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A monthly summary of activities by REACT members in Tajikistan

OXFAM-SUPPORTED WOMEN'S PRODUCER GROUPS PRESENT THEIR PRODUCTS AT THE REGIONAL TRADE FAIR

Women's Producer Groups, supported by Oxfam, presented their agricultural products in a two day Regional Trade Fair held in Khujand on 24-25 July, 2015.



The Regional Trade Fair brought together producers, processors, users and traders of agricultural products to cultivate relations, exchange information, as well as identify new business opportunities.

“The Trade Fair was a good opportunity to reach new markets, acquire potential buyers and processors for our Women's Farmer Producer Groups. These are smallholder farmers, who grow the products that we all depend on, and who work together to improve their lives and communities” - said Bojan Kolundzija, Country Director with Oxfam in Tajikistan.

Farming is the main source of employment in rural areas of Tajikistan, with many people earning a living through the production of cotton, cereals, fruit, vegetables and fodder for livestock. Many smallholder farmers are women, who play a major part in fruit and vegetable production.

Oxfam is helping smallholder farmers, especially women farmers, to secure a better income. We support the formation of Producer Groups and help them in establishing market linkages with various value chain actors.

“We found that working collectively can result in multiple benefits to communities and individuals: improved product quality, yield, prices, and income, social status and leadership skills”, said Sojdamoh Asoeva, an active member of “Ruyo” Women's Producer Groups.

Oxfam also helps provide legal advice so farmers can understand and fight for their rights to land and resources. We work with local and national governments to ensure that agricultural policies truly benefit farmers.

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DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF TO AFFECTED POPULATION IN RASHT DISTRICT

An agreement to provide emergency relief to the flood-affected population of Rasht District of Direct Rule Districts (DRD) was signed between German Embassy in Tajikistan and Welthungerhilfe on 31 July 2015.

According to the agreement EUR 57,000, (EUR 50,000 from German Embassy and EUR 7,000 from Welthungerhilfe), will fund humanitarian assistance to 4,500 disaster affected in Rasht. Under the agreement, affected households received non-food items (wheelbarrows, gas cooker, pots, shovels, shovels digging, hoes, carpets, tent plastic) and diesel for cleaning the roads and streets from the mudflow.



Welthungerhilfe is planning to support the recovery activities in Rasht District through installation of the sanitation and drinking water system in the tent camp, restoring damaged water lines and reconstruction of pedestrian bridges.

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The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) Regional Consultation for South and Central Asia

The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) Regional Consultation for South and Central Asia was held at the Ismaili Centre in Dushanbe from 28 to 30 July 2015. It was co-hosted by the Government of Tajikistan and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), and chaired by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, Mr. Zohidi Nizomiddin, and AKDN Country Representative in Tajikistan Mr. Ali Akbar Pesnani, opened the Consultations. The UN World Food Programme Executive Director, Mrs. Ertharin Cousin, and OCHA Assistant-Secretary General, Mrs. Kyung-wha Kang, attended the Consultations and facilitated some of the plenary and group sessions.



In the spirit of the Summit's multi-stakeholder approach, the consultation brought together nearly 200 participants from 16 countries covered by the regional consultation, representing academia, affected communities, civil society organizations, governments, media, national and international non-governmental organizations, the



Organization of Islamic Cooperation, private sector, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, regional organizations, United Nations agencies, programmes and funds, youth, and observers.

The Consultations resulted in 34 recommendations on a) humanitarian action in natural disaster, b) humanitarian action in conflicts and c) humanitarian action in protracted crisis situations. These recommendations will be further forwarded to Global Consultations planned in October 2015 in Geneva and consequently at the Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in May of 2016. The [Co-Chair's Summary](#) developed following the Consultations provides more in-depth information on the recommendations of the Consultations.

For more information on the Consultations and the Summit, please check:

<https://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org> or contact Valijon Ranoev, OCHA National Disaster Response Advisor at: valijon.ranoev@undp.org

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