



Tajik Committee of Emergency Situations & Civil Defense and UNDP in Tajikistan
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Minutes of the Extraordinary REACT – Kurgan-Tube Meeting

21st February 2008

Chair: Mr. Nematov Ramazon, Deputy Head of CoES of Khatlon Region

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

1. Introduction:

Chair of the meeting, Mr. Nematov Ramazon has welcomed participants to the extraordinary REACT – KT meeting. He noted that all agencies based in Kurgan-Tube area and some government stakeholders were invited to this meeting and there is only one subject in today's agenda which is "Information share and coordination of possible response to the energy –related compound crisis in Tajikistan of REACT Kurgan-Tube partners".

Starting from 7th January up to 14th of February 08 Tajikistan was experiencing extremely cold whether up to 25 degrees below zero. Periodically CoES was receiving meteorology information in advance and dissimulating it among government stakeholders for them to get ready to this kind of situation. We all know that population and government's organizations were not expecting this type of whether and were not ready to it. Due to shortage of electricity, natural gas, coal and other heating items this extremely cold whether has badly effected population and infrastructure of Khatlon region as well as whole country.

Government of Tajikistan has asked international community to assist in this situation and its taking any possible measures to reduce consequences of this problem.

We would like all participants to tell about their activities in this period in order to coordinate possible response and share available information by REACT-KT partners.

WFP, Shuhrat

According to the survey we have done in 2005 together with the Department of Statistics, the population of Baljuvan, Khovaling, Muminabad and Shurobad were more vulnerable then other districts of Khatlon. As the time is short now, we are going to distribute food to 20,000 vulnerable people of the same districts as was done last year. It is going to start in next two three weeks. Of course we are not going to stop on this and now preparing questionnaire in order to make another assessment in the district of Khatlon to identify vulnerable beneficiaries. In this regards we will closely work with hukumats of the districts and cooperate with agencies that are working in districts.

We are getting some alerts that during the extreme cold period planted potatoes and wheat have been badly damaged which mean that harvest is predicted to be poor this year.



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ACTED, Javlon/Nusratullo

ACTED is going to support the social institutions (elderly or physically or mentally disabled people houses) on water and hygiene through provision of:

- chlorine tablets for water treatment
- Large water storage containers
- Gas stoves for boiling water and gas supply
- Personal hygiene kits (soap, shampoo, towel, antibacterial wipes)
- Basic health education on hygiene

The urban areas will be targeted, mainly Kurgan-tube and possibly the district centers also.

Currently, our team is conducting the rapid assessment of the elderly or physically or mentally disabled people houses Water and Hygiene situation. In order to avoid the duplication of activities, we would like to ask you to share with us the information about your activities. This will avoid us from duplication and more focus to do complementary activities.

Siroj, RCST

Starting from 26th of February RCST is going to start implementation a project to assist 600 elderly people in Kurgan-Tube. We will provide them with: blankets, socks, thermos teapots and candles. Another project which is under development now and supported by Finish Red Cross is provision of food to the same people.

Suhrob, NGO Rushd (Develepment)

Recently our NGO Rushd has implemented water sanitation project in two streets of Kurgan-Tube. The purpose of the project is to maintain or establish water supply system by financial support of the population. We have good experience of making this type of projects and if any agency needs Implementing Partner to make projects and implement them, we will be happy to work with them.

Khurshed, NGO Sitora (Star)

NGO Sitora works in Bokhtar and Vakhsh districts of Kurgan-Tube zone and Farkhor district of Kulob zone. We mostly implement our projects through local communities. Since the current winter was very cold and probably most of agriculture crops is destroyed or frozen and expected that there will be very low harvest this year. Accordingly a local community of Jamoat Darkad of Farkhor district has presented a project proposal for building a green house for the amount of TJS 5,700.00 which was



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approved by our NGO is being implemented. Jamoat of Vaksh district has shown its interest to implement the same type of project which is going to be done by community development organization “Navruz”.

Svetlana, OSCE

OSCE by its mandate is not humanitarian organization. It is more focused on Human rights and law enforcement. OSCE in the country level together with Government of Tajikistan is currently looking at opportunities to assist people of Tajikistan on the circumstances of the energy crisis.

Sharifov Abdulmajid, Vodokanal

The cold weather condition of January and February brought a lot of damage and loss to the water supply system as well as to whole infrastructure of the country. Up to now we have received 71 requests from population and organizations that water supply system has been damaged in the houses and organizations and need to be repaired. I have the fresh information that now there is no water in nine streets of the town partly or completely. The main problems are: tubes were frozen and broken, underground of high buildings are full of water after freezing and breaking of tubes. We have to mention that these figures can be double as not all the people have requested assistance. We have calculated that in order to repair all the damage only in Kurgan-Tube we will need amount of equal to TJS 910,700.00. We will need to purchase: electro motors, pumps, tubes of different size, high voltage cables. Vodokanal does not have capacity and resources to eliminate all the damage. Now we are using our last stock and stock needs urgently to be replenished.

World Bank is supporting implementation of the maintenance of water supply system project which consists of five phases and is up to 2010. In 2006 we have replaced some parts of the old underground tubes in Kurgan-Tube for the amount of TJS 300,000.00. We have recently met with representatives of European Bank of Reconstruction and Development which is interested to support us on cleaning drainage systems.

Firuz Huseinov, CoES

Another major issue which should be discussed is the provision of chloride. As we all know, Yavan chemical factory which was the main source of chloride is out of order for last four years.

Head of Vodokanal has confirmed that this is really a big issue these days and Vodokanal is facing shortage of chloride and requested UNDP to provide 10 MT of this type of chemicals. Now the stock of chloride is critical and contains only 1 MT.



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