



## Minutes of the REACT Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2011

### Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone

Borbad Street № 17, Kulyab town, Khatlon region, Republic of Tajikistan

#### Participants:

Representative of organization	Full name	Position
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	Azimov Mahmadkabir	Head of Inter – districts' courses in the Committee
	Roziqov Shodi	Head of the group for protection of population in the Committee
Committee of Emergency Situation	Shomahmadov Alisho	Head of Information and Analytic Center
Committee of Land and geodesy of Tajikistan Republic	Saidov Mirzo	Director of Scientific and Research Center
UNDP, Kulyab town	Abdualimov Qurbonali	Engineer
UNDP, Dushanbe city	Sabzaliev Anvar	Мутахассиси барнома
	Kandikov Maruf	Programme Emergency Officer
Mission East, Kulyab town	Shomadov Shodis	Senior Programme Officer
	Fazilatov Abdugarim	Head of Ziraki Coalition, Kulyab district
	Talbakov Turakhon	Head of Pakhtakor 1 Coalition, Vose district
	Valiev Sadullo	Head of Michurin Coalition, Vose district
	Latipov Saijamol	Head of Pakhtaobod Coalition, Vose district
Oxfam, Kulyab town	Karimov Zubaidullo	Programme Officer
	Abdulvohidov Nosir	Programme Officer
Public organization “NASIP – APK”, Dushanbe city	Bozorov Shavqat	Director of organization
	Bahriddinov Saimurod	Programme Manager
	Bozorov Murod	Programme specialist

**Agenda:**

1. Introduction – Chairperson of the meeting;
2. Information and updates on disasters in Kulyab zone, – CoES & CD;
3. Introduction of UNDP project on “Early Warning System”;
4. Discussions on improving the REACT activities of Kulyab zone - Partners;
5. Introduction of new focal point of REACT of Kulyab zone – Zubaidullo Karimov, Oxfam;
6. News from the partners;
7. Agenda for the next meeting - Chairperson

**1. Introduction**

Mr. Ramazon Nematov, Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone opened REACT Meeting and participants introduced themselves.

**2. Information and updates on disasters in Kulyab zone**

According to information of Lieutenant Colonel – Mr. Ramazon Nematov there were no any disaster cases in Kulyab zone during July month of 2011.

**3. Introduction of UNDP project on “Early Warning System”**

Mr. Shavqat Bozorov, Director of Public organization “NASIP – APK” made presentation on the project “Establishment of Early Warning System in along Tebalai riverbed”. This project is funded by UNDP. The project duration is 4 months, which has started from the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2011. The overall aim of the project is to establish early warning system, increase awareness of vulnerable population, who lives in alongside Tebalai riverbed on threats and sources of risks of disasters, improved preparedness and elaboration of practical actions for prevention and reduction the risks of disasters. Project beneficiaries are more than 80 thousand inhabitants of settlements living in alongside of Tebalai riverbed. Also project objectives and planned activities have been presented in details.

This project is going to be implemented in close collaboration with local government authority of Kulyab town, Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab town, UNDP Kulyab Area office and REACT partners.

Conducting meetings, assessments and trainings have been planned for successful implementation of project activities.

Equipments for Early Warning System should be simple, as population need to be able easily to manage them. As for now, three options have been proposed. Firstly, installation of mechanical siren. Secondly, passing timely information through SMS message on mobile phones. Thirdly, installation of electric siren.

**Participants’ comments:**

- Mission East together with Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab town is working on how best approach to use for sending required information

through SMS message on mobile phones. Therefore, we all need to work together on this approach.

- Rainfall collection areas of Tebalai riverbed needs to be assessed. Because if Kulyab town is located on 600 meter above sea level, then Shurobod district is located on 2000 meter above sea level and during raining time, the speed of Tebalai mudflows will get increased.
- Measuring sticks to be installed in different places of Tebalai riverbed for identification the height of mudflows and the risks of flooding.
- In some villages, Disaster Management Groups have been established. So it's required to work with them.
- During raining period, established community groups need to organize day and night time duty watching.
- Several options need to be used in one and the same time in Early Warning System. Because, people are not able to read SMS message at night from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00a.m. Mostly, people believe to visibilities.
- The first signal from the sources of risks of disasters should go to Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab town and afterwards Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab town need to pass this information to other populated areas.
- Alternative solar panel energy to be used for the work of siren.

During implementation of the project, comments of REACT Group participants will be considered.

### **Report the results engineering and geological assessment of Tebalai riverbed.**

Mr. Alisho Shomahmadov, Head of Information and Analytical Center of Committee of Emergency Situation and Mr. Mirzo Saidov, Director of Scientific and Research Center of Committee of Land and Geodesy of Tajikistan Republic presented the results of engineering and geological assessment. This assessment has been conducted with support of UNDP. It has been mentioned the huge mudflows from Tebalai riverbed comes one or two times during 50 years.

In overall according to geological data, appearance of Tebalai riverbed has about 10 thousand years. Previously, huge mudflows crossed through Tebalai riverbed. Afterwards, Tebalai riverbed became wide and some areas became flat. Nowadays, the volume of mudflows comes less in comparison with the previous years. Mainly, mudflows come from the top areas, which their maps have been drawn. River bank dams needs repairing works. It has been also recommended that dams and special facilities to be constructed for reducing the speed of mudflows and overcoming the risks of mudflows in Tebalai riverbed. Getting stones and gravels will be available in the areas of these facilities, which will help in construction works. Electronic version of this assessment will be sent to participants via e-mails.

#### **4. Discussions on improving the REACT activities of Kulyab zone – Partners**

In Kulyab zone, international and local public organizations are working together with Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab town. Also representatives of International and public organization from Dushanbe city are participating in REACT meeting.

#### **Participants' feedbacks**

- Representatives of local government authorities from the town and districts from Kulyab zone, media such as TV and radio, potential construction companies, responsible for strengthening riverbanks to be involved in REACT meeting according to separate and required issues. This approach ensures effective implementation of activities,
- Representatives of authorities from Kulyab zone level as Sanitary Epidemiological Center, Drinking water supply and Vodkhoz also to be involved in REACT meetings.
- Representatives of international organizations having or doesn't having active projects, should participate in REACT meetings.

#### **5. Introduction of new focal point of REACT of Kulyab zone**

Mr. Zubaidullo Karimov, REACT focal point, Oxfam employee is going to move from his position to another position to Oxfam Dushanbe office. Therefore Mr. Nosir Abdulvohidov, Oxfam staff member has been proposed to become REACT focal point in Kulyab. At the same time, Mr. Shodi Roziqov, Head of the group for protection of population from Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone will support the process of conducting REACT Meetings.

#### **6. News from the partners**

Participants proposed that international organizations to prepare Report on their implemented projects covering 2011 year and submit the report to Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone.

#### **7. Agenda for the next meeting**

Participants have been asked to send their required topics for the agenda of the next REACT Meeting in advance to REACT focal point and Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone.

Next REACT Meetings will be conducted on the last Thursdays at the end of month in the office of Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense of Kulyab zone.