



## Minutes of REACT Meeting

29 February 2012

### Crisis Management Center of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense

**Chair:** Col -General Khairiddin Abdurahimov, Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES)

**Participants:** REACT partners (Annex VII - attached)

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#### 1. Introduction:

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming the participants and briefed about the lines of cooperation of CoES with the REACT partners as well as activities carried out jointly with REACT partners in the fields of response, mitigation and recovery of natural disasters in the country. He also expressed gratitude for all the efforts taken by all partners in reducing the risk of disasters in the country and wished a fruitful cooperation in coming years.

Following the introduction of the partners, the agenda of the meeting was introduced and the meeting was commenced by Major – General Abdusattor Khushvakhtov, first deputy chairman of CoES.

#### 2. Disaster Overview: January – February 2012:

Mr. Jamshed Kamolov, Head of Department of Protection of Population and territory of CoES has briefed the participants about the natural disasters occurred within the past two months of 2012. He highlighted the recently fell heavy snow and rain and low precipitation throughout the country that brought to avalanches and storms causing number of damages and dead casualties in some districts of the country. According to the given data by CoES, in total 45 natural disasters were registered within the last two months: mainly in GBAO, DRS and Khatlon regions. Almost 40 percent of the disasters occurred constituted avalanches that have been registered following severe weather conditions from February 10-21 of 2012. It is worth to mention the Mr. Kamolov mentioned that the preliminary damage in TJS made a sum of 1740900. As a result of heavy rains and avalanches on 23 February 2012, 5 persons have been trapped under the snow in Sonii jamoat of Vakhdat district, 4 of which have been found dead and one hospitalized, according to presentation by Mr. Kamolov. Also, more than hundreds were trapped under the avalanches following a heavy snow falls in Dushanbe – Khujand highway. Local Authorities of affected districts have provided first assistance required following the disasters which include row products. For more detailed information, please refer to **Annex I**.

#### 3. Weather overview for February and forecast for March 2012:



Ms. Jamilya Baidullaeva, Head of Hydro meteorological Center of Tajikistan, briefed the participants about the weather overview for the period of January – February 2012 and gave some forecast for beginning of March 2012. She mentioned that the month of February was severely cold that led to many natural disasters as was forecasted. The lowest temperatures were recorded during the 4-5 February, when temperatures did not rise above -10 to -18°C at the lower elevations. According to the presentation Monthly average precipitation was above and within the norm. In Dushanbe precipitation (snow) totaled 129 mm. Intensive precipitations were recorded 4, 5, 20,21 and 27 February. The heavy snowfall was recorded in Gissar valleys on 5 and 21 February. The snow cover in 24 hours was totaled 22-27sm. In western GBAO intensive precipitations were recorded on February 20th and 27th . In this region the snow cover was totaled 45sm in Khorog and 70 sm in Navabad. In southern slope of Gissar (Khusheri, Maykhura, Anzob) the snow cover totaled 163-176 sm. According to the forecast, the first week of the march is forecasted to be around the average temperature limit, although slight precipitation is expected from March 6-9 2012. Detailed information is available as an **Annex II**.

#### **4. Locust invasion and its prevention:**

Mr. Ganiev Kiyomiddin, a representative of State Unitary Enterprise “Combat against Locust” briefed the participants about the agency and its objectives: combating against locust, analyzing the risk of locust invasion with bordering countries, prevention of locusts. He mentioned that due to the drought in 2011, areas inhabited by locust, reached almost 159 000 hectares, which is 54 000 ha more than in 2010. Surveyed area was 245,500 ha, of which 158,516 hectares were occupied and 137 518 hectares treated, including 120 015 hectares against the DMA and 17,503 hectares as against CIT. According to the presentation, the tendency of locust invasion in Tajikistan has been rising comparing to 2003, making a total number of 160 thousand ha affected by locusts. Mr. Ganiev mentioned that number of chemical treatments are being carried out by the agency including, manual treatment, treatment with the use of special sprayers and vehicles. And personnel of the agency conduct regular trainings and seminar on community levels for those area affected by locust. Mr. Ganiev also mentioned that mainly, the locust migrate from bordering countries, including Kirgys republic, Republic of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. Number of activities in treatment and eradication of locust have been taken by both sides of the boundaries. He also mentioned that tractors have been used for the treatment of the locust which are usually loaned by the local authorities in the affected area. For more detailed information on the numbers of hectares affected and the treatment methods, please refer to the presentation as an **Annex III**.

