 2014, heavy rains and hailstorms led to flash floods and mudslides in six districts of South East Khatlon Province of Tajikistan. The disaster caused significant damage to households and local infrastructure. In total 20 deaths were attributed to the April and May events, with 13 deaths in one location, Sari Chashma jamoat, Sh. Shohin district. In fact, Sari Chashma jamoat was affected twice by flooding and mud flows, on 11 April and again on 11 May. The jamoat also experienced severe flooding in 2010, with the loss of 13 lives and over 100 houses damaged or destroyed.

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