

## **Minutes of REACT Zeravshan Valley (ZV) meeting**

**20 May 2010, 11:00 – 12:30**  
**GTZ Disaster Training Center in Ayni**

**Chairman:** Hoji Muzayanov, Deputy Chief of Sugd Regional HQ on ES and CD

**Participants:** please refer to Annex 1.

### **1. Introduction**

The meeting was opened by **Mr. Hoji Muzayanov**, Deputy Chief of Sugd Regional HQ on ES and CD, by welcoming all the participants and briefing them on natural disasters which took place in Penjikent district of Sugd region and Kulyab zone of Khatlon region. It was also mentioned about information on damages which were caused by mudflow in Gijdarva village. The information on the given emergency situation was handed over directly to REACT Dushanbe by RCST. **Mr. Muzayanov** stressed that all respective information on Zeravshan Valley should be sent first to REACT ZV. REACT ZV will then relay the information to REACT on national level.

### **2. Follow-up on the flood in Penjikent, Shursha and Gijdarva**

**Mr. Parviz Amonov**, Head of CoES Unit of Penjikent district provided information on disasters occurred in Penjikent district (center of the district, Shurcha and Gijdarva villages), on damages caused and assistance provided so far (RCST, Global Partners, Orien bank, Khukumat of Penjikent district).

GTZ was also approached with a letter from Khukumat with the request to provide assistance for the construction of new houses for the affected families. However, as it was mentioned by **Mr. Luc Patenaude**, GTZ Program Officer, GTZ is not able to provide aid for the construction of houses due to the limited remaining funds. But it would be possible to support construction of drinking water supply system to the newly constructed houses.

**Mr. Muzayanov** responded that food issues were already addressed. The priority for the local authorities presently is the cleaning of the mudflow diverting channels. Otherwise the next natural disasters might have the same disastrous consequences as in Kulyab region.

**Mr. Patenaude** stressed once again that all information related to the Zeravshan Valley should be handed over to REACT Dushanbe through REACT ZV. The structure of REACT ZV was discussed and approved and it should be observed by all respective organizations while disseminating information.

### **3. Brief overview of floods in Kulyab zone**

Mr. Patenaude provided short information on mudflow which took place in Kulyab zone of Khatlon region and about the large damages caused by the disaster and stressed on similarities of the disaster scenario in Kulyab and Penjikent city. GTZ was only able to provide limited aid to the affected area: out of 80 tents procured by RCST for ZV and financed by GTZ, 20 were sent to the Kulyab zone. However, the Embassy of Germany in Tajikistan is planning to provide support to the affected population of Kulyab zone through the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Funds should be granted to OXFAM UK for emergency in Kulyab City.

### **4. Disaster Preparedness in Zeravshan Valley for further flooding**

The First Deputy of the Khukumat of Ayni district informed on assistance provided by the local authorities to the villages in Ayni district affected by disasters (school in Urmetan, road in Ayni, etc.). It was also mentioned about basic commodities collected by the population of Ayni district and sent by truck to Kulyab zone for affected population there.

## **5. News from GTZ Program partners (GTZ, WHH, GRC)**

**Mr. Shohin Rizoev**, GTZ Consultant, informed the participants on the first draft of Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans which were developed for Ayni, Penjikent and Gornaya Matcha districts. The mentioned drafts will be disseminated among Khukumats and CoES Units as well as RCST branches of ZV who should provide their comments.

On behalf of GAA Program Component, **Mr. Yusuf Tursunov**, CoES Specialist, informed on THW Germany mission which provided assistance in installation of radio-communication equipment in ZV. CODAN equipment was installed in CoES of Ayni, Penjikent and Gornaya Matcha districts. In accordance with CoES recommendations VHF radio communication was installed in vulnerable villages in ZV. There will be another mission of THW and installation works will be completed in Gornaya Matcha district.

**Mr. Frank Paepke**, WHH DRM Adviser for Central Asia, recommended including information chain which was developed by WHH and Mr. Tursunov into Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans elaborated for 3 districts of ZV. WHH will provide trainings for radio operators on how to transfer information in different situations.

**Mr. Saidmurod Tuigunov**, first Deputy of Khukumat of Ayni district, requested to consider the possibility to cover Yagnob valley with the radio-communication system.

## **6. News from other partners**

**Mr. Uktam Eshonov**, Mission East Volunteer for ZV informed on new project in the frames of DIPECHO VI Action Plan. The project will cover Khatlon region and ZV. The main counterparts of the project will be CoES, Institute of Geology, and State Agency on Hydro Meteorology. The project is aimed at increase and strengthening of disaster management teams, provision of trainings on First Aid and Disaster Risk Management, conduct of simulation exercises in Ayni and Penjikent, etc.

**Mr. Paepke** requested all REACT partners working in ZV provide information on their project in advance in order to avoid overlapping, improve coordination and apply same approaches while implementing projects.

**Mr. Patenaude** requested representative of Mission East to disseminate information (type of activities and targeted villages) on their DIPECHO project among REACT ZV partners before the next REACT meeting.

**Global Partners NGO** informed on their projects aimed at river bank reinforcement in Maikata and Amondara villages as well as planned projects on drinking water supply in Vota Yovon villages.

## **7. Any other business**

As it was agreed during previous meeting of RACT ZV, UNDP was supposed to provide District Development Plans for all interested partners. However, it was not done. The issue remains open until the next REACT ZV meeting.

**Mr. Paepke** requested to choose at least two working languages for the next REACT meetings as it was very difficult to follow when participants were using different languages. It was decided that working languages for REACT meetings will be Tajik and English. Those who need translations should bring their own translators.

Summing it up, the participants agreed to schedule the next REACT ZV meeting on **16 June 2010**.