#### **5. NUREK HPS: Spring electricity supply forecast:**

Mrs. Zilsilamo Vazirbekova, a representative of Barki Tojik has briefed the participants of the situation with the NUREK HPS: its units, water consumption, outflow and inflow. According to the presentation, estimated flow of out spill through the hydroelectric power station makes 1350m<sup>3</sup> / sec. She also provided an updated data on water volume at the station saying that it is within the normal level and the limit of electricity supply in Tajikistan is within the regular schedule approved by the Government of Tajikistan. For detailed information on the figures, please refer to presentation as **Annex IV**.



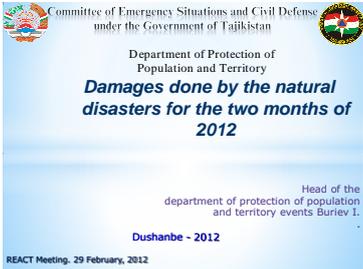
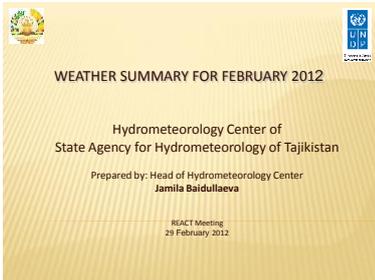
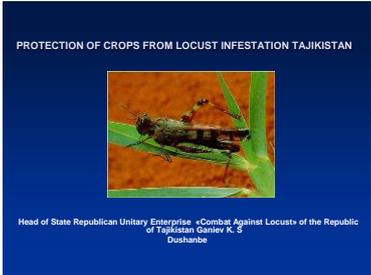
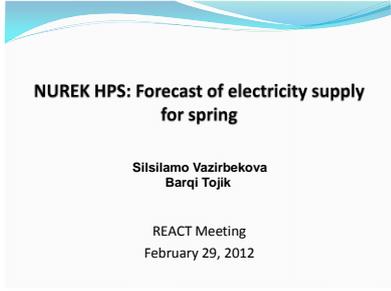
## 6. UNDP – GEF Small Grants Programme Tajikistan

Mr. Khurshed Kholov, representative of Energy and Environment Programme UNDP in Tajikistan has briefed the participants about the on-going small grants programme. The grant programme is focused at Land Degradation (Desertification and Deforestation) Strategy and sustainable forest management. The grant is designated to nongovernmental organizations as well as any other civil societies who are working on community levels to apply with the maximum available fund per organization for activities of USD 50 thousand. Mr. Khurshed Kholov explained the procedures and criteria of application to the grant at urged the partners to disseminate the information as wide as possible. The presentation included details of the grant, its objectives and expected results which could also be found as an **Annex V**.

## 7. Any other Business:

Mrs. Farzona Rahimova and Mr. Jim Kennedy, representatives of Habitat for Humanity International in Tajikistan briefed the participants about the ongoing projects within the organization. Mr. Jim Kennedy gave detailed information on the objectives of ongoing projects and expected results. He also noted the important aspect of the expected result of the ongoing projects to be related to disaster risk reduction activities in Tajikistan.

## Annexes:

<p><b>I - Disaster Overview: January – February 2012:</b></p> 	<p><b>II - Weather overview for February and forecast for March 2012:</b></p> 
<p><b>III - Locust invasion and its prevention:</b></p> 	<p><b>IV - NUREK HPS: Spring electricity supply forecast:</b></p> 



**V -UNDP – GEF Small Grants Programme  
Tajikistan:**



**Annex VII – List of Participants:**

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