



Committee of Emergency Situations & Civil Defense, ECHO and UNDP Tajikistan
Project “Strengthened Disaster Risk Management in Tajikistan”

Minutes of REACT Meeting
November 02, 2011, UN Conference Hall

Chair: Colonel Kholiqnazarov Sultonazar, First deputy Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners (Annex VII - attached)

1. Introduction:

The Chairman of the meeting welcomed the participants and briefly introduced the agenda. Referring to the rainy weather for the past few days, he mentioned that the weather forecast for Tajikistan predicts cold winter and raining in the coming days and snowing is expected soon as well. The Chairman noted that although this year was relevantly calm in terms of natural disasters, the current weather serves as an alert that agencies involved in DRM should be on standby.

2. Overview of Disasters in Tajikistan for the past 10 months - 2011

The first presentation was delivered by Mayor Buriev, Head of Department for Protection of Population and Territory. Mr Buriev stated that for the last ten months of 2011, 99 natural disasters occurred in Tajikistan as a result of which 9 people were killed and damage of 39,758. 100 TJS was done according to the preliminary data from CoES economic review. Mr Buriev then went on to classify each type of disaster indicating the damage caused in each specific region. The classification also included the types of infrastructure and assets, affected by natural disasters, and Mr Buriev indicated, which specific district suffered from which type of disaster indicating the scope of the damage in each region.

Upon completion of the presentation, Colonel Kholiqnazarov emphasized that as per the presentation, the number of the disasters is relevantly lower in comparison to reports from 2010, however, it is worth to mention, that the monitoring system and recording of disasters occurrence improved significantly, due to support of international NGO's, which allows CoES to provide on time and accurate information on disaster.

Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex I**.

3. Overview of energy security in Tajikistan during fall-winter seasons – (UNDP DRMP, Monitoring and Early Warning System - 10 min) Food Security Monitoring System – Nutrition Data (WHO and WFP):

The presentation was delivered by Jamshed Kurbanov, DRMP Project Analyst, addressing one of the main crucial issues of the day. After provision of general information about the main hydropower station in Tajikistan – Nurek, Jamshed provided some technical data's such as current water flow, required flow for normal operation of the station, amount of energy produced till October 2011 and energy consumed by both private and industrial sectors in the country. The presenter then addressed other factors, which can have direct and indirect effect on the success of the Nurek hydropower station, such as weather conditions, provision of natural gas and coal production. He also highlighted the construction of small

hydropower stations, a campaign, led by the government for reduction of the burden of the large hydropower station. At the end of the presentation, the challenges relate with supply of electricity to population were provided along the feedback received from population regarding the malfunctioning of the electricity supply system. By concluding his presentation Jamshed offered a number of solutions, which to some extent can have an impact on current supply of electricity and offered some alternative measures to substitute the lack of electro power.

The first question was raised by Maruf Kandikov from DRMP concerning Jamshed statement that Barqi Tojik shifted the responsibility of power distribution to local hukumats. The question was that if local governments are responsible for distribution and supply of electricity in their respective areas, are these responsibilities supported by some financial support as well. Jamshed replied that he is unable to answer this question as this is a pilot project at the moment and answers can be provided at some later stage by relevant authorities.

- Next question was raised by Regina Gujan Head of Regional DRR program in Central Asia of SCO regarding the supply of firewood that is there any mechanism of control of such supply.

The question was answered by the Chairman who responded that usually Leskhoz's are responsible for looking after the forests and provision of necessary amount of fire wood to school and hospital.

Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex II**.

4. National Methodology of Risk Assessment (UNDP DRMP)

The presentation was delivered by international consultant of UNDP DRMP Zerkal Oleg Vladimirovich on Disaster Risk Assessment in Tajikistan. Presenting interconnections between risk assessments implemented by different organizations, he described the management structure of risk assessment and methods of assessments during emergency situations. Oleg Vladimirovich provided brief information on *Guidelines on Regional Disaster Risk Assessment for the Territory of Tajikistan* and methods of assessment of risks during emergency situations. The presented explained *geological risk assessment* and tools and methodologies used to conduct such an assessment. Upon completion of the presentation Mukaddas Siyarova, Information Management Specialist from UNDP DRMP announced that copies of the *Guidelines on Regional Disaster Risk Assessment for the Territory of Tajikistan* are available for the participants. She also noted that English version of the guideline is under review and will be available by the end of November, and those willing to receive the soft copies, can get in touch and the copy will be provided by email.

Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex III**.

