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## FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS -AKSU RIVER BASIN

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Floods are a major problem in Sughd Province, and are a significant challenge for residents living in the Aksu river basin. The workshops held in Khujand on 11 and 13 April 2018 focused on reviewing flood risk management options for the Aksu basin, defining gender-related aspects of flood risk management with the Aksu basin as an example; and, reviewing how to rank flood risk management options by financial cost, financial benefits, and gender impacts. The workshops resulted in a raised awareness on the part of the participants on gender and flood management and the use of costs and benefits analysis in selecting flood management methods, with the Aksu river basin as an example.

Members of the Aksu Watershed Dialogue (land owners and businesses in the watershed), officials of Spitamen and Devashtij Districts (bisected by the watershed), staff of the National Water Resource Management Project, the representatives of the Committee of Emergency Situation and Civil Defense, the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation and the regional Transportation and Communications Department of the Ministry of Transportation of Tajikistan took part in both workshops.



Conducted workshops were a part of an effort to improve flood planning under the water sector reform currently taking place in Tajikistan.

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