



## Minutes of REACT meeting

### Kurgan-Tube.

January 26, 2012

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)

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- Mr. Khotamsho Sharifov, the chairman of the meeting, welcomed the participants and introduced the agenda of the meeting by each point. Mr. Sharifov mentioned the importance of the participation and coordination of partners through REACT meetings in the region. He expressed his disappointment due to the passive participation by regional partners during the REACT meetings. Although, several emails and phone calls were made before the meeting to all the partners, only few of the several partners from both, governmental and international organizations were present at the meeting. He mentioned that the coordination of activities at least once in a month is an important factor in collaboration and mentioned that CoES in Khatlon region will issue an official email and/or letter to the heads of the organizations to appoint their respective representatives to the each meeting. The idea was supported by all the partners present during the meeting.
- According to the agenda, Mr. Khotamsho Sharipov, has briefed the participants that there has not been any disasters occurred during the month of January in the Khatlon region. However, he mentioned that the severe weather conditions have brought to the region, especially to the city of Kurgan-Tyube particular amount of negative effect to the agricultural sector. He mentioned that due to the cold weather, most districts in the region have not been still able to proceed with planting the crops that are necessary in the current season.  
Mr. Sharifov has also mentioned that wet and moisture in the city of Kurgan-Tyube, occurred due to lots of basements and house outflow-rivers are filing up with the water melting out from the snow. This is consequently leading to the occurrence of different disease. He also gave a brief overview of the weather forecast for the coming week and mentioned hat according to the local Hydromet Center, the weather is forecasted to be warmer until February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Mr. Khotamsho Sharipov also informed the participants that CoES of Jaloliddin Rumi district of Khatlon region has phoned the regional CoES regarding the collapsed bridges in three villages of the abovementioned district. The local CoES has sent an official letter to the regional CoES office in Kurgan-Tyube requesting a support or any suggestions from the REACT partners on the above issue. According to the letter sent a bridge has been destroyed that has been built back in 1967 that connected two villages with each other. Presently, the villagers have re-equipped the villages with wood to make the villagers to a minor extent travel between the villages. However, according to the pictures taken and attached with the letter, the wood looks extremely dangerous and seems to be collapsing at any moment. At the same time, another bridge has been partially destroyed within the same district villages and at the moment, only left part of the bridge has been available for the light to medium vehicles to

travel. Mr. Sharifov urged the participants to disseminate the information to all the partners having any activities within the district of Jaloloddin Rumi to take into account the collapsed bridges within their activity plans and at least to build temporarily metal bridges until further solutions will be made by the local government to fully rebuild them. He also asked, Valijon Ranoev, REACT Focal Point in Kurgan-Tyube to disseminate the information within the national REACT partners.

Mr. Odina Sharifov, UNERT warehouse manager enquired if it was possible to rebuild the above mentioned bridges with the use of local communities and population. Mr. Amrullo Mirzoev, WFP representative mentioned that the reconstruction of the bridges alike would take longer time and some machinery, including experienced specialist.

- Mr. Sharifov briefed the participants about the situation with the wagons that have been jammed within the rail road of Uzbekistan. He mentioned that the number of the wagons has risen to 300 hundred and they have been partially released at the moment. According to Mr. Mirzoev, the WFP wagons with goods have not reached Kurgan-Tyube yet and the wagons have been re-directed to Dushanbe. According to him, the wagons have been released at the moment on a weekly basis. He also mentioned that regardless the wagons being kept in Uzbekistan, the price for fuel in the region and overall in the republic has been decreased.
- Mr. Hotamsho Sharifov suggested the REACT secretariat and to the partners to support CoES to establish a TV programme on local channels to broadcast monthly general information regarding the activities of CoES as well as Road Police activities and news regarding the road conditions. He mentioned that the road car accidents have been observed frequently in the region, especially in the highways and it would be useful source to local population to get information about the hazards and activities of CoES and Police department. He mentioned that the programme could be broadcasted only for 10 minutes per month and the specialists in CoES Analytical Center would be able to broadcast it. At this moment, there is no any channels that broadcast the show mentioned above within the region.
- Mr. Khotamsho Sharifov, suggested Mr. Valijon Ranoev, UNDP DRMP representative, to support CoES to procure an equipment the make iron nets that could be used for riverbank re-enforcements. He mentioned that the equipment might not cost too much, but the amount of work that will be covered by it would be highly rated. Once the equipment and iron procured, the soldiers within the CoES could make the iron nets on their own. The readymade iron nets could be later used to all mitigation projects that are being carried out by UNDP at the moment. According to Mr. Sharifov, a large amount of money would be saved while carrying out the mitigation projects along the rivers and water basins. Mr. Ranoev mentioned that the projects that are currently running within UNDP DRMP have not considered the above mentioned projects within its work plan but the idea would be taken into consideration in the future.
- The meeting was announced as closed with Mr. Hotamsho Sharifov once again urging the participants to be active to attend the regular REACT meetings and share and inform CoES on any activities being carried out in the region.

**Annex I:**List of participants:

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