5. Training Programmes for CoES staff (CoES)

Colonel Muhabbat Ibrohimov, Head of Population Preparedness and Training Department presented general information on trainings which are provided to CoES staff on regular basis. Ibrohimov explained that based on the modules prepared by international consultant Alexander Galperin, a team of CoES trainers are trained to teach both experienced and newly hired officers introductory courses on Disaster Risk Management and advanced Disaster Risk Management Courses. The trainers are designing their training program based on experience from Tajikistan and targeting to group of audience; Level I courses are designed for officers with no experience of working with CoES and Level II is more complex program for CoES staff with 2-3 years of experience. According to the presenter

80% of topics are dedicated to DRM issues and 20% are addressing Civil Defense problems. The trainers are selected from different departments of CoES. Ibrohimov also highlighted that upon the end of each course, participants are going through a written test and those passing the test, are awarded with certificates. At the end of the presentation Ibrohimov noted that, although changes were introduced to CoES budgeted for next year and some funding secured, an additional support is still necessary and he appealed to REACT partners, that any support of these endeavors would be invaluable contribution to the work of CoES.

Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex IV**

6. Remote geo-hazards capacity building and monitoring project, Phase II (Focus Humanitarian Assistance)

The presentation was presented by Program Officer of Focus, Imomberdi Berdov presenting the new initiatives of Focus. Imomberdi provided brief general introduction to the project and highlighted the main achievements of the project during Phase I. He highlighted that focus area of the project were Zarafshon, Jirgatol districts and GBAO and during phase I full monitoring of the target areas was conducted as the result of which 200 glacial lakes were discovered, communities at risk were identified and recommendations were provided to prevent and mitigate disasters. The objective of Phase II of the projects is to further strengthening the existing awareness, assessment, monitoring and emergency response capacity of national government institutions responsible to manage these risks including Hydromet, TajikGeology and the CoES Information and Analytical Centre (IMAC) and to enhance the awareness, preparedness monitoring and response capacity of local community threatened by these risks in Zarafshan, GBAO and Jirgatol. Imomberdi mentioned that the project is implemented by Focus in GBAO, by MSDSP in Jirgatol and GTZ in Zarafshon. At the end of his presentation he highlighted the expected outcomes of the project and thanked all the donors supporting the project and all partners involved in its implementation.

Detailed presentation can be found below as an **Annex V**.

7. International Day for Disaster Reduction (CoES):

The last presentation was delivered by Iskandar Usmonov, Head of the Emergency Situation and Civil defense of Dushanbe Headquarter. Mr Usmonov mentioned that 13th of October is selected as an International Day of Disaster Reduction and in Tajikistan this day was marked by Dushanbe Headquarter of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense together with Education Department of Dushanbe and with the support of UNDP Disaster Risk Management Program. A drawing competition was organized to celebrate the event which was attended by representatives of all schools in Dushanbe, and the total number of participants reached 120 students. 2 forms of competitions were organized: best picture with water color and best picture on asphalt. At the end the competent jury awarded the winners with prize, gifts and diplomas. Also the winners have been congratulated by the representatives of Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, Education Department of Dushanbe, Children and Youth Center and Dushanbe Headquarter of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense. The event was concluded with the concert prepared by the schoolchildren of the city.

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8. Comments from partners;

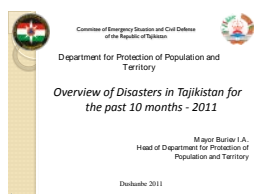
a) Before the presentation by Focus head of this organization Mustafa Karim made an announcement that his mission in Tajikistan came to an end and he introduced his new successor, Nashir Karmali, appointed as the new head of the organizations. Mustafa mentioned that he really enjoyed his time being in Tajikistan and thanked all the REACT partners for their support and collaborations.

The Chairman of the meeting thanked Mustafa for his wonderful work accomplished in Tajikistan and wished him success in his future endeavors.

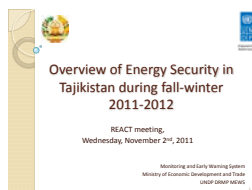
b) Alexander Kapirovsy referring to the time management during REACT meetings noted that all presenters must stick to the time indicated in the agenda because running overtime might cause disturbances in the work plan of REACT meetings participants.

Annexes:

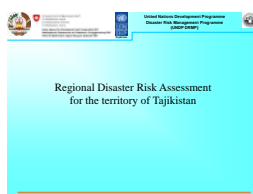
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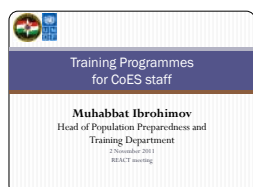
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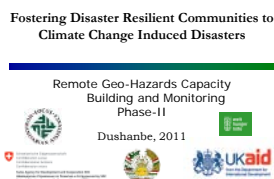
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4. Annex IV: Power Point Presentation: "Training Programmes for CoES staff (CoES)"



5. Annex V: Power Point Presentation: "Remote geo-hazard capacity building and monitoring project, Phase II (Focus)"



6. Annex VI: Power Point Presentation "International Day for Disaster Reduction (CoES):"



Annex VII: List of participants, REACT Meeting, November 02, 2011

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