



Minutes of extraordinary REACT Meeting devoted to situation in East Khatlon 30 April 2012

Crisis Management Center of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense

Chair: Col -General Khairiddin Abdurahimov, Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners ([Annex II - attached](#))

1. Introduction:

The chairman of the meeting welcomed the participants and opened the meeting. He informed the participants about recently occurred emergency situations in east of Khatlon region as well as some other regions of the country. He provided general information on damages and needs of the affected districts of the region.

2. Overview of Disasters in East Khatlon:

Mr. Jamshed Kamolov, Head of CoES Department for Protection of Population and Territory briefed the participants about the overview of the disasters occurred for the month of April 2012 in the districts of east Khatlon. According to the presentation, in total 3217 persons affected with the total of 412 households partially damaged by floods and mudflows. Major floods occurred in Temrumalik and Muminobod districts of Khatlon region with the total number of houses affected 34 (252 persons) and 265 (1977 persons). Mr. Kamolov also briefed the participants about the needs that are required currently and mentioned that around 65 tons of fuel is required in order to carry out recovery and debris removal activities. The presentation also included detailed information on the other needs as food and non food items. For more information on the presentation, please see **Annex I**.

Following the presentation by Mr. Kamolov, a video footage was shown to the participants on the flood that occurred in Tebalay Jamoat of Muminabad districts on April 28th of 2012. Several houses were severely affected and infrastructure damaged and people lost their shelter. To view the video footage, please, click [this link](#).

Mr. Umed Aminov, a representative of Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) informed the partners about the assistance the RCTS provided to affected population in Temurmalik and Muminabad districts. He mentioned that RCST has volunteers and representatives in the regions and are ready to collaborate with the Rapid Response Teams of REACT.



Col -General Khairiddin Abdurahimov, Chairman of the CoES mentioned the importance of collaboration with local and regional representatives of CoES while conducting assessment and providing assistance. He noted that all the activities related response and mitigation of disasters should be coordinated to CoES in the regions and Headquarter. He mentioned that the information of other partners should match with the information that regional CoES collects and develops.

Mr. Aminov also mentioned that CoES, representing the government of Tajikistan should issue an official request to assistance which can be a base document to provide the information to donors on possible budget allocation.

Mrs. Shahlo Rahimova, UNDP DRM Programme manager mentioned that issuing an official request would take longer as the definition of a disaster should be approved by the government of Tajikistan before the request can be developed, as it also depends on the scale of the disaster.

However, she noted that an overview of disasters including the needs and damage information can be developed by REACT Secretariat and shared with the partners. She noted that the overview can be the basis for the requests and other appeals to be forwarded to donor agencies.

Mrs. Rahimova also provided information on United Nations Emergency Reserve Stock (UNERT) that is based in Kurgan – Tyube. A flyer containing information on UNERT and its stock was distributed to partners. She mentioned that each organization can use items that are stored in UNERT during emergencies and replace or refund once the assistance provided. She mentioned that organizations borrowing items from UNERT can replace them later not only with providing funds covering the received items worth, but also by proving the type or quality of items that match the borrowed items. This practice would reduce additional efforts in terms of human resources and save time.

Col -General Khairiddin Abdurahimov also noted the importance of having pre- stocked items at individual organizations to be able to deploy faster during the disasters.

Mrs. Shahlo Rahimova enquired partners to decide to deploy Rapid Response Teams (RRT) that are in Dushanbe to the site to conduct detailed assessment of the situation in east Khatlon. Mr. I William Lynch from Save the Children noted that regional RRT in collaboration with regional CoES can conduct the assessment and provide the information to REACT secretariat in Dushanbe and there were no needs of deploying the Dushanbe based RRT to the site. However, Mrs. Rahimova asked the organizations who represent RRT in Dushanbe be ready to be deployed once called by Secretariat as the weather forecasted to have increased precipitations from 5-6 of May, 2012.

Mr. Anvar Sabzaliev, UNDP DRMP Programme Officer mentioned that the items stored in UNERT should be brought to the attention of the donors as it is more efficient to use the stored items and save time.

Mr. Srdan Stanovic, Head of ECHO Office in Central Asia mentioned that ECHO has several activities on food assistance that are being reviewed and can review the appeals and requests devoted to floods and mudflow in East Khatlon in case provided by government. He mentioned



that the decision can be taken within one to two weeks on the provided appeal. Mr. Stanovic also mentioned that the numbers should be relevant and convincing.

Mrs. Shahlo Rahimova enquired partners to provide all information to REACT Secretariat in Dushanbe in order to develop one general overview of disasters including needs and damage information.

Col -General Khairiddin Abdurahimov mentioned that future REACT meetings should be shown on local television channels to inform the population on decisions taken during the meetings.

Annexes:

I - Disaster Overview for East Khatlon:



Annex II – List of Participants:

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