FIFTH MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI
COOPERATION ORGANIZATION IN
TAJKISTAN ON EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS

The fifth meeting of the heads of
government authorities responsible for
the prevention and liquidation of
emergency situations in the border
regions of Shanghai Cooperation
Organization (SCO) member states was
held in Khujand Province, Tajikistan,
from 20 to 21 August 2015.

The event was chaired by Major
General Rustam Shohiyon, Deputy
Chairman of the Committee of
Emergency Situations and Civil Defense
of the Government of Tajikistan.

During the meeting the
participants discussed cooperation on
prevention, awareness raising and
liquidating emergencies in cross-border
areas.

Also discussed were operational
procedures for rescue units during the
emergency-recovery process and
information exchange about possible
emergency situations.

The event was organized by the
Committee of Emergency Situations and
Civil Defense of Tajikistan with financial
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YOUTH SUMMER CAMP
“ALAST” FOR MUDFLOW-AFFECTED
VILLAGES IN GBAO

From August 21 to 25, 2015 the
Center for Climate Change and Disaster
Reduction (CCDR) with the financial
support of the Swiss Agency for
Development and Cooperation (SDC),
conducted a Youth Summer Camp
“Alast” (Renaissance) for the children
and youth of the recently mudflow-
affected villages of Gorno-Badakhshan
Autonomous Oblast (GBAO). The goal
of the project was to provide rapid
emergency assistance to the mudflow-
affected communities in GBAO through recreational and psychosocial support to the youth and children of the affected communities of Barsem, Kolkhozobod and Berdibekobod, all located in Shugnan District.

The Summer Camp was in the nearby tent camp in Bogev village. It was specifically designed to support 40 children and youth to cope with the aftermath of the devastating mudflow, which occurred on July 16, 2015 in Shugnan District of GBAO, leaving the population with severe economic and social consequences.

Understanding the traumatic impact of the disasters on children, CCDR rushed to provide the first support to this most vulnerable group, re-building their shattered belief in the safe and resilient future. The program of the Summer Camp included art therapy, psychosocial support, speaking out through games and activities, sports and drawings, and linking nature and humans. Volunteer partners from Youth for Mountainous Development provided their valuable support to organize the camp. All the camp participants received sports uniforms and traditional dresses as gifts. The Youth Summer Camp enabled CCDR to support the use of education and knowledge to build a culture of safety and resilience.

On the last day of the Camp the children organized a cultural program. The Deputy Chair of the Hukumat of GBAO, Ms. Orumbekova G. visited the Camp to express, on behalf of Hukumat, their gratitude to SDC and CCDR.

All the non-food items for conducting the summer camp are handed over to the affected families located at the tent camp in Manem village, including mattresses, blankets, pillows, beddings, kitchenware etc.

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OXFAM ORGANIZED FIRE PREVENTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In order to reduce fire-related deaths, injuries and damage, Oxfam Tajikistan and the Fire Department of Khatlon Region organized an Awareness Raising Campaign from May to September 2015.

The aim was to highlight the importance of safety requirements in homes and public facilities, as well as taking fire prevention measures. The participants were acquainted with fire prevention and safety tips, types of fire fighting equipment and the process of using them properly to respond to fire incidents.

“The loss of life or property, as a result of fire, is a tragedy that can be avoided. Everyone can and should take
steps to protect themselves by learning how to prevent fires and taking actions”, - said Bojan Kolundzija, the Country Director for Oxfam Tajikistan. “This way fires can be stopped before they even get started!” he added.

The awareness campaign was carried out in Kulyab city, Vose, Khovaling and Muminobod Districts with more than 3,000 participants taking part. The programme included a theatre play highlighting the importance of safety requirements, demonstrations of firefighting equipment and questions and answers on fire precautions. The campaign showcased an evacuation simulation designed for the schools and with the engagement of the Committee of Emergency Situations, school management and staff, the Fire Department, medical staff and the police unit of the region. An evacuation simulation was conducted at School №50 in Kulyab city with 58 school directors and more than 500 schoolchildren actively participating.

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