



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

Minutes of REACT Meeting
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Chair: General Abdusattor Khushvaktov, first deputy Chairman of Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

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

1. Introduction:

The Chairman of the meeting, General Abdusattor Khushvaktov opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He briefly went through the agenda of the meeting and also noted the visit of colleagues from Afghanistan on a study tour visit hosted by Mission East.

1. Disaster updates:

- **Disaster Overview by Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES):**

Mr. Idibek Imomov, the head of Department of measures for protection of population and territory of CoES briefed the participants about the disasters occurred in Tajikistan for the past months of June and July. According to Mr. Imomov, mentioned that for the past two months, 11 natural disasters have occurred in Sughd and Rasht regions and the total amount of financial damage has resulted in 20,294,700 Somonis. Mr. Imomov also mentioned the statistics of number of houses, roads and infrastructure affected by disasters for the above mentioned period. The presentation also included the number of houses damaged, (partially or fully collapsed) per each region of the country. For more information, please refer to the presentation as an **Annex I**.

- **Situation with Glacier "Medvejij" by Committee on Environment Protection under the Government of the republic of Tajikistan:**

Mr. Anvar Khamidov, Head of Hydrometeorological Department of Committee on Environment Protection, briefed the participants about the recent visit to one of the most dangerous glaciers in the country, the glacier "Medvejij". He briefly informed the participants of the characteristics of the glacier and several studies that had been carried out in the past. He also mentioned about the movement of the glacier each 10-15 years and damage (possible or actual) it causes per each movement. Mr. Khamidov mentioned that the greatest damage to the population and to the national economy was caused by its movement in spring of 1963, where hundreds of houses were flooded including a central Vanj Airport. Following the last monitoring visit of the glacier on 18 July, 2011, Mr. Khamidov mentioned the risks and during the assessment no accumulation of water or formation of lakes was observed. He mentioned some recommendations that have been developed following the monitoring visit which included constant monitoring of the glacier. For more information, please refer to the presentation as an **Annex II**.

Mrs. Shahlo Rahimova, UNDP DRM Programme manager asked the period of constant monitoring, enquiring if 24 hours monitoring, daily, weekly monitoring was required. Mr. Khamidov replied that there was no need to have a constant 24 hours monitoring and a monthly visit would be sufficient to monitor the formation of lake.

Mr. Anvar Sabzaliev, UNDP DRMP Early Recovery Officer, asked the joints projects with FOCUS and SDC had been carried out in 2008 on the monitoring of the glacier and if the cooperation was beneficent. Mr. Khamidov replied that the participation within the project was efficient and the Committee of Protection of Environment would like to have more partners involved in the projects alike. He also mentioned that there was a great need in satellite images to which Shahlo Rahimova replied that Information and Analytical Center of CoES can assist and cooperate.

- **Recent Earthquake in Tajikistan by Institute of Geology, Seismology and Earthquake Engg. of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan:**

Mr. Farshed Karimov, Deputy Director of Science of the Institute of Geology, Seismology and Earthquake Engineering briefly informed the participants of the recent earthquake that hit the three bordering countries of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan on July, 20 of 2011. The Epicenter location was at 284km N-E from Dushanbe and 158km E from Khudjand and the earthquake felt up to 3-6 degrees depending the regions in Tajikistan. Mr. Karimov emphasized that the earthquake was the strongest in Tajikistan for 2011. No casualties were reported, and people suffered by big fears. Some buildings in Sughd region have been damaged such as small wall cracks, plasters fall off and etc. The delegation from the Institute had a visit in suffered regions and had brief talks with the population. Mr. Karimov mentioned the importance of the brief talks with the suffered population which would rise up their psychological well-being. For more information, please, refer to the presentation as **Annex III**.

- **Collapse of Miyonadu Bridge by Mercy Corps:**

Mr. Ahmad Kayumov, from Mercy Corps Tajikistan briefly informed the participants about recently collapsed bridge in the territory of Tavildara District of Rasht region. The bridge connected Miyonadu (center of Sangvor Jamoat) with main road to Tavildara and Dushanbe and collapsed on July 18 2011. He mentioned that it was the only bridge connecting Sangvor Jamoat with Tavildara and now 2500 people cannot be reached by vehicle. Food, fuel and medical supplies can only be transported by foot or animal along a rough forest trail (8 km) via a footbridge over the Khingob River at Ghovd. Mr. Kayumov mentioned that the Governor of Tavildara District and Chief of Sangvor Jamoat have requested assistance. THE USAID and Mercy Corps have conducted site assessment project and also drew up plans for construction of light vehicle bridge in coordination with District Architect and it will be implemented as a TSEP supported Community Infrastructure Project with contributions from local government and affected communities. Please, refer to presentation as **Annex IV** for further information.

