



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

Minutes of REACT Meeting

1 December 2010, UN Conference Hall

Chair: Mr. Sultonazar Kholiqnazarov, Deputy chief of Staff, Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners (Annex IV- attached)

1. Introduction:

Mr. Kholiqnazarov opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. He briefed the participants on agenda of the meeting and passed the floor to first presenter.

2. Winter preparedness plan of Government of Tajikistan – Implementation updates, November 2010:

Mr. Ismatov Abdullo representative of Ministry of Economic Development and Trade informed the participants, that Government of Tajikistan has issued a Decree №212, on May 3, 2010 on: "Timely preparation of the economy branch and social sphere of the republic to the smooth and efficient operation in autumn-winter period 2010-2011". In frames of the given decree an Action Plan has been developed and approved, which has 41 different activities and measures to be implemented by ministries and departments, enterprises, organizations, regions, cities, districts. Every responsible party is required to submit a progress report on implementation of the Action Plan on monthly basis to Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT), which is on its turn compiled into one joint report and submitted to Government of Tajikistan. Further on, Mr. Ismatov gave a brief summary of achievements reported in November 2010 report, submitted to Government of Tajikistan. For the details, please refer to **Annex I**.

Mr. Kholiqnazarov from CoES (chair of the meeting) added that CoES along with other ministries and agencies has established a special working group responsible for implementation of the given Action Plan and monthly reports are being reported to MEDT. He also noted, that with the support of MEDT Government of Tajikistan has allocated additional funds for implementation of some activities and measures, which required additional funding, such as stockpiling of fuel, food and etc.

Mr. Ismatov replying to question of Ms. Rano Mansurova from ACTED, added that overall monitoring of the implementation of the Action Plan is carried out by MEDT.

3. REACT Steering Committee updates

Mr. Andy Baker from OXFAM GB, on behalf of REACT Steering Committee provided a brief background on objectives and purposes of the proposed REACT evaluation: its ways of working and its responses to some example disasters in 2009-2010. He mentioned, that SDC has expressed interest in funding of the proposed evaluation, however proposed to include some changes and additions to the initial Terms of References of the evaluation. Therefore, the proposed changes and additions have been incorporated into the ToR, which can be found in **Annex II**. The revised ToR has been presented and agreement on proposed changes has been sought from participants.

Mr. Khusrav Sharifov from UNDP, highlighted that initially it was agreed that evaluation should focus on comparably narrow context, such as: "evaluation of REACT response to floods" only, while the revised ToR is rather expanded geographically and includes Zeravshan and Vanj. Taking into account the limited timeframes of 25 working days and limited access to the mentioned areas, Mr. Sharifov inquired how realistic it is to conduct given evaluation? Moreover, he noted that proposed evaluation is aiming to be "impartial", however the process will be administratively managed by Mission East, one of the active members of REACT, which on its turn cannot provide full impartiality.

Mr. Andy Baker mentioned that Steering Committee acknowledges the existing challenges and constrains with limited timeframes and funding, however limiting the evaluation only to one location and one response expiration, which was comparably successful will not provide the realistic picture. Therefore, a decision was taken to expand the scope of evaluation. Mr. Andy Baker also replied that Steering Committee cannot provide the full impartiality of the evaluation, however, will ensure the impartiality as much as possible.

Ms. Rano Mansurova from ACTED, noted that presented ToR provides a general direction of the evaluation, however does not provide any specific details and inquired whether a specific tool has been already developed and approved?

Mr. Andy Baker replied that development of evaluation methodology is one of the tasks of the consultant to be recruited. In addition, he noted that other details are reflected in the Terms of Reference and given presentation, was rather brief summary.

Taking into account that no major objections have been presented by any of the partners, revised ToR of the REACT evaluation has been accepted and agreed that REACT Steering Committee should proceed with the process.

4. Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience – Introduction

Mr. Philip Buckle, independent consultant contracted by ADB provided a brief introduction about the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) and two main phases of the programme. Mr. Philip Buckle listed the consultants contracted by Asian Development Bank for implementation of Activities 5 and 6 of second phase of PPCR, namely: Climate science and impact modelling partnership and analysis of river basin approach to climate resilience. Further on, he briefly presented the expected outputs and outcomes of the mentioned components and next steps to be undertaken. The details can be found in **Annex III**.

Ms. Barbara James from Mission East asked the presenter, whether the sub-regions for the given interventions have been already selected. Mr. Buckle replied that currently sub-regions have not been selected, but the criteria for selection of the regions have been already identified.

Mr. Andy Baker noted that during the implementation of the intervention, the existing risk assessment methodologies in Tajikistan should be taking into consideration.

Mr. Khusrav Sharifov, pointed that currently UNDP jointly with CoES is involved in development of the unified methodology of risk assessment in Tajikistan, which will be obviously based on the already existing methodologies.

Mr. Buckle added that consultants are in close contact with UNDP and will take into account the results of the on-going intervention.

5. Any other business

Afghan/Tajik Joint Workshop: improved flood management in the Pyanj River Basin, 13-14 December 2010, Dushanbe:

Mr. Peter Ko, team leader of Pyanj River Basin Flood Management Project, informed the participants that a joint Afghanistan-Tajikistan Workshop to be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 13-14 December 2010 is being organized under ADB's Regional Technical Assistance for Pyanj River Basin Flood management Project. It aims to bring together representatives from various ministries of the governments of Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and other agencies concerned for improved flood management in the Pyanj River Basin.

The objectives of the Workshop are:

- i. To present and discuss results from RETA studies, including the Knowledge Base, the Hydrometeorological Database, the proposed flood forecasting procedure, morphological studies of channel changes and river bank erosion;
- ii. To provide a forum for an exchange of experience and knowledge of the Pyanj River Basin among the technical staff from both countries;
- iii. To provide an opportunity for technical staff from both countries to discuss ways for moving forward following the signing of the Agreement on cooperation for hydrological monitoring and bank protection works; and
- iv. To explore future potential needs and priorities further areas of cooperation.

Mr. Ko mentioned that invitation have been send out to different agencies to delegate technical representatives to the workshop, since the workshop will be mainly focused on technical level discussions.

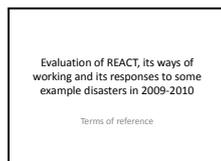
Mr. Khusrav Sharifov added that UNDP in Tajikistan is interested to be included into the agenda of the workshop and overall organization of the workshop. Where possible to expand the workshop, since these kind of workshop with involvement of Afghan representatives does not happen very often and therefore, more interested actors should be involved. UNDP Tajikistan on its turn is ready to share the costs of the workshop, if required.

Annexes:

Annex I: Power Point Presentation: "Winter preparedness plan of Government of Tajikistan"



Annex II: Power Point Presentation: "REACT Evaluation"



Annex III: Power Point Presentation: "PPCR- Introduction"



Annex IV: List of participants, REACT Meeting, December 1, 2010

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