



Tajik Committee of Emergency Situations & Civil Defense and UNDP in Tajikistan
Disaster Risk Management Programme

Minutes of the REACT – Kurgan-Tube Meeting

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Chair: Mr. Azanov Saifrahmon, Head of CoES of Khatlon Region

Participants: REACT – KT partners ([Annex 1- attached](#))

1. Introduction:

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Saifrahmon Azanov has welcomed participants to the first REACT – KT meeting. He has mentioned that for several years CoES of Khatlon and UN agencies/ NGOs based in Khatlon have very close cooperation. He also mentioned that with the support of UNDP DRMP the training center of CoES was repaired and furnished and computers and copy machines were donated.

Chair has informed participants that in order to have very close collaboration with UN agencies, NGOs and government parties on prevention disasters and rapid response, CoES has established an office for the REACT Focal Point in the building of CoES Kurgan-Tube.

2. Self introduction by Participants;

3. Background of REACT and its TOR (UNDP DRMP)

Mr. Anvar Sabzaliev, UNDP DRMP:

Objective of the partnership

The overall objective of the Tajikistan Disaster Management Partnership – Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team REACT - is to strengthen joint efforts in disaster management in Tajikistan by improving the coordination and information sharing amongst all actors in this field, and to strengthen the Committee of Emergency Situations' leadership of the activities. More specifically REACT with the Ministry of Emergency Situations is to assist the Government of Tajikistan, Civil Society, and the International Community, to meet their responsibilities to cope with both natural and man made disasters. Under the leadership of CoES, REACT partners will coordinate disaster response as well as all disaster risk reduction activities (prevention, preparedness, and recovery).

Tasks and Responsibilities

a) Prevention and preparedness:

REACT will meet regularly to undertake the following tasks:

- To identify areas of potentially high risk and evaluate the extent of the threat;
- To maintain immediate readiness to respond to natural or man made disasters, and to ensure that the necessary capacity is available;



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- To improve REACT's preparedness capacity through maintaining updated Contingency Plans as well as Disaster Preparedness Plans;
- To maintain an updated inventory of the capacities available in the country through providing regular updates to the REACT Contingency Plan database (stocks, communication details, etc.) on www.untj.org/react;
- To ensure necessary information sharing, such as new disaster risk management related projects, in order to ensure effective coordination and improve planning in the area of disaster risk management in the country.

b) Response:

In case of a disaster REACT partners, lead by a Rapid Response Coordination Team, will:

- Call an emergency REACT meeting (if necessary);
- Undertake joint and rapid assessments immediately after a disaster has been reported in order to identify:
 - The impact of a disaster on a community and its infrastructure, and the capacity of the community to cope;
 - The level of response by the government departments and the internal capacity to meet the needs;
 - The most urgent relief needs and the scope of international interventions.
- Share assessment reports and other available information on emergency situations with REACT partners through the REACT focal point in the Secretariat;
- Closely coordinate all efforts including assessment, response and relief with REACT partners in order to avoid overlap and duplication of activities;
- Assist the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MoES) and the Tajik Red Crescent Society (RCST) undertake responsibilities to mobilise regional and international rapid response teams and develop operational and implementation mechanisms;
- Advise the UN Humanitarian Coordinator and the other members of the international community in the country on appropriate ways of meeting the urgent relief needs;

c) Recovery:

The relevant REACT partners will undertake the following activities to coordinate all efforts related to recovery and reconstruction:

- Undertake a joint assessment in order to identify the gaps and the level of reconstruction efforts already undertaken by the Government and international organizations;
- Share information on planned and ongoing reconstruction activities by each agency, including the Government;
- Propose recommendations for necessary recovery measures and programmes, and advocate them among Government of Tajikistan, donors, and REACT partners.

4. Composition of the Team:

Participation in the REACT partnership is voluntary and encouraged for all actors in the field of Disaster Management. UN, through the UN Disaster Risk



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Management Project functions as focal point/secretariat and liaises with the Committee of Emergency Situations and other Government representatives.

Sub-groups:

All sub-groups work according to their own Terms of Reference.

1) *Sectoral groups* have been established within REACT to facilitate contingency planning and response in the following five areas: 1) Food aid, 2) Non-food items including shelter, 3) Health, 4) Water and sanitation, and 5) Education. The sectoral groups are led by UN agencies or other partners, and report to the REACT focal point, who ensures overall coordination. The primary objective of the sectoral groups is to facilitate the process of updating the Inter-Agency Contingency Plan for REACT and ensure that all relevant partners are involved in the process.

2) *WCDR-working groups* have been established to facilitate coordination of implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action.

3) A *Rapid Response Coordination Team* is taking the lead in coordination of response to and assessment of all kinds of disasters.

4) *Regional REACT partnerships* functioning in Rasht Valley, Zeravshan Valley Sughd region and Kulob Zone. Their are working closely with local authorities and other stakeholders on strengthening disaster preparedness and response capacity locally. REACT in Rasht Valley is facilitated by the Regional CoES Office in Garm and German Agroaction. In Zeravshan Valley, REACT is managed by UNDP Disaster Risk Management Project and CoES Offices in Ayni, Penjikent and Mastchob Districts of Sughd Oblast. REACT Sughd is managed by UNDP Disaster Risk Management Project and CoES Offices, REACT Kulob is managed by Mission East and Oxfam GB. In times of emergency regional REACT reports go to the national REACT Focal Point. The regional REACT partnerships coordinate and monitor the response locally and depending on the scale of the disaster, necessary steps are taken nationally to support assessment and response efforts undertaken by the regional REACT partnerships.

Overall coordination of the regional and national REACT partnerships is ensured by UN DRMP and information sharing is carried out through the www.untj.org website.

4. Discussion on REACT – KT regional group (objectives, structure, networking) - (all participants)



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- Mr. Anvar Sabzaliev has informed that Terms of Reference for Country Level REACT group is being updated and will be submitted to the government of Republic of Tajikistan for approval. He advised REACT Kurgan-Tube to wait until it is prepared and approved and then prepare one for Kurgan-Tube.
- REACT-KT should prioritize its objectives and structure according to its needs and requirements.
- Participants proposed to establish RRT (Rapid Response Team) within REACT Kurgan-Tube in future.
- Participants advised that representative of Khatlon Hukumat should attend REACT meetings.

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