



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

Minutes of REACT Meeting
July 6, 2011, UN Conference Hall

Representing Chair: Mr. Kodirberdiev Khudoiberdi, Head of operations and planning department of Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

Participants: REACT partners (Annex V - attached)

1. Introduction:

Representing the Chairman of the meeting, Colonel Khudoiberdiev opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He mentioned that due to high level of meetings and regular semi-annual Commission Board meeting of CoES, the first deputy of the Chairman of CoES was not able to participate in the meeting.

1. Comparative analysis of weather conditions for the period of January-May 2011 and the same period of 2001 and 2002. Possible risk of drought:

Mrs. Jamila Baidulloeva, Head of Hydromet Center of State Agency for Hydrometeorology of Tajikistan briefed the participants about the weather conditions for the period of January – June 2011 and provided comparative analysis of the presented conditions with the average weather conditions during 1980-2010. She provided data about the precipitation and weather temperature and comparative analysis for the abovementioned periods. She mentioned the overall precipitation in Tajikistan from 1980-2011 including its comparison in different regions of the country, including Direct Ruled Districts, Khatlon region, GBAO and Sughd region. The statistics indicate that the temperature has risen in five regions of the country from 25 – 30 Degrees Celsius by the month of June, 2011. In addition, a special comparison of the precipitation and weather temperature of 6 months of 2011 with the same period of 2000 and 2001, when the least precipitation have occurred, causing the major drought in the country and the region. Provided comparison analysis indicated that precipitation volume of 2011 is comparatively higher than in 2000 and 2001, nonetheless it is still much lower than historical average, thus in 2011 a drought can be expected. She also mentioned that the level of water flow in the rivers have been decreased in GBAO, which leads to the lack of drinking water and the local population have been using water pumps more often than usual, which on its turn leads to more frequent breakage of the pumps. (Detailed presentation on the comparative analysis can be found as **Annex I**).

Mr. Charles Kelly, UNDP DRMP International consultant, asked a question if water shortage (especially drinking water) have been identified in any other regions except for GBAO. Mrs. Baidulloeva, mentioned that up to date, the Agency does not possess information on this regard.

2. Overview of food and energy sectors during June 2011:

Mr. Jamshed Kurbanov, UNDP DRMP Project Analyst, representing Risk Monitoring and Warning System informed the participants about electricity generation and water level in main water reservoirs of the country, for the period of June, 2011. He highlighted that data for the given presentation has been jointly obtained from relevant agencies by the Ministry of the Economic Development and Trade of the republic of Tajikistan and UNDP. He presented the average electricity production and consumption in Tajikistan for the periods of November 2009 – June 2011. The statistics indicate that the production of electricity for the mentioned period has been fluctuating between 2000 to 2500 Gigawatts with the total production for Tajikistan of 2200 Gigawatts for the month of June. Mr. Kurbanov presented data about the water volume, outflow and inflow into Nurek HEP reservoir. The water volume and inflow in Nurek Hydro Power Station has been fluctuating for the past five months. In addition, data on food and fuel prices in the three major cities of the country (Dushanbe, Khujand and Kurgan – Tyube) for the period of January 2008 – June 2011 have been presented. He noted that the prices for staples remained stable and still as record high level since food price monitoring period in 2002:

However, gasoline price increased by 16% (1.25 USD), and 51% higher than in May 2010 (0.86 USD). Mr. Kurbanov mentioned that the Russian Federation has increased taxation for exporting fuel to the Republic of Tajikistan. According to the UN WFP Report, the prices for the food commodities are expected to rise due to the price increase

of gasoline in the country due to the rise of foreign exchange rate. For more details, please, refer to the presentation as **Annex II**.

3. Rasht Valley food security and vulnerability assessment:

Ms. Brandy Westerman, Mercy Corps Country Director, made a presentation on Food security assessment conducted in Rasht Valley of the Republic of Tajikistan. She informed the partners about the assessment methodology and the assessment coverage within the Rasht Valley. Ms. Westerman highlighted statistics on Chronic and Acute Malnutrition Rates in percentage within the assessed regions. During the presentation, she also highlighted statistics on the availability of food in the households for the current year with the figures in percentage fluctuating between less and same food in the households. According to Ms. Westerman, the assessment also included 15 focus group discussions over the period of May 16 – June 16, 2011 which resulted in a statistics of number of hot meals consumed in a household per day. Ms. Westerman mentioned that full report is being developed and will be available for share in a soon time. For more details, please, refer to **Annex III**.

