

Monitoring & Early Warning Report – Summary

March 2014



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NATURAL HAZARDS

In March 2014 the high risk of disaster will remain due to the snowfall, frost and avalanches and the low risk of floods and mudflows can also be expected.

WEATHER

Temperatures and monthly average precipitation in March 2014 will be within the norm in all areas of the country.

ENERGY SECURITY

Electricity generation in February 2014 decreased by 7.4% (105 million kWh) compared to January 2014 and 220.000 kWh more compared to the same period of last year. The level of water in Nurek reservoir was 873.19 meters, 1.4 m lower compared to February 2013. In February 2014, 41.0 million kWh electricity supplied from Sangtuda-1 and 2 HPPs to Afghanistan, 17.4 million kWh less compared to the same period of last year.

FOOD SECURITY

In Tajikistan wheat flour prices were stable or continued decrease in January – February due to the availability of adequate supplies from recent local harvests and imports from Kazakhstan. Wheat prices in Kazakh source markets decreased steadily over the previous year and January 2014 prices were more than 20 percent lower than their respective January 2013 levels. Average wheat flour prices in Tajikistan were 15 percent lower than their respective January 2013 levels.

HEALTH

With the beginning of spring, the risk of acute intestinal infections and water-borne diseases increases. Possibility of increase of risk of food poisoning due to consumption of homemade conserved products (vegetables) is also expected.

ECONOMY

For January to February 2014, GDP was 4,572.8 million Somoni (952.6 million USD). Industrial production increased by 0.9 % compared to the same period in 2013. Consumer price inflation was 3.9 % compared to February 2014. As of

February 1, 2013, outstanding bank credits totalled 7.7 billion Somoni (11,604.2 million USD). Volume of issued loans was 718.6 million Somoni (149.7 million USD). From January to February, 2014, foreign trade turnover reached 739.6 million USD which is 5.9% less compared to the same period in 2013. Exports totalled 134.3 million USD, and imports totalled 605.3 million USD.

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