UNDP Provides Humanitarian Assistance to 160 families in Rudaki District, Tajikistan

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Heavy rains between May 9th and 20th, 2016 resulted in flash floods and mudflows in several districts of Tajikistan severely affecting more than 5,500 people, including 3,240 residents of Rudaki district. Based on the results of damage and needs assessment conducted by REACT (Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team), Swiss Development Cooperation provided the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Tajikistan a total funding of USD 49,939 to provide immediate relief assistance to the disaster affected population.

On 4 June 2016, UNDP delivered 800 mattresses, pillows and bed sheets, 160 Hygiene kits, 400 rubber boots and 200 shoes to 160 households affected by the flood. Further, on 6 June 2016, DRMP delivered 8,000 liters of diesel fuel to the local authorities to assist in the removal of debris and river embankment activities.

“I’m very grateful for the assistance received”, said Rajabova Shirmoh, a mother of four children whose family was affected by the mudflows in Rudaki district.

The flash floods and mudflows in May affected Aini, Asht, Guliston, Panjekent and Zafarobod Districts (Sughd Province), Balujuvon, Farkhor and Jaloliddin Balhi districts (Khatlon Province), Nurobod, Rasht, Rogun, Rudaki, Sangvor and Tojikobod districts (Direct Ruled Districts), and Darvoz and Vanj districts (Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast). The flooding resulted in 6 fatalities together with damage to households, roads, bridges, local agriculture and livelihoods. Further details on the recent disasters can be found at: http://reliefweb.int/report/tajikistan/react-floodsmudflow-countrywide-tajikistan-situation-report-no-3-25-may-2016.

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