Mr. Charles Kelly, UNDP DRMP noted that food security issues have been faced throughout the country and if there are any activities being carried out in order to face the challenges of food shortage, since this has been an issue for the past several years already. Ms. Westerman also acknowledged the point and mentioned that this has also been a challenge that is being faced gradually.

Mr. Usmanov Islom, UNDP DRMP National consultant asked if the report that would be developed and shared with the partners in a soon time on the assessment conducted in Rasht Valley would be also shared with relevant state bodies and agencies, to which Ms. Westerman mentioned that an additional presentation including a report will also be provided to the relevant government institutions and local partners.

Mr. Jamshed Kurbanov, UNDP DRMP Project Analyst mentioned if the assessment could be done in a longer term period covering the other seasons. Ms. Westerman replied that it is necessary to conduct the seasonal assessment and in a longer term chronic issues are important to consider which need to be done in a longer terms.

4. Progress Report on development of emergency response plans of the operations department of CoES:

Mr. Kodirberdiev Khudoiberdi, the Head of Operations and Planning department of CoES, informed the partners about the emergency preparedness and response plans of the cities and districts of the country, which are being developed with all the relevant civil services under the leadership of CoES and with the support of UNDP DRMP and SDC. Mr. Kodirberdiev briefed the participants about the background, the development process and the outline of the Plan. According to the updated information, currently over 50% of the Plans for the districts and cities of the country have been finalized and approved by the relevant authorities. The list of the districts and cities with the finalized Plans has been presented as well.

The emergency plans will re-enforce the regional and local CoES and Civil Defense offices for general coordination and response during emergency situations. For more details, please, refer to the presentation as **Annex IV**.

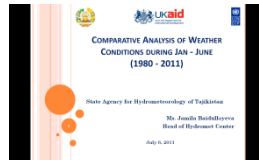
5. Visit to Nepal Climate Change Networks:

Ms. Umida Tulieva, Climate Change Advocacy Program Officer of OXFAM GB, has made a presentation on a Study Tour of the representatives of local NGOs in Tajikistan to Nepal on Climate Change Networks. The main objective of the visit was to improve skills on climate change networking and lobby among identified civil society partners in Tajikistan as mentioned Ms. Tulieva. During the study tour, the representatives of four NGOs located in various regions of the country, learnt about the activities and planning arrangements that are being carried out by Climate Change Nepal Network, CANSAs, and other NGOs working in the sphere. Ms. Tulieva mentioned that the goal of these network is to strengthen the Civil society movement in Nepal through building strong network and alliance of NGOs and engaging them in Climate change awareness, research, and development work within local community and volunteers. Ms. Tulieva mentioned that the post visit actions of the Tour would be sharing the work plans with Tajik colleagues, conducting joint CC events, expansion of TajCN in the regions and further collaboration between Nepal and Tajikistan on CC activities. For more details, please, refer to the presentation as **Annex V**.

Mr. Andy Baker, OXFAM Country Director, pointed that the main purpose of the Study Tour is to bring in the issue of Climate change networking into the Tajik societies and share experience.

Annexes:

1. **Annex I:** Power Point: "Comparative analysis of weather conditions for the period of January-May 2011 and the same period of 2001 and 2002. Possible risk of drought"



2. **Annex II:** Power Point: "Overview of food and energy sectors during June 2011"



3. **Annex III:** Power Point Presentation: "Rasht Valley food security and vulnerability assessment"



4. **Annex IV:** Power Point Presentation: "Progress Report on development of emergency response plans of the operations department of CoES"



5. **Annex IV:** Power Point Presentation: "Visit to Nepal Climate Change Networks"



Annex V: List of participants, REACT Meeting, May 24, 2011

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