

**RCST assistance to affected people with support of the “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre”, Saudi Arabia**

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) with support of the “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre”, Saudi Arabia provided assistance to the affected population. According to the RCST Information Centre, more than 1500 affected people (around 7500 people) will receive the aid. Fahad A.Al Osaimi – Director of Urgent Aid Department of this agency informed that mainly the assistance will be directed urgently to the population affected from the earthquake which occurred recently in Badakhshan of Tajikistan.

The first assistance already delivered to Rushon district of GBAO on December 28, 2015 which consisted of following items:

- 3 391 pcs of blankets
- 200 pcs of heating stoves
- 20 tons of coal
- 216 food basket consisting of 5 kg of sugar, 5 kg of rice, 3 kg of beans, 3 kg of buckwheat, 3 kg of pasta, 2 kg of salt
- 432 bag of wheat flour (21 600 kg)
- 1080 liters of oil (216 cans, each with a size of 5 l.)

This aid is considered for 3 months to each family

Bahoduri KURBONIYON, RCST Secretary General stated that the visit of the representatives of this agency is the result of the recent negotiations conducted with Red Crescent Society of the Saudi Arabia. The Secretary General told that the first portion of the aid was sent to Badakhshan already on December 28, 2014. At the end he noted the next phases of the assistance will include also the affected people from floods in some districts in GBAO and Rasht region which occurred last summer.



On December 30, 2015 the second portion of aid was delivered to Rasht region, villages Bedak and Halqarf of Jamoat Navdi, for the 60 affected families from flood last summer. On the same day, the assistance was distributed by the RCST volunteers with participation of Khukumat of Rasht, CoES representatives in Rasht region and Rasht district, Navdi jamoat.

These materials were consisted:

- 300 pcs of blankets;
- 60 pcs of heating stoves;
- 3,600 tons of coal;
- 60 packages of food, including a family of 5 kg sugar, 5 kg rice, 3 kg of haricot, 3 kg of buckwheat, 3 kg of pasta, 2 kg of salt;
- 60 bag of wheat flour (3,000 kg);
- 300 liters of oil (60 cans each 5 ltr.)

Besides, on December 31, 2015 the next humanitarian assistance were sent to Badakhshan which were consisted of following items:

- 1858 pcs of blankets;
- 340 pcs of heating stoves;
- 66,400 tons of coal;
- 550 food basket consisting of 5 kg sugar, 5 kg of rice, 3 kg of beans, 3 kg of buckwheat, 3 kg of pasta, 2 kg of salt;
- 1100 bag of wheat flour (55 000 kg);
- 6,875 tons of oil (1375 cans each 5 ltr.)

The distribution of the aid was done by the volunteers of RCST Provincial Branch in GBAO in close cooperation with the local authorities.



Also, on January 07, 2016 the next humanitarian assistance were sent to Badakhshan which were consisted of following items:

- 650 pcs of blankets;
- 200 pcs of heating stoves;
- 400 pipes for heating stoves;
- 222 food basket;

- 444 bag of wheat flour (22 200 kg);
- 1110 litre of oil (222 cans each 5 ltr.)



According to preliminary agreement with RCST and “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre”, Saudi Arabia, the rest of assistance in kind of food and non-food items will be delivered in nearest future to other affected population in GBAO by National Society. It is important to note that the list of beneficiaries will be provided by authorities and RCST will distribute the aid in close cooperation and coordination with local authorities.

It’s necessary to underline that between RCST and “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre” was signed Memorandum of Understanding which foreseen the long term cooperation.

Once more we remind that with the aim of providing aid and long term cooperation with RCST, on December 24, 2015 the representatives of the “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre”, Saudi Arabia had visited Tajikistan.

RCST within the framework of its international activities conducted several meetings with its internal and external stakeholders to assist affected families from the earthquake occurred on December 7, 2015 in GBAO. The visit of the “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre” representatives was one of the RCST initiatives conducted with the Red Crescent Society of Saudi Arabia earlier.

The “King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre” was created on May 13, 2015 to assist the most affected from the natural disasters with direct initiative of the King of the Saudi Arabia. The main purpose of this Centre first of all is to provide urgent assistance and promotion of international cooperation. In this Centre activity is undertaken through the established programs to achieve purposes through the implementation of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia programs in international areas for the affected families overseas. The other purpose of the Centre is to mobilize the international aid and coordination between all stakeholders (both internal and external) and transparent use of the funds for the vulnerable communities.

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