2. Updates on Tajikistan Food and Crop Assessment 2011

Mr. Sangiboy Sanginov, a representative of FAO in Tajikistan has presented a recent launch of food and crop assessment by FAO in Tajikistan. He mentioned that despite the proclaimed priority accorded to food security in the national development strategy and several decrees on food security, there is still no monitoring and information system to assess the national food security situation and its evolution. The recent launch of food assessment will provide national food security policy and strategy development process that will be based on an integrated food security information system, which will also include a market information service that will support the development of the private sector agriculture and trade. The full report of the survey and assessment will be provided to partners by the end August, beginning of September 2011. For more details, please, refer to **Annex V**.

3. Risk Assessment in the Khuroson Area by ACTED:

Mr. Nugmanov Rustam, representative of ACTED has briefly informed the participants about the Risk Assessment that was conducted in Khuroson area of Khatlon region. The purpose of the project was to conduct the risk assessment, vulnerability and hazard assessment and development of recommendations and plans for mitigation and management of natural disasters in 6 regions of the area. He provided brief information of the background of the villages and the methods of the conducted assessment. The presentation also included data about vulnerability indicator and risk type per each village including potential volume of the magnitude of the risk and number of houses under potential danger per village. Each assessment consisted of structural and non structural recommendations per village. Mr. Nugmanov, also gave the general recommendation of all villages and mentioned that the full report has been submitted to UNDP and can be obtained if requested. For more information on the presentation of Risk Assessment, please, refer to **Annex VI**.

4. Study Tour of representatives of Afghanistan to Tajikistan (Mission East/Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority -ANDMA):

Mr. Bakhtiyor Ashurov, DRR Liaison officer from Mission East Tajikistan briefly mentioned that Mission East is hosting representatives of Mission East and NDMA of Afghanistan in Tajikistan on a study tour. He mentioned that the representatives of Mission East Tajikistan have also visited Afghan Republic to learn and exchange with experience on DRR. Mr. Ashurov noted that the delegation will attend REACT meeting and meet with the representatives from CoES and visit some regional DRR activities being carried out by Mission East in Vose district of Khatlon region.

A representative of ANDMA, Mr. Hasan M. chief of committee, thanked for the warm welcome and the opportunity to attend the REACT meeting. He kindly noted that both countries had lots in common and it is very beneficial to work together and exchange experience. He mentioned that due to severe wars in Afghanistan for several decades, the infrastructure is started from zero point. It would require additional support. He also mentioned that the study tour in Tajikistan will be very beneficial since the delegation will learn about the methodologies on DRR in Tajikistan. He once again thanked all the participants for warm welcome to which, Colonel Khushvakhtov also expressed gratitude and welcomed ANDMA representatives in the country again.

5. Updates on monitoring and reporting on implementation of the National Disaster Risk Management Strategy by UNDP DRMP

Ms. Magda Stepanyan, UNDP DRMP international consultant briefly introduced herself to the participants and overviewed the objectives and the directions of her consultancy in Tajikistan. She mentioned that there are three directions focused within the consultancy period and objective: to set up a monitoring and evaluation system of the NDRMS, capacity assessment of two to three key stakeholders of the NDRMS and fundraising strategy of NDRMS. She mentioned the importance of the meeting with stakeholders which is the main focus in reaching the set objectives of the consultancy. Individual communication can be made directly with the organization regarding the meeting with relevant representatives in order to discuss the above mentioned issues.

Annexes:

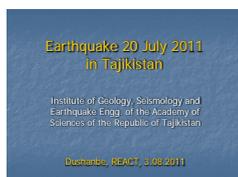
1. Annex I: Power Point: "Disaster Overview by Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense"



2. Annex II: Power Point: "Situation with Glacier "Medvejiy""



3. Annex III: Power Point Presentation: "Recent Earthquake in Tajikistan"



4. Annex IV: Power Point Presentation: "Collapse of Miyonadu Bridge"



5. Annex V: Power Point Presentation: "Updates on Tajikistan Food and Crop Assessment 2011"



6. Annex VI: Power Point Presentation: "Risk Assessment in Khuroson Area"



Annex VII: List of participants, REACT Meeting, August 3, 2011

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