



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

Minutes of REACT meeting

Kurgan-Tube.

December 27, 2011

10:30– 11:30 Conference Hall of Khatlon Region CoES

Chair: Mr. Hotamsho Sharifov, Head of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of Tajikistan in Khatlon Province

Participants: REACT Kurgan-tube partners (Annex I)

- Mr. Hotamsho Sharifov opened the meeting with welcoming the participants and introducing the agenda. Following the agenda, he commenced the meeting with briefing the participants on overview of the disasters for the previous month and also provided a brief summary of the disasters and damages for the year of 2011 in total. According to annual report developed by regional CoES of Kurgan-Tube, 13 small scale disasters occurred in Khatlon region in 2011 with the total damage to the infrastructure and livelihoods of above 4 million somonis. He also mentioned that in total of 2 persons died following the above mentioned number of disasters in the regional of Khatlon. Mr. Sharifov also noted a significant amount of work done during the year of 2011 in terms of demolishing the locusts from agricultural lands. The total amount of lands attacked by locust constituted 98900 hectares of lands which were re-fertilized. Other than the above mentioned small scale natural disasters, there were numbers of incidents/accidents where the efforts of CoES SAR officers were utilized.

Ms. Anna Vinnichenko, WFP Head of area office in Kurgan-Tyube added on what was mentioned by Mr. Sharipov by noting the road conditions occurred due to severe weather in the provinces of Kahtlon region. She mentioned that during her last trip to Kurgan-Tube from Dushanbe, the main highway on this route has had large amounts of fog leading to small or no visibility for the safe driving. She mentioned the absence of lines on the highways separating one way from the other which may lead to unsafe driving on the highways due to heavy fogs. She noted that this issue should be taken to the responsible ministries and state bodies, to which Mr. Sharifov replied that he would bring this issue up and address during the annual Kahtlon regional meeting which would take place on December 28th, 2011.

- Ms. Anna Vinnichenko introduced herself to the partners as a new Head of regional WFP Office in Kurgan-Tube. She briefed the participants about her past experience with other UN agencies as well as WFP and also gave brief information on what strategies and focuses WFP in Kurgan-Tube, currently has. She briefly mentioned about the obstacles of food containers and wagons heading to Kurgan-Tube are jammed in Uzbekistan due to railway destruction. Accordingly, this issue would increase the food insecurity in the region and urgent measures are to be taken as soon as possible. Mr. Sharifov mentioned that according to latest information obtained from CoES headquarters in Dushanbe, the railway roads have been restored and wagons will start running again consequently.

Ms. Vinnichenko, also mentioned about the food for school children activities and projects that WFP office in Kurgan-Tube is currently running covering most of the primary schools in West Khatlon region.

- Food security information and organizing of food security in Hatlon region was presented by Ms. Saodat Sangova, from Save the Children International in Kurgan-Tube. Ms. Sangova mentioned that Save the Children developed a report on Food Security Assessment. The report is in English version only and it was advised by the participants to translate the report either to Russian or to Tajik languages in order to make it available for local partners as well. The participants who have read the report mentioned that the report includes detailed information on statistics and percentages of Food insecurity and consumption following the severe weather conditions in the country starting from the month of November.
- Discussions were made by the participants regarding the severe cold weather conditions occurred in Tajikistan earlier than anticipated and its consequences to the population of the country. Ms. Lola Sattori, a representative of Save the Children International of Khatlon region, mentioned that according to the report and the assessment conducted, numbers of hot meals per day consumed by a family in the region has decreased significantly, due to severe cold weathers. She mentioned that families are already consuming the food stock saved for the winter period starting from November and the number of hot meal consumption has been decreased. The main factor for the decrement of hot meal consumption is the fact that families are saving stocked food in order to last it until the end of cold season as well as wood to burn and make food.
- Mr. Manuchehr Rajabov, REACT Focal Point in Kurgan-Tube, introduced to participants Mr. Valijon Ranoev, UNDP DRMP representative who will be taking over the responsibilities of the REACT focal point in Kurgan-Tube starting from 2012. Mr. Ranoev mentioned that due to merging responsibilities of REACT and Emergency Officer at UNDP DRMP, he would be taking the responsibilities of conducting, recording and facilitating the REACT meetings of Kurgan-Tube in the year of 2012.

Following the introduction of Mr. Ranoev, participants decided that the minutes of each REACT meeting would be developed until afternoon of next day following the completion of the meeting. This would save time to avoid reporting individually per each organization.

Annex I:List of participants:

#	Name & Surname	Organization	E-mail	Mobile Phone
1	Sharipov Hotamsho	CoES and CD		907856713
2	Anna Vinnichenko	WFP	anna.vinnichenko@wfp.org	907703845
3	Firuz Sultonova	OSCE	firuz.sultonova@osce.org	918421934
4	Manuchehr Rajabov	UNDP/DRMP	manuchehr.rajabov@undp.org	918385829
5	Lola Sattori	Save the Children International	lola_sattori@mail.ru	8322227007
6	Saodat Sangova	Save the Children International	Saodat.sangova@savethechildren.org	935007970
7	Ashurov Vafo	CoES and CD	V_ashurov@mail.ru	918 67 46 79
8	Odina Sharipov	UNDP DRMP	Odina.sharipov@undp.org	985349641
9	Valijon Ranoev	UNDP DRMP	Valijon.ranoev@undp.org	98 598 48 73