



Minutes of REACT meeting

Kurgan-Tube.

8 June 2012

10:30– 11:30 Conference Hall of Khatlon Region CoES

Chair: Mr. Hotamsho Sharipov, Head of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan in Khatlon Province

Participants: REACT Kurgan-tube partners (Annex I)

Chairman, after brief welcome introduction, complained about absences of IFRC and RCST during REACT meetings. The above mentioned agencies, according to the chairman enjoying complete independency in the area and not bothering to mainstream their activities with CoES, which is not acceptable.

Mr Sharipov also noted that as per new regulations introduced by the new Head of CoES, every single projects related with DRM in the area should be agreed with CoES first and a written notice should be sent to Head of Coes in Khatlon or directly to CoES in Dushanbe. As an example he referred to project sponsored by the Government of Japan which was intending to sent two officers to Japan for studies. The trip of the officers was canceled, as formal approval was not requested from CoES on time.

Providing overview of disasters for May, Mr Sharipov mentioned that torrential rains followed by floods and mudflows caused tremendous damages in Khatlon area damaging substantial amount of houses, auxiliary building, land and other public infrastructures. The amount of damage in somoni for May exceeding over 5 millions.

Due to inefficiency of local authorities, despite a heavy damage caused to more than 40 residential homes in Kabodiyon district, no reports were followed immediately and CoES in Kurgan-tube has been notified only after two days. In Nurobod district, a water pool was formed as the result of heavy rains and fortunately the outburst of the pool did not cause any heavy damages.

Another major problem in the area is drowning of civilian, and the search and rescue of dead bodies is a problem that CoES has to spent a lot of time and resources. Most of the drowning is resulted by swimming in prohibited areas and non prevention of kids by parents from playing and wondering on the banks of canals and drainages. A recent drowning which resulted in death of three people took almost one week for the search and rescue team to find the bodies.

Finally Mr Sharipov brought up the issue of simulation exercises conducted by various NGO's. He stressed that simulation exercises should be conducted properly, and the scenarios should be realistic in order for the participants to learn something and to gain some benefit. Referring to ACTED he mentioned that recently the organization declared about 4 conducted simulation exercises of which CoES had no idea.

Save the Children (SC), Kholis Sadurddinov, New project on DRM initiated by Save the Children

The presentation was dedicated to the new project promoted by SC with funding from DIPECO. The project is going to be implemented in Jilikul covering 5 villages and in 10 villages Sarband districts of Khatlon regions. The primary objective of the project is to raise awareness on Disaster Risk Management using a multiple approaches such as: delivery of trainings to staff of jamoats and local teachers; preparation of mitigation plans for target areas; construction and equipment of evacuation points; preparation and print of modules on protection if children from disasters. SC is also planning to conduct simulation exercise to which its planning to invite representatives from ministry of education and REACT partners to jointly design the stimulation module.

Oxfam GB, Bahromsho Rahmatulloev, Promoting community based Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction practices in Tajikistan.

The project is funded by DIPECHO and its primary objective is to increase resilience and reduce vulnerability of local communities and relevant national institutions by supporting strategies that enable them to prepare for, mitigate and respond to natural disasters in Tajikistan. The project is covering 10 districts of Eastern Khatlon, involving key agencies, such as CoES, MoH, Ministry of Land Reclamation and Melioration, and Ministry of Education. The project is aiming via integration of various education programs and trainings to assist the local government in better planning and establish mechanisms on public disaster preparedness. Upon the end of the project its expected that local authorities in target districts have functional contingency plan and community based disaster management groups are integrated in overall disaster management planning of the districts. It is also planned that local authorities will have contingency reserves for first response in case of emergency as well as clear plan of replenishing the reserves for coming years.

Annex



Annex I:

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